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World’s most advanced and scalable enterprise SMB server on Linux

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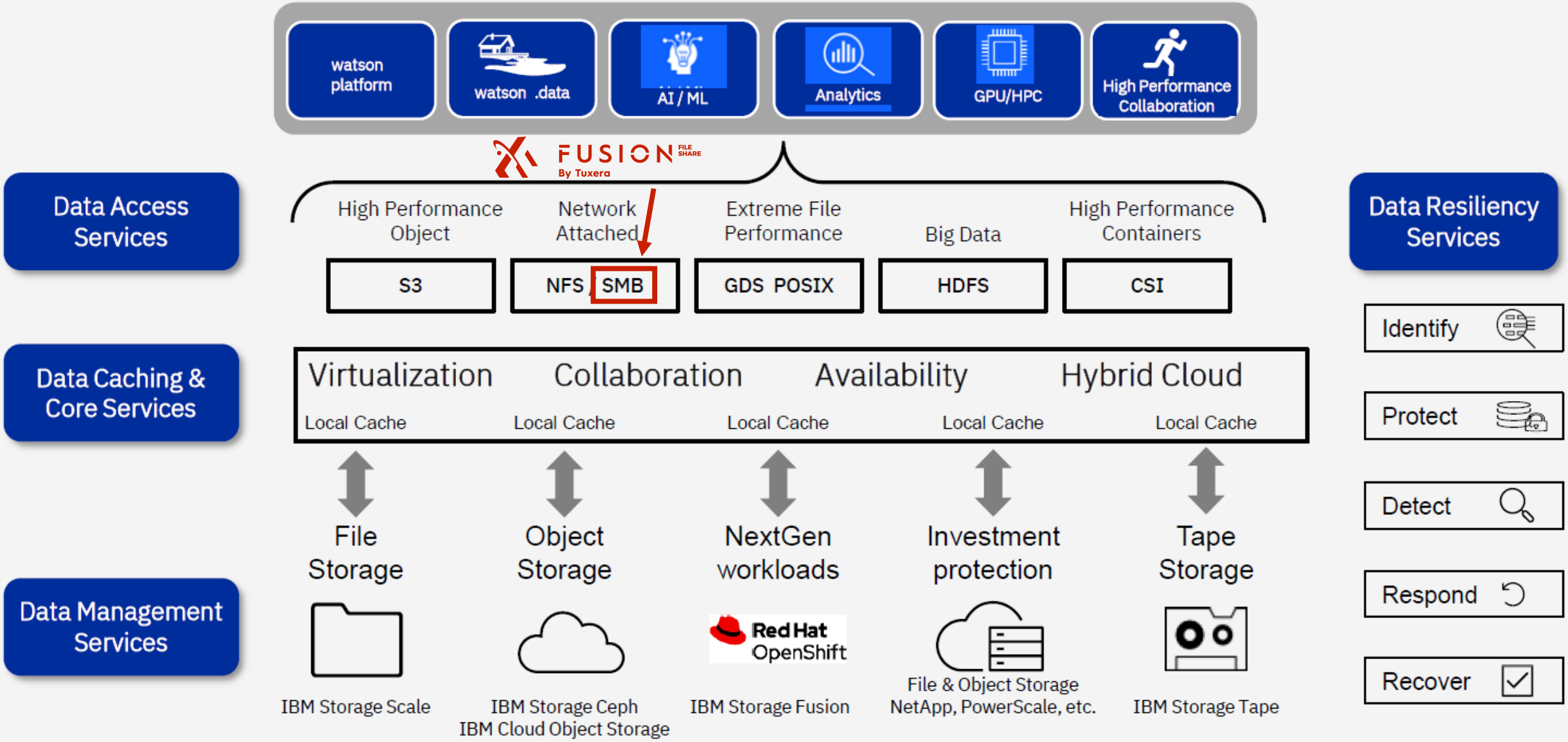

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Use Cases

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Key advantages of Fusion File Share

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Our high-performance, highly-scalable, drop-in replacement for Samba.

- Highly threaded architecture
- High-performance – 2x to 60x faster than SAMBA
- 100% to 500% better scalability than SAMBA
- Fault tolerant with Transparent Failover and Continuous Availability
- Extensive SMB-protocol support – 3.1.1
- Scale-out (active-active)
- RDMA (SMB-Direct), Multichannel, and Compression
- Low CPU and memory usage
- Low latency

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Highly threaded architecture with adjustable settings for different workloads.

All configuration and tuning changes can be applied runtime.

Multithreaded application:

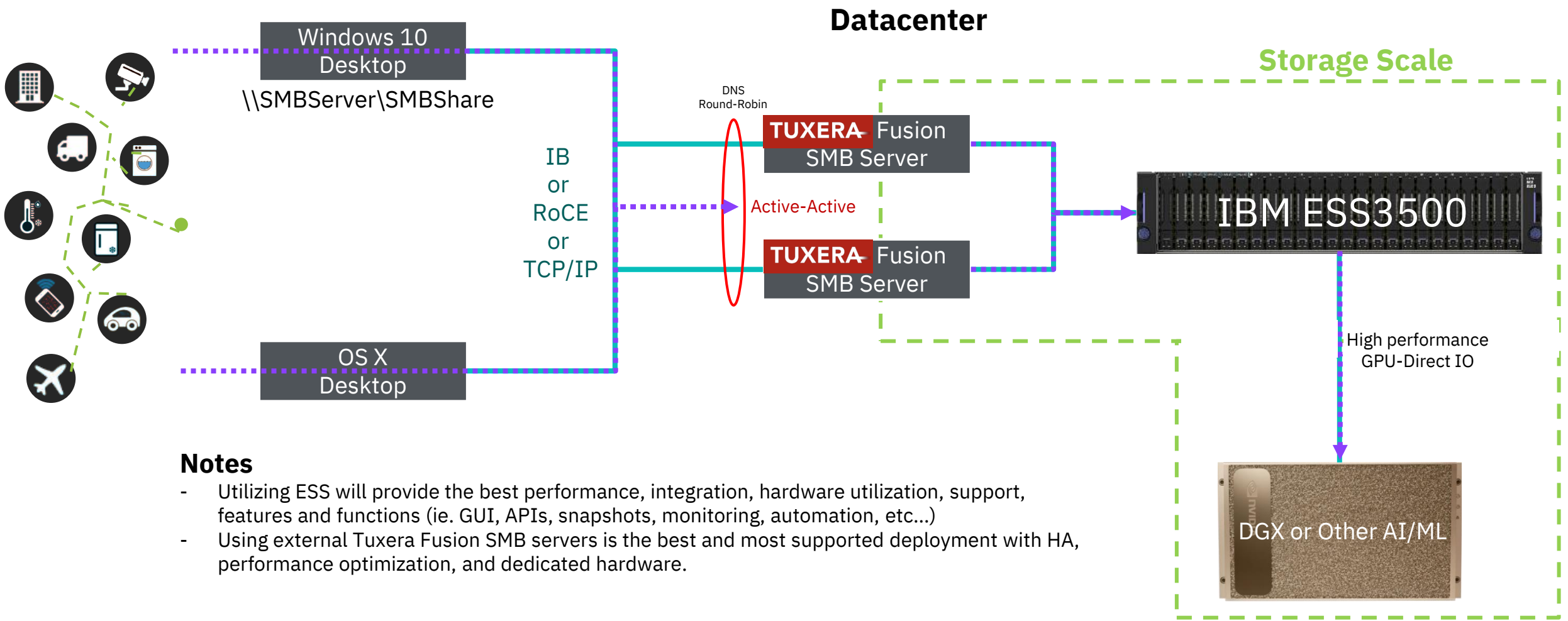
- Thread per connection instead of a process per connection
- Transport RX (receiver) threads
- Transport TX (transmitter) threads
- VFS data threads
- VFS meta data threads
- Crypto threads (for encryption & decryption)
- Compression threads for (de-)compressing packets
- Minimized CPU & memory usage

Adjustable quality of service by tuning:

- Concurrent open files
- Concurrent client connections
- Concurrent open files per user-session
- Concurrent VFS threads per share

Example Reference Architecture

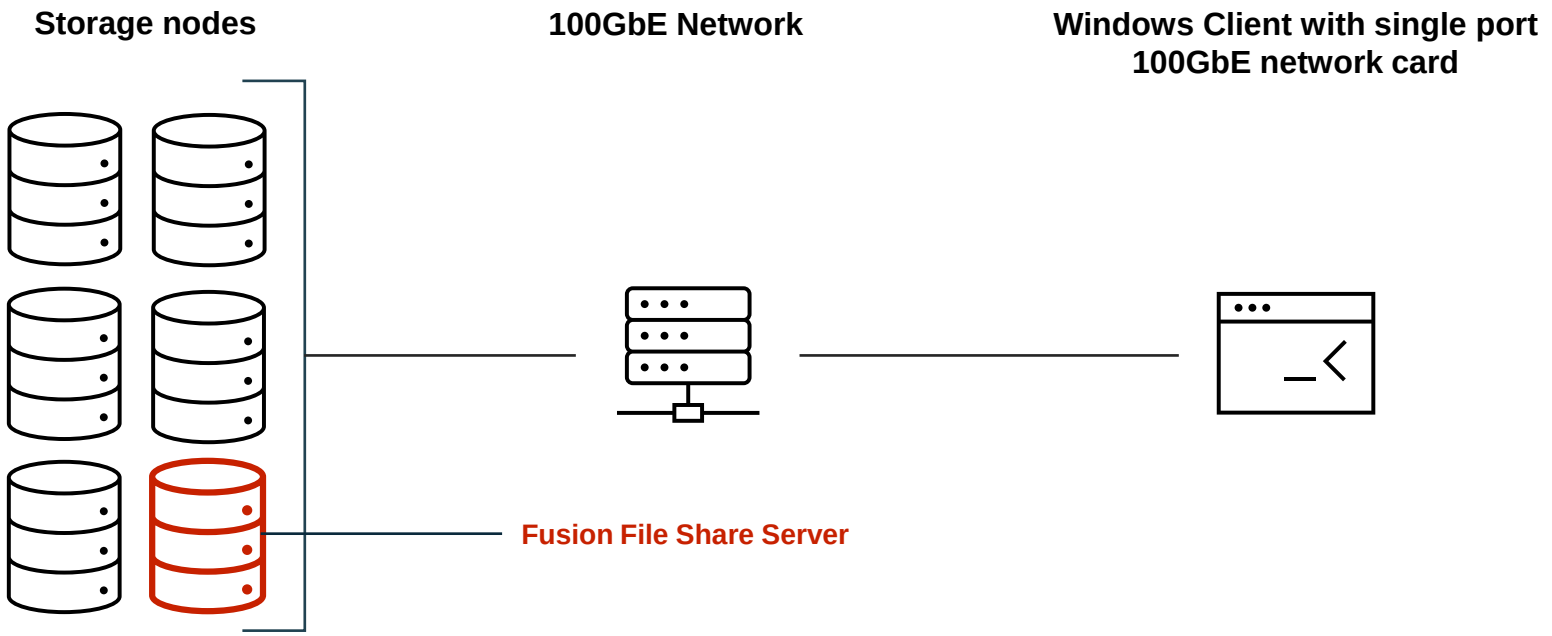
Tuxera Server Recommendations
- Dual CPU (2x 16C)
- 128GB+ Memory
- 2x Single port CX-6 HDR



Notes
- Utilizing ESS will provide the best performance, integration, hardware utilization, support, features and functions (ie. GUI, APIs, snapshots, monitoring, automation, etc...)
- Using external Tuxera Fusion SMB servers is the best and most supported deployment with HA, performance optimization, and dedicated hardware.

Performance benchmarks

Single client performance test setup



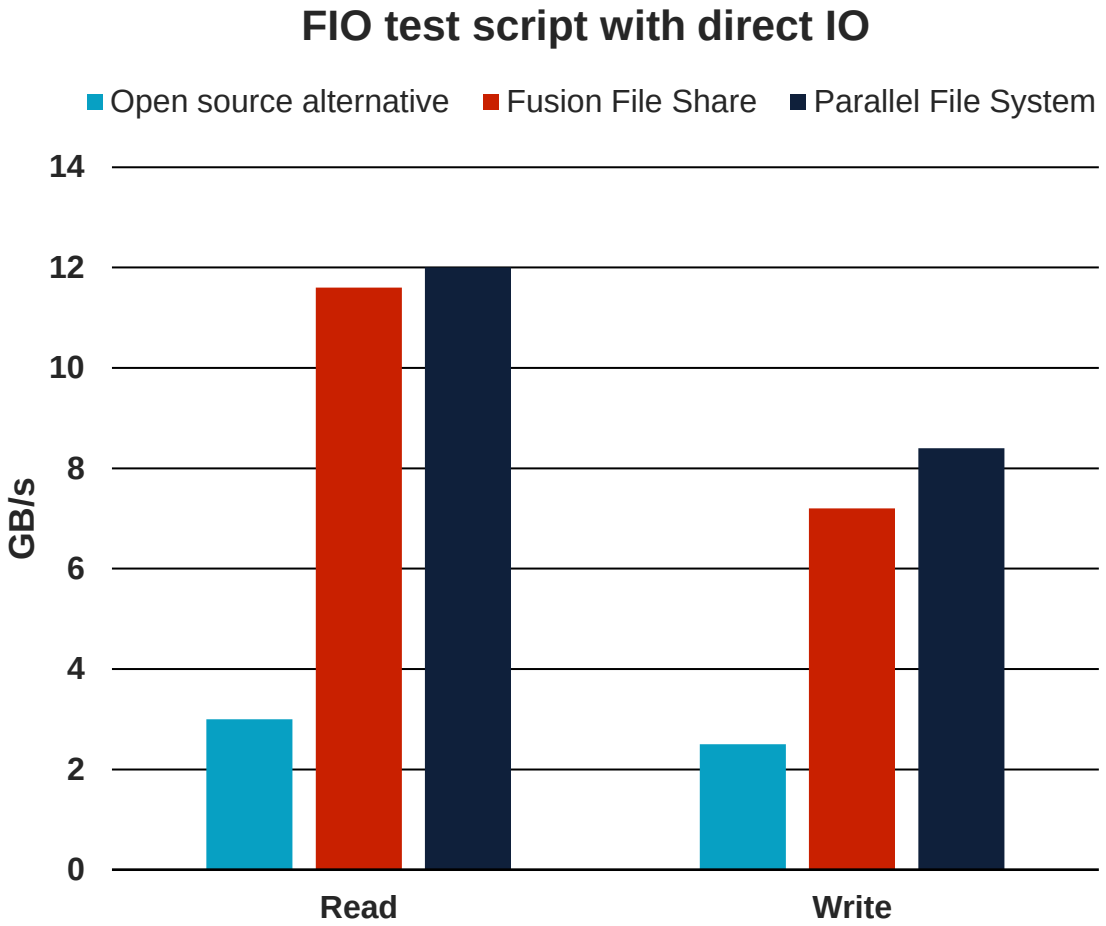
Single client performance

Fusion File Share contributes **over 85%** of the speed throughput for high-performance parallel file systems

Single client write performance		Single client read performance	
Fusion File Share	Parallel file system	Fusion File Share	Parallel file system
7.2 GB/s	8.4 GB/s	11.6 GB/s	12.0 GB/s

Test setup:

- Fusion File Share server: Active-passive, fault tolerant configuration used as the SMB gateway, running on a storage node.
- Parallel file system storage: 6 nodes of Supermicro architecture:
- Intel Xeon Gold 6226R, 192GB DDR4-2933 ECC REG SDRAM, Micron 9300 MAX 3.2TB NVMe PCIe 3.0 3D TLC U.2, Mellanox AOC-MCX555A-ECAT CX-5 VPI EDR IB adapter & 100GbE,1p, QSFP28, PCIe3x16
- Windows client: single port 100GbE network card with 2 x Xeon 4214 and 768 GB RAM
- Network is running 100GbE end-to-end, through a Mellanox 100GbE switch.



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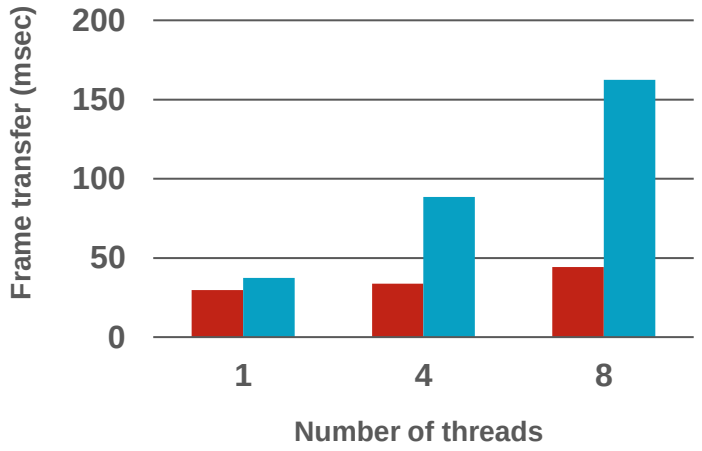
Up to 2.7x multi-threaded performance advantage over open source

M&E workload performance comparison

Fusion File Share versus open-source alternative using Frametest

Lower values are better.



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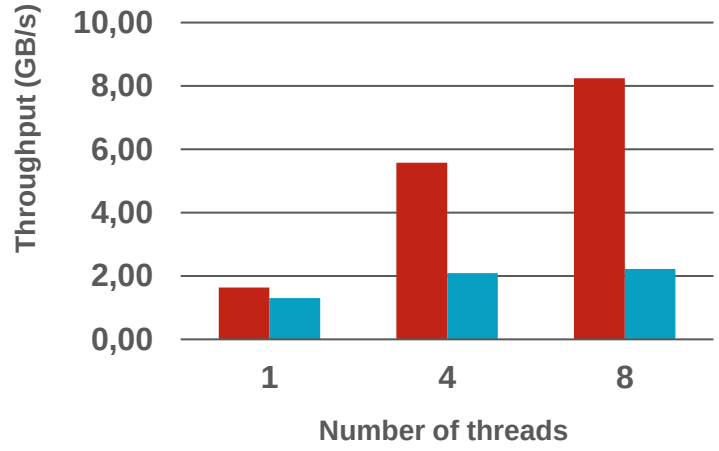

Fusion

Open source alternative

Frametest parameters:
4K // 2000 frames

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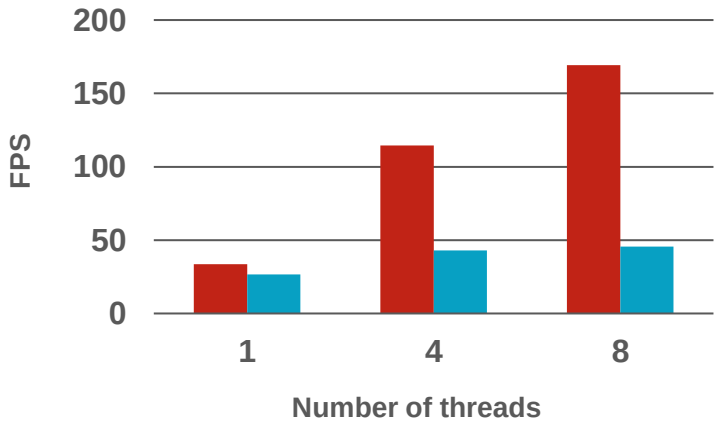

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M&E Customer Benchmark

- **Use case**
  - Concurrent video editing and color grading from shared storage

- **Customer issues**
  - Not getting enough FPS to accommodate current workflow
  - Storage performance ~30GB/s (NVMe) not fully utilized
  - 100GB infiband network not fully utilized
  - RDMA not in use
  - Max performance of single Samba server ~2.8GB/s

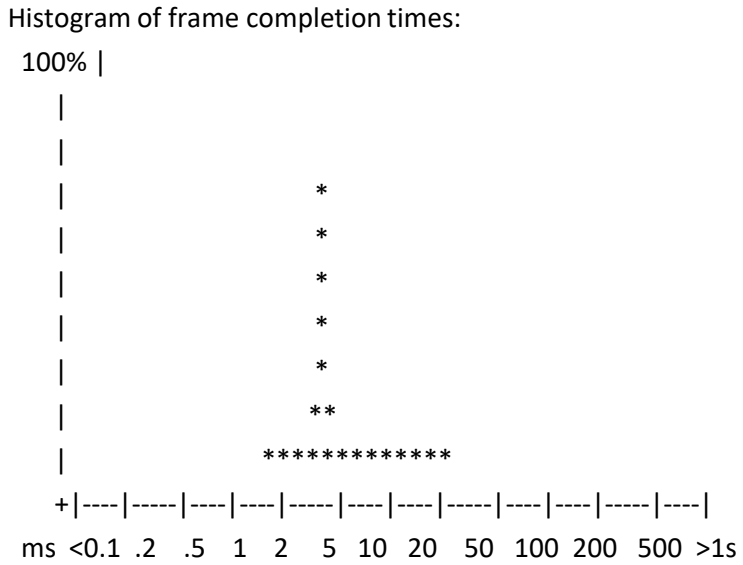
- **Solution**
  - Replace Samba with single Fusion File Share server
  - RDMA enabled

Benchmark - Write 4K, 9000 frames, 4 threads (RDMA)

	Open	I/O	Frame	Data rate	Frame rate
Last 1s:	2.978 ms	14.69 ms	4.96 ms	9819.44 MB/s	201.7 fps
5s:	1.547 ms	14.35 ms	4.95 ms	9833.37 MB/s	202.0 fps
30s:	1.883 ms	14.35 ms	4.96 ms	9819.71 MB/s	201.7 fps
Overall:	1.853 ms	14.38 ms	4.95 ms	9831.87 MB/s	201.9 fps

Frame Test

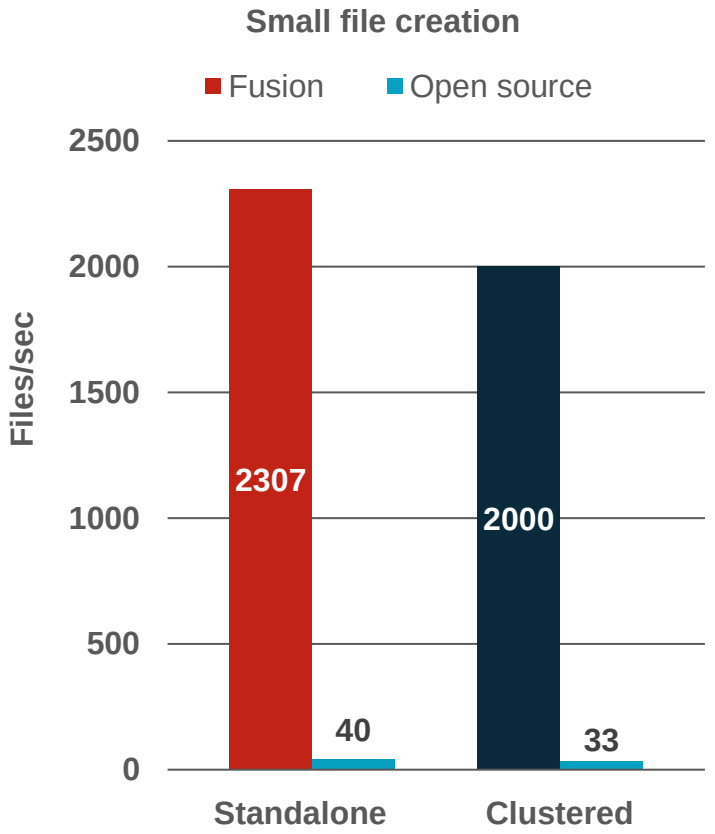
Test parameters: -w49856 -n9000 -t4 (4K, 9000 frames, 4 threads)
Test duration: 44 secs
Frames transferred: 8925 (434535.938 MB)
Fastest frame: 6.916 ms (7039.53 MB/s)
Slowest frame: 34.325 ms (1418.44 MB/s)



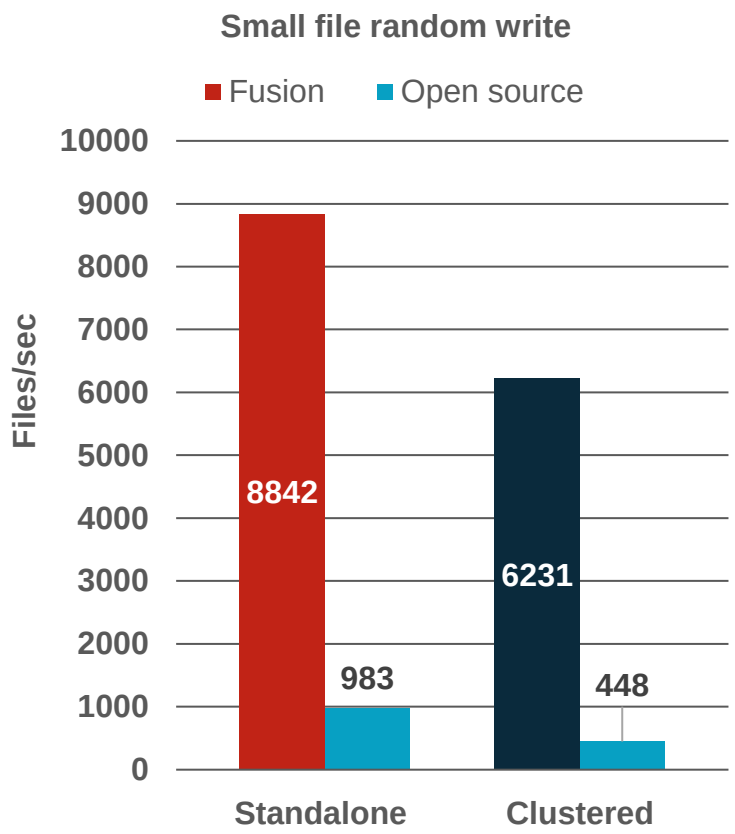
Up to 61x small file creation performance advantage over open source when clustered

Small file performance comparison

Standalone & clustered Fusion File Share vs open source using Oracle vdbench



Workload: create, write 1 kB, close 30,000 files in a single directory



Workload: randomly open, write 1 kB, close files in a directory with 30,000 files for a period of 30 seconds

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POC Environment

Test Cases

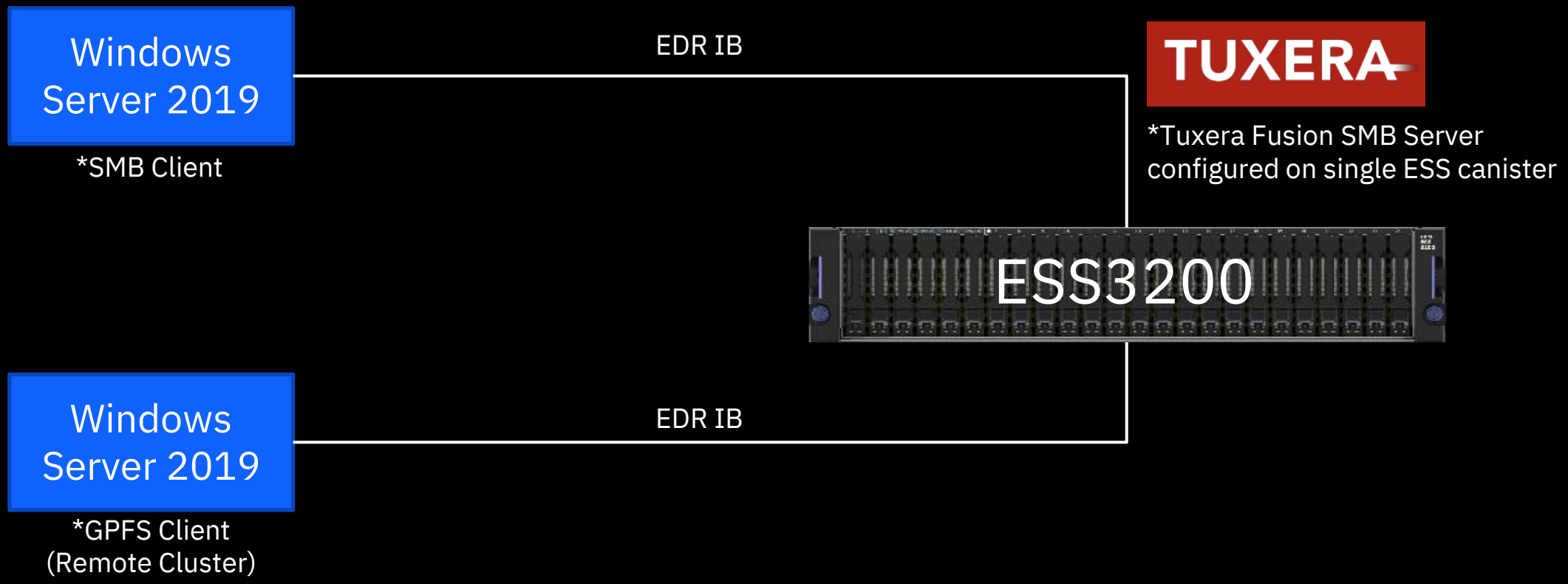
1- Single Client SMB2 Performance over TCP (IPoIB)

2- Single Client SMB3 Multi-Channel over TCP (IPoIB)

3- Single Client SMB3 Direct using RDMA (EDR IB)

4- Multi-Client SMB3 Direct using RDMA (EDR IB)

5- Single GPFS Client using RDMA (EDR IB)



POC/Benchmark Results – 4GB Filesize

FIO Write Test:

fio.exe --name=fiotest --directory=\\ESS32KSMB\ess32kshare\ --size=4G --rw=write --bs=4M --numjobs=24 --ioengine=windowsaio --iodepth=16 --group_reporting --runtime=60 --ramp_time=30 --direct=1

Test	Numjobs	xfersize	Avg MiB/s Write	Avg IOPs Write
Single Client SMB2 TCP	24	4M	2615	616
Single Client SMB3 Multi-Channel TCP	24	4M	9840	2519
Single Client SMB3 Direct RDMA	24	4M	9998	2499
Multi-Client SMB3 Direct RDMA	24	4M	TBD	TBD
Single Scale Client RDMA	24	4M	3039	685

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Single Client SMB2 TCP	24	4M	3390	847
Single Client SMB3 Multi-Channel TCP	24	4M	10600	2718
Single Client SMB3 Direct RDMA	24	4M	11000	2816
Multi-Client SMB3 Direct RDMA	24	4M	19598	4898
Single Scale Client	24	4M	4972	1242

ESS Backend

FIO Test:

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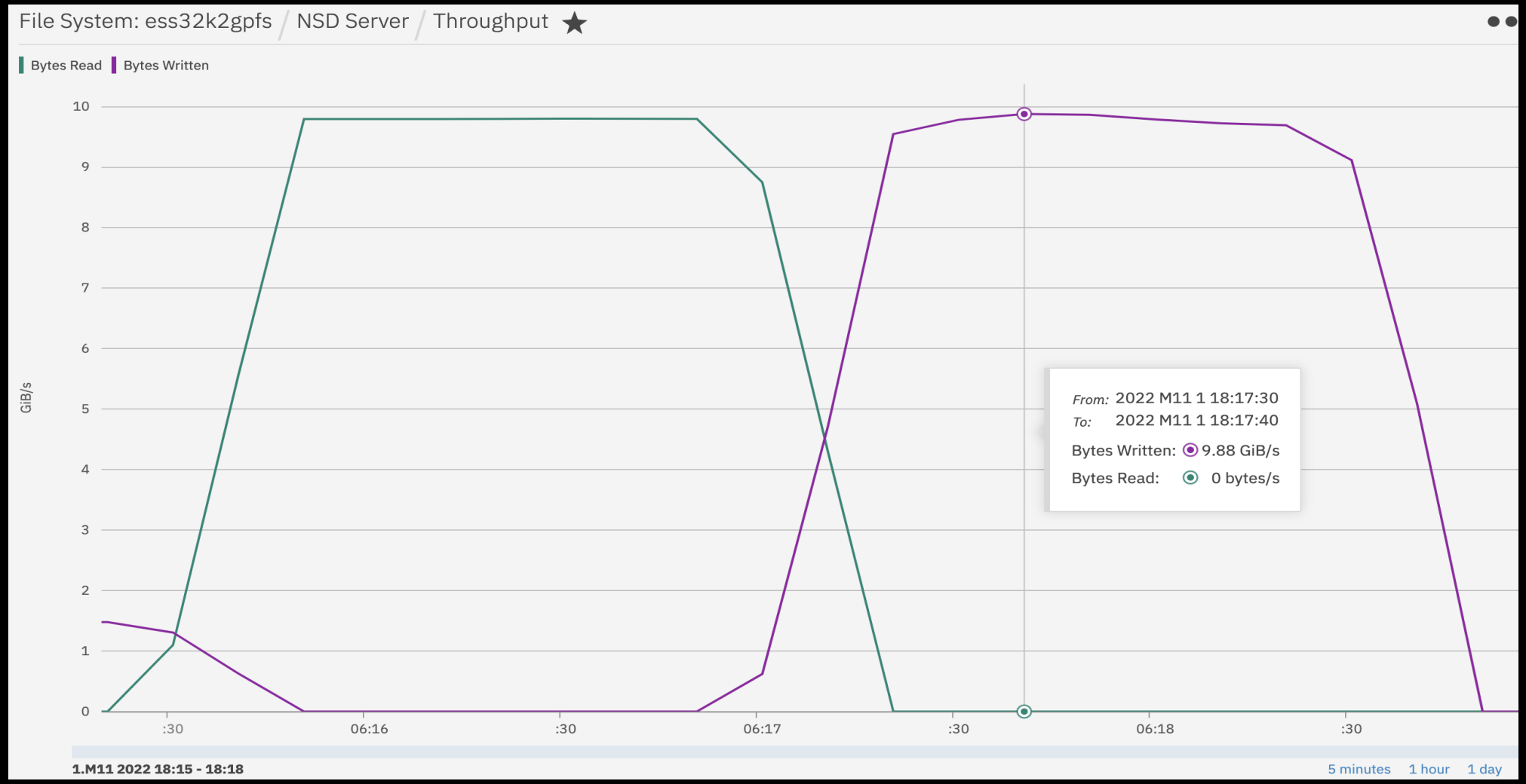

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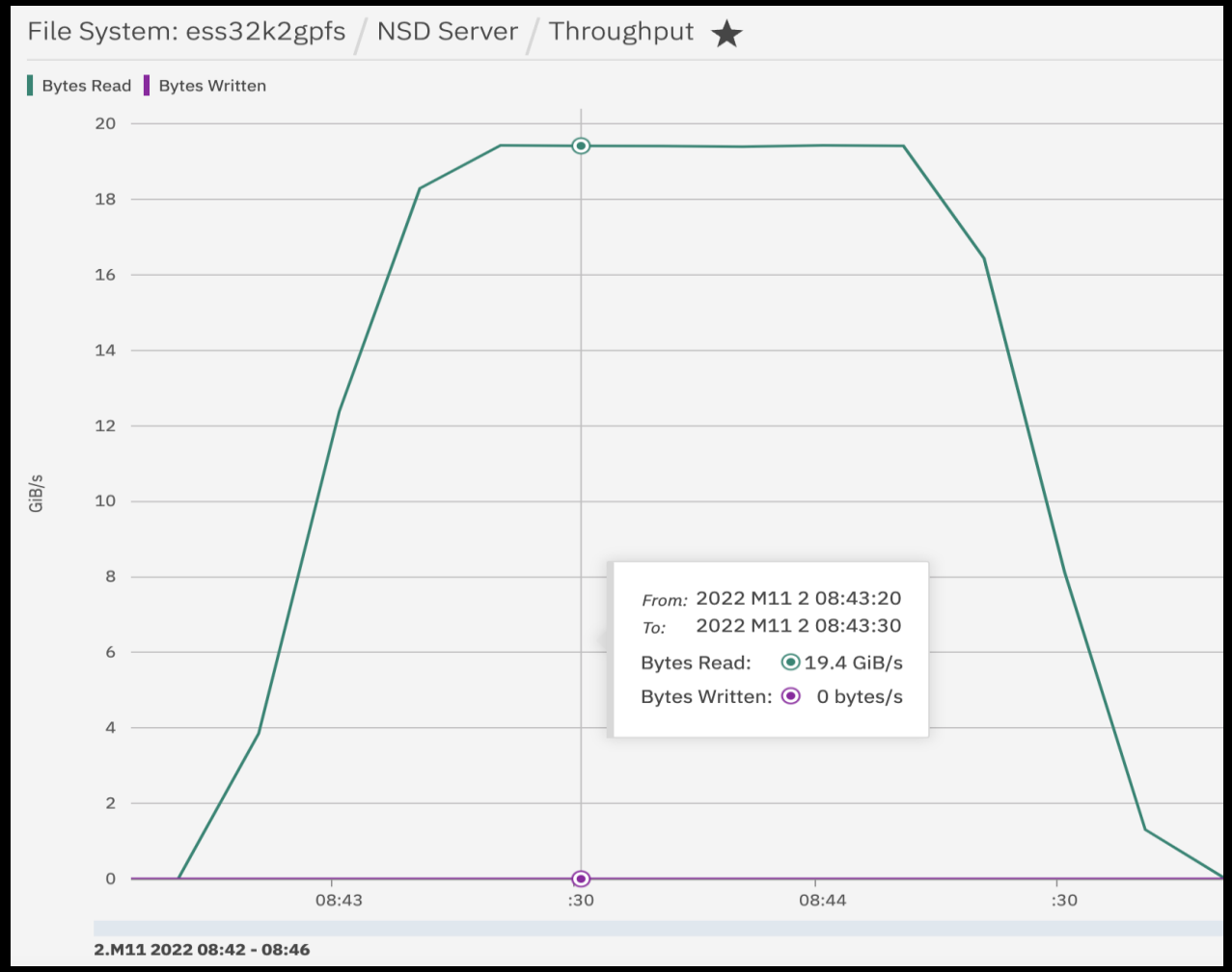


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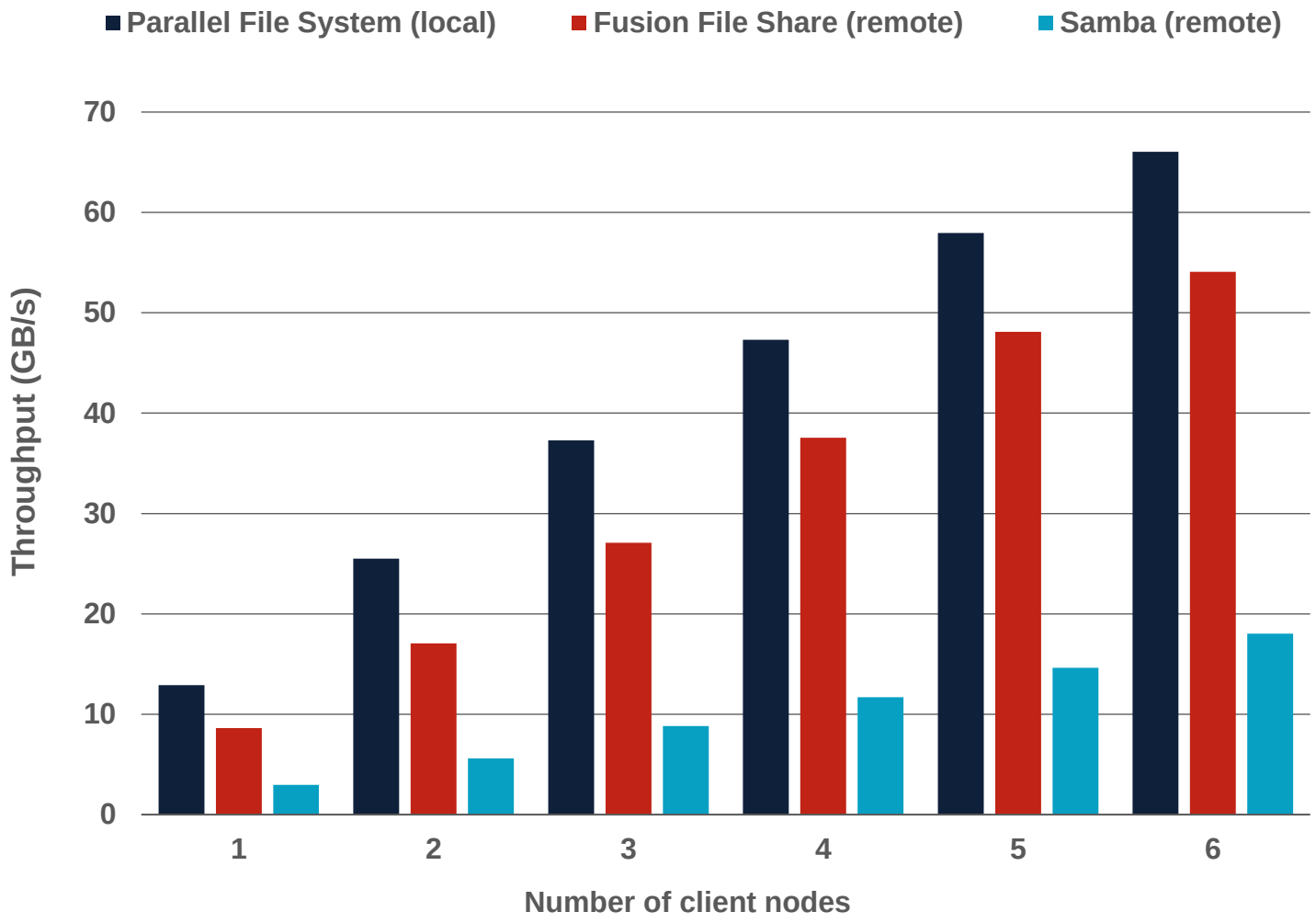
Enterprise features

- Windows Active Directory
- Advanced ACL handling
- Multiprotocol support: ACL, Shared access
- VFS stacking/custom VFS
- Custom clustering support
- Persistent handles
- Continuous availability, with single, dual or multinode
- Transparent failover
- High availability
- Change notify
- Encryption: AES-256-CCM, AES-256-GCM
- Authentication: NTLM, Kerberos, LDAP
- Audit/logging support
- DFS support
- Dynamic configuration change
- Quota support
- Alternate data stream support
- Internal health monitoring
- Runtime statistics

Maximize link speed potential with linear scaling

Samba is outperformed by Fusion with one client. As more clients are added, Samba continues to underperform compared to Fusion.

Scale-out sequential read performance comparison
Fusion File Share versus Samba using FIO



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Fast, successful connections

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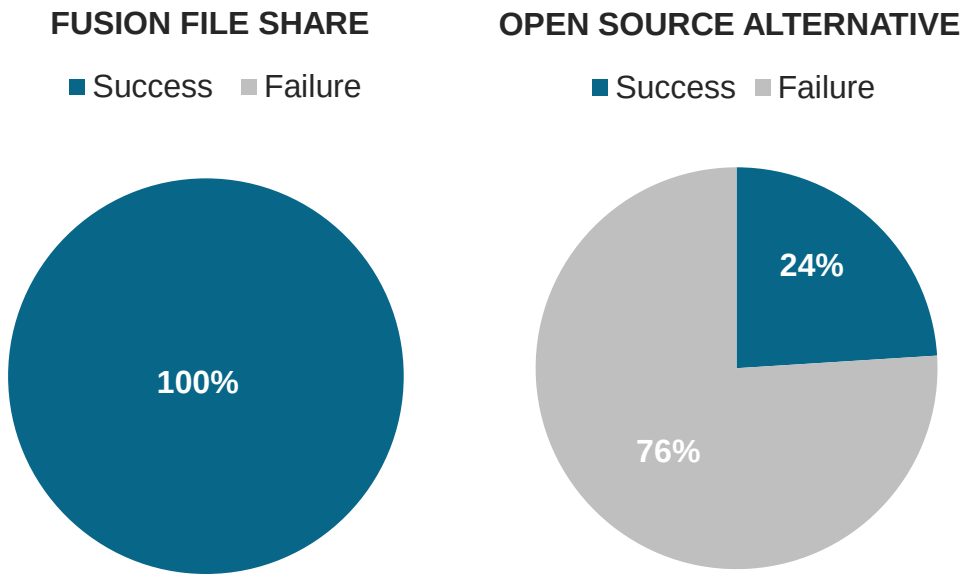
SMB connection rate
(200 new clients generated per second)



Test setup: Lenovo P52s Mobile Workstation // 8th Generation Intel® Core™ i7-8650U Processor with vPro® (1.90GHz, up to 4.20GHz with Turbo Boost, 8MB Cache) // Ubuntu Linux version 4.15.0-52-generic // 32 GB DDR4 (16 + 16) 2400MHz RAM // 1 TB Solid State Drive, PCIe-NVMe OPAL2.0 M.2 // 1 Gigabit Ethernet // Open source alternative

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