

NVMe[™]: Change Agent for Next-Gen Data Centers

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Expanding Universe of Opportunity

• NVMe was designed for fast-and-lean storage

- Fast: CPU-attached, ultra-low latency, ultra-high bandwidth
 Lean: Single, standardized driver replaces proprietary ones
- NVMe enabled a wide ecosystem of storage solutions
 - NAND flash SSD
 - Persistent memories
- Today NVMe has grown to fill ALL enterprise and consumer segments
 - Performance
 - Capacity and Dynamic Allocation
 - Cost

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The Move Beyond M.2

• M.2 is great, but has fundamental challenges

- Density
- Cooling
- Cost
- "Beyond M.2" Storage Goals
 - Smaller aggregate space needs for same TB of flash
 - Easier thermal management, enabling higher performance
 - Lower costs (of course!)

• Two Key Drivers

- Enterprise
- Hyperscale Clouds



NVMe Impact on the Ecosystem

Server Design

- Today, Server-Centric
 - Components designed for server
- Tomorrow, Storage-Focused
 - Server designed around storage

Connectivity

- Today, Server-Centric
 - Limited PCIe lanes
 - Power and thermal challenges limit M.2
- Tomorrow, Storage-Focused
 - More Lanes
 - (AMD[®] EPYC[™] = 128 lanes, Intel[®] Xeon[®] Scalable 48 lanes/chip)
 - Better airflow



Enterprise Storage Space



- Enterprises lowering infrastructure Capex/ Opex via Hyperconverged Syst. & Virtualization
- All Flash Arrays helping smaller physical hardware footprints, lower \$/IOPS
- Multi-cloud interoperability because of better agility, flexibility, scalability, and security

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NVMe in Software Defined Storage & All Flash Arrays

- Number of PCIe lanes are increasing with every generation of processors
- High Performance, Lower I/O Overheads, Massive Parallelization, Namespaces sharing
 - Increasing number of VMs, Performance density scaling, Less hardware footprint
 - Higher flexibility, agility, resiliency, scalability, manageability, & system utilization

• Multi-path IO, Namespaces sharing, Scalability

- Snapshot, replication, dedup, encryption & HA



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Beyond the Server

• NVMe over Fabric (NVMeoF)

- Disaggregation of compute and storage
- Enabled by cost-effective 25G and 40G networking
- Dynamic provisioning, data lifecycle management
- Allow clouds to provision storage as-needed

In-Storage Compute

- HPC's already there Comms are the bottleneck, not CPU or memory speed!
- Embed limited, programmable intelligence embedded in SSD



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