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Scalable High IOPS on vSphere ESX and Linux with NVMe/FC

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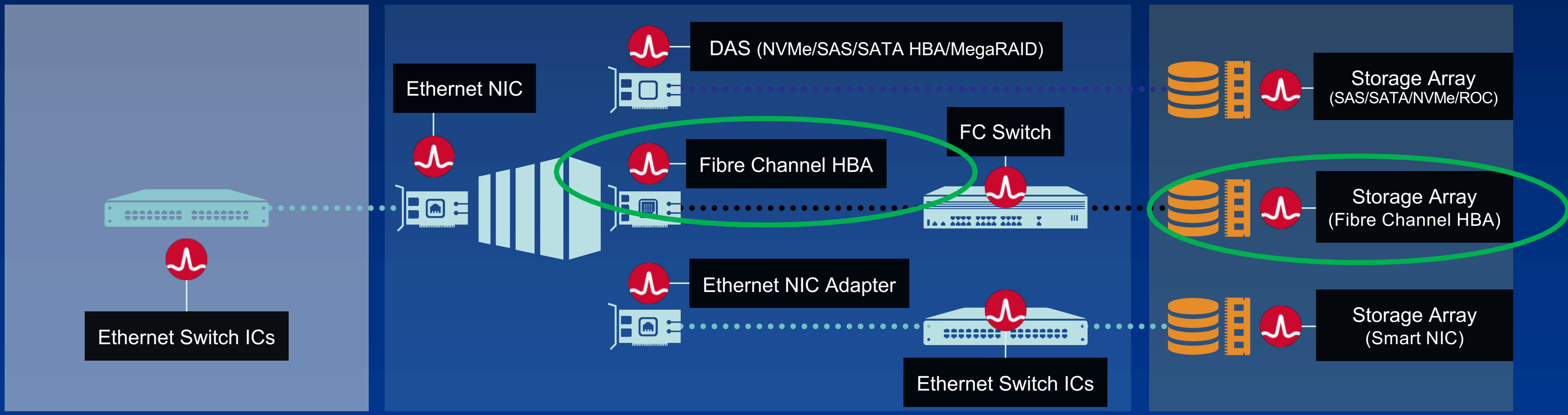

Ethernet Switch ICs

Ethernet NIC

DAS (NVMe/SAS/SATA HBA/MegaRAID)

Fibre Channel HBA

FC Switch

Ethernet NIC Adapter

Ethernet Switch ICs

Storage Array (SAS/SATA/NVMe/ROC)

Storage Array (Fibre Channel HBA)

Storage Array (Smart NIC)

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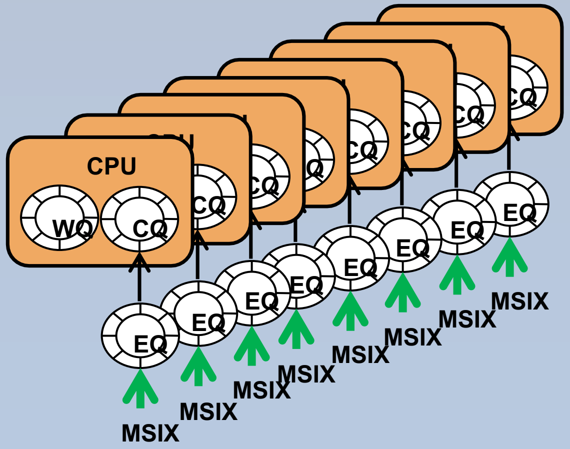
CPU Affinity

EQ Per Core



Per-CPU WQ/CQ (a “Hardware Queue”)
Interrupt vector/EQ per CPU
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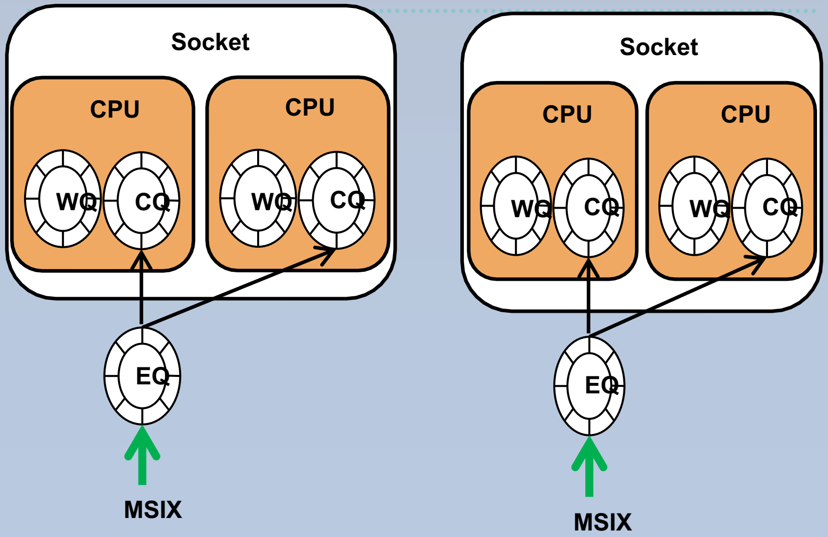
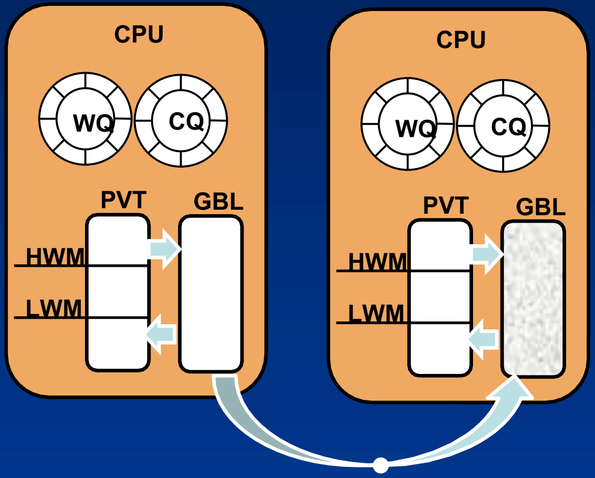
EQ Per Socket



- One Interrupt Vector/EQ per Socket

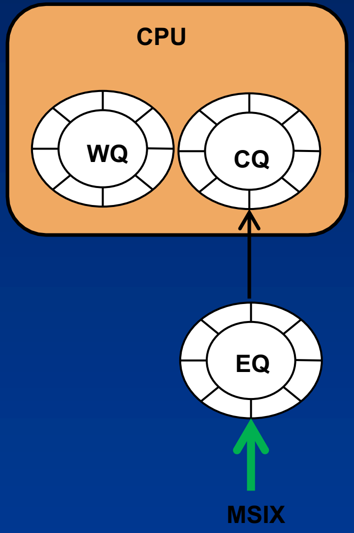
Sharing Adapter Resources

- FC exchanges
  - Adapter has a fixed number
  - Needed for SCSI and NVMe
  - Exchange assigned to each IO for the duration of the IO
  - Partitioning per CPU resulted in few resources per CPU, thus lots of IO "busying"
  - Solve by pools per Hardware Queue with resources migrating between Hardware Queues on as-needed basis

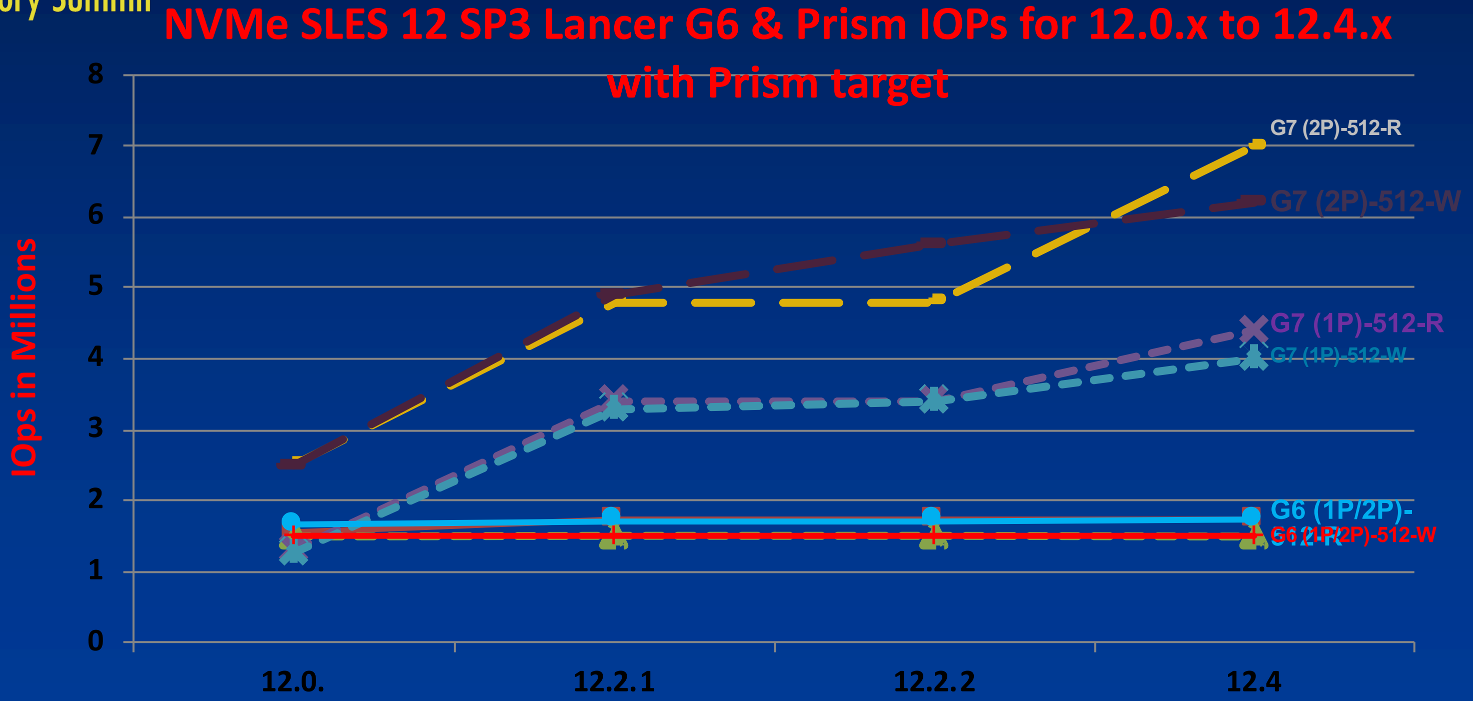


Interrupt Handling

- Interrupt Handling:
  - Disassociate EQ from CQ
    - EQ must be serviced by ISR
    - CQ serviced by Independent Thread
- CQ Processing Tenancy
  - How much work you do while in the thread
  - Large limits put in. If limit reached and work remains, re-schedule
- Periodic Queue Pointer Updates to Hardware
- Interrupt Rate Management
  - Interrupt re-enablement
    - Use architecture-specific re-arming to reduce interrupt rate
  - Interrupt delay largely left “immediate”
  - Exception: CPU shared by Interrupt Vectors or HWQs



NVMe Lancer G6 & Prism 1-port & 2-ports IOPs Trend



NVMe SLES 12 SP3 Lancer G6 & Prism IOPs for 12.0.x to 12.4.x with Prism target

Overview of NVMe Device Driver Development in vSphere ESX

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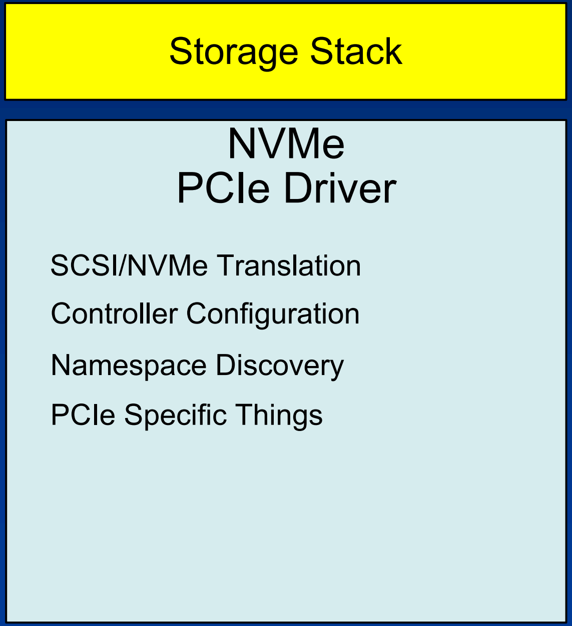
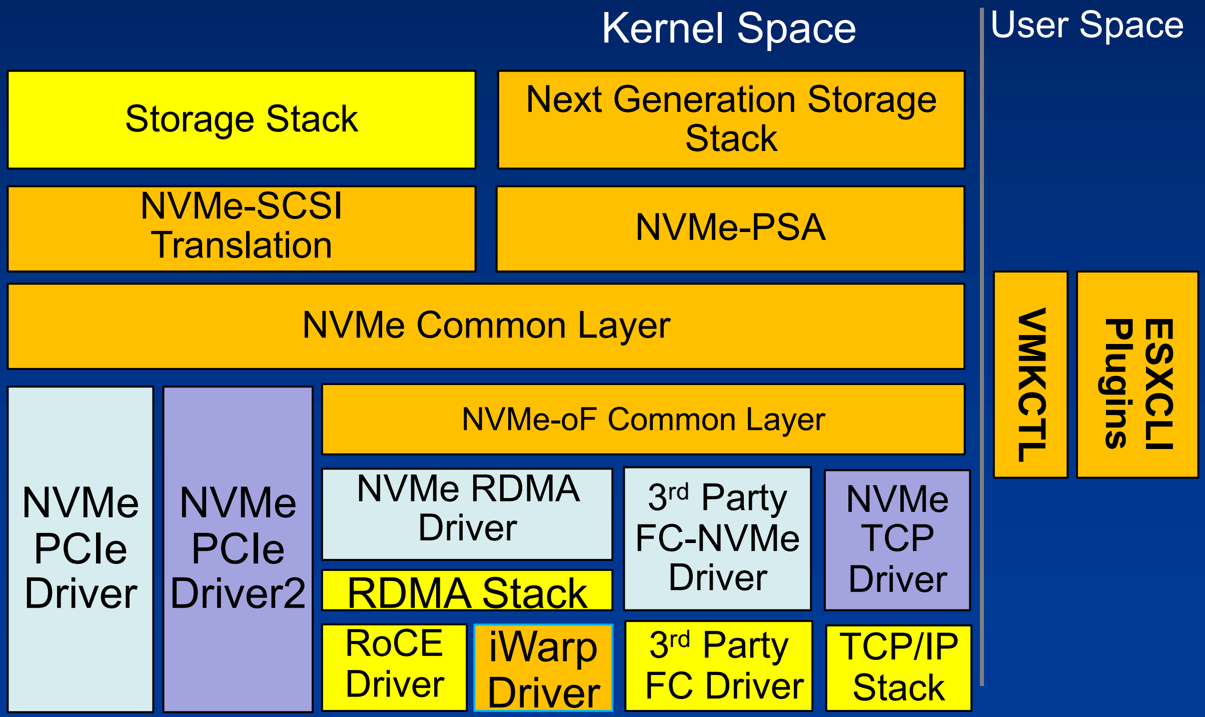
NVMe Device Driver in Current ESXi Release



Scalable Device Driver Model for Future ESXi Release



Kernel Space

User Space

Storage Stack

Next Generation Storage Stack

NVMe-SCSI Translation

NVMe-PSA

NVMe Common Layer

NVMe-oF Common Layer

NVMe PCIe Driver

NVMe PCIe Driver2

NVMe RDMA Driver

RDMA Stack

RoCE Driver

iWarp Driver

3rd Party FC-NVMe Driver

3rd Party FC Driver

NVMe TCP Driver

TCP/IP Stack

VMKCTL

ESXCLI Plugins

Features of New Driver Model

- Implements most of common functions defined in NVMe base specification and NVMe-oF specification that are needed for VMware ESXi.
- Common user interface for NVMe device management.
- Transport agnostic driver interface for PCIe based and Fabrics based NVMe driver development.
- Supports auto discovery/connect of NVMe-oF controllers for NVMe/FC.
- Supports persisted connection of NVMe-oF controllers.
- Supports existing SCSI based storage stack and future NVMe native storage stack.
- Much simpler way implementing NVMe transport device driver.

Driver Objects

- NVMe Adapter
- NVMe Controller
- Admin/IO Queue

User Interface

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[root@localhost:~] esxcli nvme adapter list
Adapter  Adapter Qualified Name                                                                    Transport Type  Driver      Associated Devices
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vmhba32  aqn:nvme_pcie:nqn.2014-08.org.nvmexpress15ad15adVMWare_NVME-0000VMware_Virtual_NVMe_Disk  PCIe            nvme_pcie
vmhba33  aqn:brcmnvmefc:10000090fa94892f                                                           FC              brcmnvmefc
vmhba34  aqn:brcmnvmefc:10000090fa948930                                                           FC              brcmnvmefc
vmhba35  aqn:nvmerdma:24-8a-07-b4-34-32                                                            RDMA            nvmerdma    vmrdma0, vmnic0

[root@localhost:~] esxcli nvme controller list
Name                                                                                                       Controller  Adapter  Transport  Online
                                                                                                           Number               Type
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nqn.2014-08.org.nvmexpress_15ad_VMware_Virtual_NVMe_Disk________________VMWare_NVME-0000                          256  vmhba32  PCIe         true
nqn.2014-08.org.sanblaze:virtualun.prme-hwe-drv-sanblaze-002.0.0#vmhba33#200200110de23a00:200400110de23a00        259  vmhba33  FC           true
nqn.2014-08.org.sanblaze:virtualun.prme-hwe-drv-sanblaze-002.1.0#vmhba34#200300110de23b00:200500110de23b00        264  vmhba34  FC           true
nqn.2010-06.com.purestorage:flasharray.4d4bafbf03558e0f#vmhba35#10.20.54.101                                      266  vmhba35  RDMA         true
nqn.2010-06.com.purestorage:flasharray.4d4bafbf03558e0f#vmhba35#10.20.54.102                                      268  vmhba35  RDMA         true

[root@localhost:~] esxcli nvme namespace list
Name                                                                              Controller Number  Namespace ID  Block Size  Capacity in MB
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t10.NVMe____VMware_Virtual_NVMe_Disk________________VMWare_NVME-0000____00000001                256             1         512           40960
eui.600110d003e23b0004010000ac07d235                                                            264             1         512           10240
eui.600110d003e23b0004010000ac07d236                                                            264             2         512              16
eui.600110d002e23a0003000000c5728fa4                                                            259             1         512            8192
eui.600110d002e23a0003000000c5728fa5                                                            259             2         512            2048
eui.600110d002e23a0003000000c5728fa6                                                            259             3         512            8192
eui.00d80b8cbcc79e4324a9374a00011fc6                                                            266         73670         512           61440
eui.00d80b8cbcc79e4324a9374a00011fc7                                                            266         73671         512           10240
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eui.00d80b8cbcc79e4324a9374a00011fc7                                                            268         73671         512           10240
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