Perfekter Brückenschlag in die Cloud(s) mit IBM Storage Scale



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Was ist ein Brückenschlag?



Brückenschlag bezeichnet den Bau einer Brücke. Eine Brücke ist ein Bauwerk, das Verkehrswege oder Versorgungseinrichtungen über natürliche Hindernisse oder andere Verkehrswege hinwegführt. (Quelle: https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Br%C3%BCckenschlag)





Differentiators, Strengths, and Emerging Technologies



Unified Data Access

Performance Optimized, Shared Multi Protocol Access

Containerized and Non-Containerized Workflows

High Fidelity S3 Object Store

Workload Driven, Scaling to Thousands of Clients

Caching & Core

Active File and Object Management from Edge-Core-Cloud

- File / Object Virtualization
- High Performance Tiering
- True Hybrid Multi Cloud

Enterprise Capabilities

Replication, Snapshots, Encryption, Tiering, Compression

Performance Optimized

- Storage Scale System
- GPUDirect storage

Data Management

Integrated Data Cataloging

Automated Infrastructure Management with Ansible Playbooks

Policy Driven ILM

- Automatic, Intelligent, Cost Efficient, Tiering of Data
- Seamless Archive to Tape

Data Resiliency

End to End Data Security and Resiliency Capabilities

- SEIM Integration
- Data Protection through Snapshots, Replication, Backup, Disaster Recovery, Immutability, Audit Logging

Safeguarded Immutable Snapshots with Cyber Vault Services

Near-Instant Data Access Recovery Scenarios

Highly performant, enterprise ready, hybrid cloud-enabled global data platform from IBM that no competitor can match

#1 Storage Scale to S3 (Cloud)





#2 Storage Scale to Storage Scale (Dual Site concept)





#3 Storage Scale to Storage Scale (Cloud Site concept)





3. Self Managed via Storage Scale Cloudkit (Bring Your Own License)

#3.1 Example: Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI)

https://blogs.oracle.com/cloud-infrastructure/post/accelerate-ai-ml-workloads-oci-nvidia-ibm



OCI A100 GPU Cluster + NVIDIA GDS + IBM Storage Scale





In collaboration with NVIDIA and IBM, Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI) validated NVIDIA Magnum IO Storage on OCI using a hyperconverged cluster of bare metal NVIDIA A100 Tensor Core GPU compute nodes.

#3.2 Example: Google Marketplace Solution (by IBM partner Sycomp)

https://cloud.google.com/blog/products/storage-data-transfer/announcing-ibm-spectrum-scale-is-now-available-in-google-cloud/



Deploy an instance of Sycomp Storage Fueled by IBM Spectrum Scale using Terraform provided by Sycomp through Google marketplace.

#3.3 Example: AWS by Scale Cloudkit (Self Managed)



IBM Storage Scale Cloudkit: Introduction

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What is Storage Scale Cloudkit?

- Command Line Interface to create Storage Scale clusters on the cloud
- Provides end to end automation to deploy and configure Storage Scale cluster(s) on public clouds:
 - Automates infrastructure provisioning on the cloud
 - Automates the deployment of Spectrum Scale on the cloud
 - Applies Spectrum Scale best practises for deploying on the cloud

Advantages of Storage Scale Cloudkit

- Support for all major public clouds (more details see Roadmap)
- Rapid deployment and configuration of Storage Scale on the Cloud (in minutes)
- Out of the box "best practice" configuration
- Easy to use, guided interface
- Ability to provision multiple clusters from a single cloudkit instance
- Flexible deployment (supports multiple deployment models to suit customer needs)







Cloudkit: Multi Cloud Support



A single instance of Cloudkit can deploy Storage Scale clusters on different public clouds:

- Unified Deployment Experience
- No longer necessary to use different Cloud specific deployment technologies to provision on different clouds
- Cloud Agnostic Best Practise Deployment
- Enables Global Data Platform

Cloudkit: Flexible Deployment Architecture





Single Unified Cluster

- Single administrative domain
- Storage and Compute nodes in the same cluster
- Ideal for small organizations

Separate Storage Cluster remote mounted Compute Cluster (s)



- Separate administrative domains
- Rapid Provision/Deprovision of Compute Clusters
 as required
- Storage Cluster persistent and isolated

Single Storage Cluster remote mounted to multiple Compute Clusters



- Single Storage Data Lake for entire organization (Storage Cluster)
- Separate Compute for each Department administrated independently
- Provides Persistence, High Performance Storage for IBM Storage Fusion (Containerized Workloads)

Scale Data Caching Services (AFM) - Use case details #1



Data Virtualization





- Vertical caching
- Common namespace across isolated data silos in legacy 3rd party data stores
- Transparent access to all data regardless of silos
- Scale-out Posix performance
- Data export via NFS, SMB, HDFS, Object
- Can be used to seamlessly migrate data to new storage



- Consistent cache provides a single source of truth with no stale data copies
- Horizontal caching
- Bi-direction traffic from Edge to Center
- Eventually Consistent data cache
- Transparent on-demand data access and transfer
- Policy driven data prefetch and eviction

Scale Data Caching Services (AFM) - Use case details #2





- Active-Passive DR over WAN or Cloud
- Designed for high latency and asynchronous DR
- Hot standby failover to DR site
- Automatic fallback data reconciliation
- Read-only access / analytics to all data at passive site



- Rapidly expand compute resources to cloud or data centers
- Common file system creates a single namespace across all locations
- Transparent access to data
- Cost effective way to increase compute on existing data
- Analytic results automatically pushed to home site

Summary: IBM's Global Data Platform









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