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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
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- 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
- Native GPFS support

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Highly threaded architecture with adjustable settings for different workloads

Each client connection is a thread, not a process:

- Data transport threads
- Meta data transport threads
- VFS data threads
- VFS meta data threads
- 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

MacOS and IBM Scale specific SMB functionalities



MacOS & IBM Scale functionalities

IBM Scale

- Native support for IBM Scale

MacOS

- Apple extension support (AAPL)
 - Samba Fruit type of support
- Compound messaging support for performance optimization



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MacOS SMB performance

MacOS performance test environment



Hardware and software environment

MacOS client

- *Processor:* Apple M2 Ultra with 24-core CPU, 60-core GPU, 32-core Neural Engine
- *Memory:* 192GB unified memory
- *Storage:* 1TB SSD storage
- *NICs:* 2x ATTO dual port 100GbE, X16 PCIE 4, LP, INTEGRATED QSFP28

Storage + SMB

- *NICs:* Mellanox 100GbE
- *VM:* Ubuntu Linux + Fusion SMB + Single IBM Scale instance (GPFS)

Network

- Mellanox 100GbE switch

MacOS performance tests



Metadata test

- 20000 files in a SMB share
- Use Finder to list folder content

Test results

Server	Time to completion
Samba v4.19 (with AAPL)	31.39 s
Fusion (with AAPL)	9.67 s

MacOS performance tests



M&E workload test

- Tframetest -w 49856 -n 2000 -t1 /SMBShare/

Test results

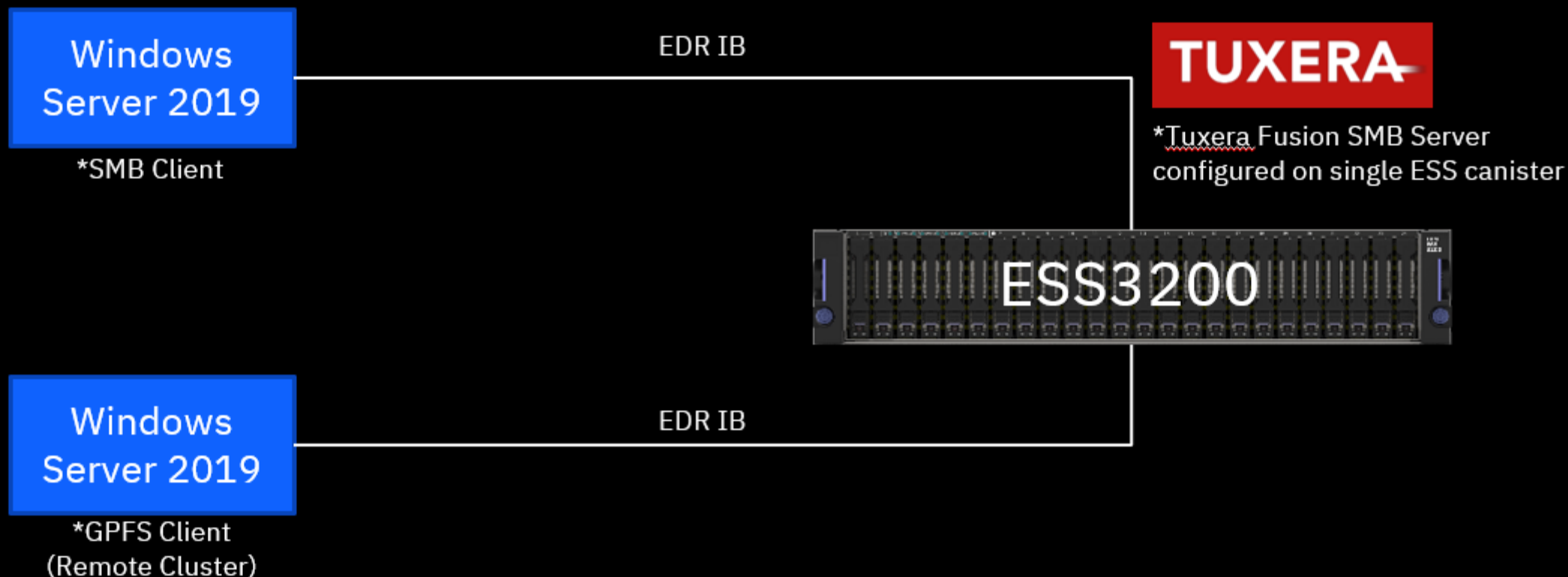
Server	Multichannel	Write	Read
Samba v4.19 (with AAPL)	Single interface	1,463 GB/s	1,659 GB/s
Samba v4.19 (with AAPL)	Two interfaces	1,601 GB/s	2,348 GB/s
Fusion (with AAPL)	Single interface	1,606 GB/s (+10%)	2,679 GB/s (+61%)
Fusion (with AAPL)	Two interfaces	2,013 GB/s (+25%)	4,009GB/s (+70%)

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

FIO Read Test:

```
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 --ioengine=windowsaio --iodepth=16 --group_reporting --runtime=60 --ramp_time=30 --direct=1
```

Test	Numjobs	xfersize	Avg MiB/s Read	Avg IOPs Read
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

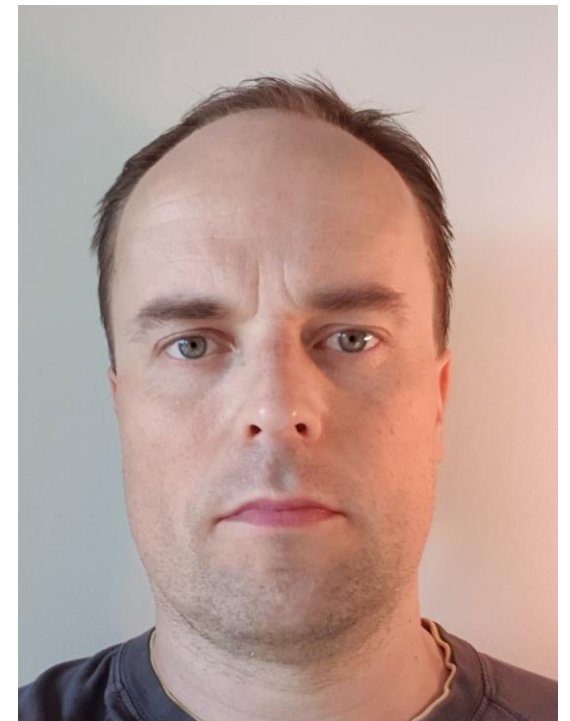
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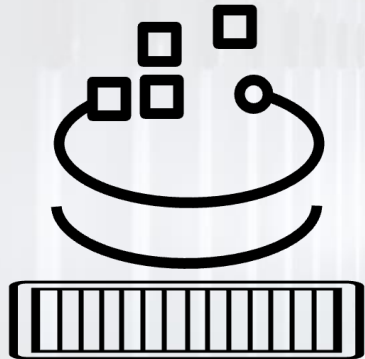
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