

SAN-to-NAS Gateway

Convert Block Level Data from SAN Environment to File Level Data on NetStor WSS NAS Filer

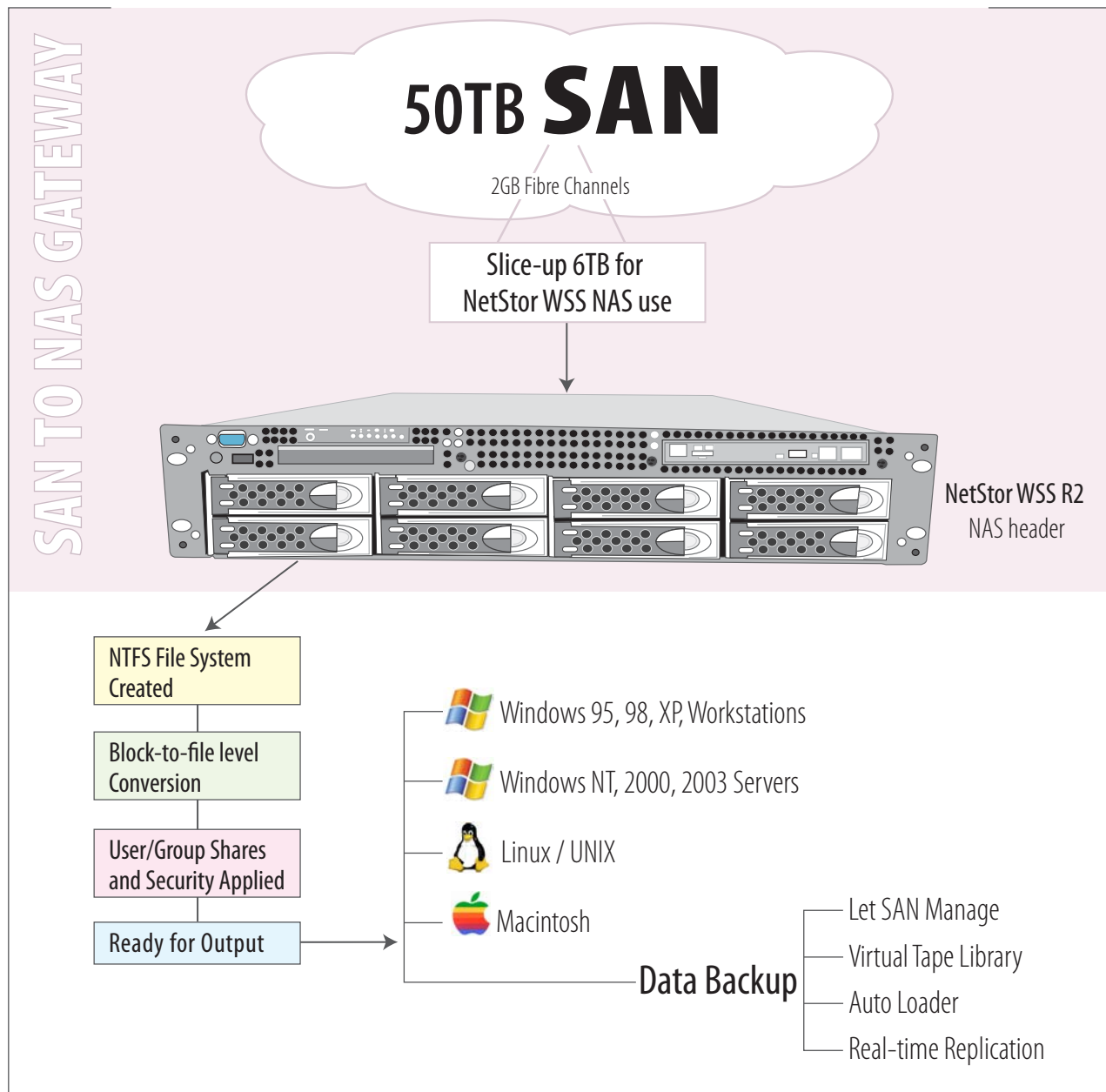
In a SAN environment it is normal for only high-end server equipment to have direct access to the capacity of the SAN. Individual users or groups of users do not have direct access to the SAN, as it is impractical due to the cost of deploying the hardware necessary as well as the management involved.

With NetStor WSS acting as the SAN-to-NAS gateway, you'll take the Block level data from your SAN and convert it to File level data on the NAS, which then opens up all the features of the NAS for any users/groups on your network, all at a very low cost and low management overhead.

SAN's store data at the block level meaning they don't care about individual files like your database, email, or important presentation. All

the SAN sees is partitions or LUNs as a whole. NAS, on the other hand, using the NetStor WSS, can access this block level data directly from the SAN but turn it into manageable storage that users require, such as databases, email or presentations. NetStor WSS converts from block-level to file-level transparently.

You can leverage your existing SAN's architecture and have the SAN administrator simply "carve" or "slice" up a portion of its overall capacity for the NetStor WSS to use. Then, all users will connect to the NetStor WSS over standard Ethernet (not expensive and complex Fibre Channel) and have high performance access to the data. All existing NetStor WSS features are available as well, from Anti-virus to Snapshot.



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