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## Accelerating Ceph Performance with High Speed Networks and Protocols

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# **Mellanox Overview**

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~2,900 Employees worldwide NASDAQ® Ticker: MLNX



## Ceph Leadership in Storage Plations

#### **Delivering** the Highest Data Center Return on Investment









#### Modern DC – Ethernet Storage Fabric

#### Legacy DC – FC SAN



## Storage or Data Bottlene Bandwidth





#### **Ceph Cluster Overview**

- Ceph Clients
  - Block/Object/File system storage
  - User space or kernel driver
- Peer to Peer via Ethernet
  - Direct access to storage
  - No centralized metadata = no bottlenecks
- Ceph Storage Nodes
  - Data distributed and replicated across nodes
  - No single point of failure
  - Scale capacity and performance with additional nodes



Storage Servers

#### OSD read:

Client(App <-> RBD <-> RADOS) <-> NIC <-> Leaf <-> Spine <-> Leaf <-> NIC <->OSD <-> NVMe
OSD write:

Client(App <-> RBD <-> RADOS) <-> NIC <-> Leaf <-> Spine <-> Leaf <-> NIC <->OSD <-> NVMe <-> OSD <-> NIC <-> Leaf <-> Spine <-> Leaf <-> NIC <->OSD <-> NVMe



# Ceph Bandwidth Perform



- 25GbE has 92% more bandwidth than 10GbE
- 25GbE has 86% more IOPS than 10GbE
- Internet search results seem to recommend one 10GbE NIC for each ~15 HDDs in an OSD
  - Mirantis, Red Hat, Supermicro, etc.





Data Center modernization requires Future Proof, faster, lossless Ethernet Storage Fabrics





- Without RDMA
  - 5.7 GB/s throughput
  - 20-26% CPU utilization
  - 4 cores 100% consumed by moving data

- With Hardware RDMA
  - 11.1 GB/s throughput at half the latency
  - 13-14% CPU utilization
  - More CPU power for applications, better ROI

## O Ceph RDMA Performance Improv



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- Conservative Results: 44%~60% more IOPS
- RDMA offers significant benefits to Ceph performance for small block size (4KB) IOPS.
  - 2 OSDs with 4 clients, RDMA allowed 44% more IOPS.
  - 4 OSDs and 4 clients, RDMA allowed 60% more IOPS.



- Best Results: 3x Higher IOPS
- RDMA's biggest benefit for Ceph block storage
  - High IOPS workloads
  - Small block sizes (<32KB)</li>
- Enable > 10GB/s from single node
- Enable < 10usec latency under load</p>





#### RDMA: Mitigates Meltdown Mes Stops Spectre Security Slo



Before – Before applying software patches of Meltdown & Spectre After – After applying software patches of Meltdown & Spectre







- CePH RDMA working group
  - Mellanox
  - Xsky
  - Samsung
  - SanDisk
  - RedHat
- The latest stable CePH RDMA version
  - https://github.com/Mellanox/ceph/tree/luminous-12.1.0-rdma
- Bring Up Ceph RDMA Developer's Guide
  - https://community.mellanox.com/docs/DOC-2721
- RDMA/RoCE Configuration Guide
  - https://community.mellanox.com/docs/DOC-2283

### Storage or Data Bottleneck: Storage Fabric

Good

Bad







- Ceph Benefits from Faster Network
  - 10GbE is not enough!
- RDMA further optimizes Ceph performance
- Reduce the impact from Meltdown/Spectre fixes
- ESF(Ethernet Storage Fabric) is trend





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