

Offering assessment, vision and strategy to
optimize your storage network



IBM Network Consulting Services

for storage networking



Highlights

- ***Helps align your network storage strategy with your business objectives***
- ***Leverages our infrastructure expertise to improve network performance***
- ***Provides a customized strategy to integrate and deploy storage networks***
- ***Supports new business and IT requirements using proven tools and methodologies***

Helping you make the most of storage network technology

Massive amounts of online data and Internet-related content are creating an ever-growing need for more advanced information storage. To respond to this pressure and help ensure the long-term health of your organization, it's vital that your storage solution correlates with your network strategy and infrastructure. Our storage network consulting services offer extensive knowledge of both network infrastructure and storage networks. We can help you create cost-effective solutions that are consistent with your business and information technology (IT) direction. We can also help you

identify the storage network technology that fits your needs and then integrate it appropriately to help improve the performance of your network storage infrastructure. In addition, we offer an unbiased approach—the storage networking solution we provide will focus on your needs rather than a vendor-specific solution.

Creating the right solution by understanding your requirements

After identifying your storage capacity requirements, we can help you determine the storage technology that best fits your needs—whether that technology is server attached storage (SAS), network attached storage (NAS) or a storage area network (SAN). We can then define the integration process based on your company's particular access and storage methods. Our networking experts work closely with your staff to help determine the optimal data paths between users and data storage devices for efficient storage networking.

Using established capabilities to enhance storage network performance

When you implement new storage technology, you must have a solid grasp of the effect it will have on network traffic. Our storage network consulting services bring proven expertise to the design and configuration of a solution that will help you optimize your storage network. By intelligently incorporating new storage technology with your existing infrastructure, you can quickly optimize IT performance.

Delivering tailored services for cost-effective integration and deployment

Rather than settling for the easy, one-size-fits-all approach that many vendors take to storage networking solutions, our consultants consider the available storage networking options to help you achieve your business goals. We can provide the direction and principles under which storage networks should be designed and implemented. We can also develop a compatibility strategy that will ease the integration of new technology.

Exploiting proven methodologies for optimum responsiveness

Our well-defined and tested methodologies can help you select the appropriate storage network technology: SAS, NAS or SAN. We will conduct detailed analyses of your data network, existing storage infrastructure, networking implementation needs and future storage requirements to help you find a suitable storage solution with the flexibility to respond to your changing business environment.

Relying on IBM experience

The people of IBM Global Services have significant industry experience, resources and capabilities to provide you with virtually unparalleled service. From assessment to design to implementation, IBM storage network consulting services can help provide the end-to-end solutions you need to make the most of your business.

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