

VMAX: Achieving dramatic performance and efficiency results with EMC FAST VP

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AGENDA

- The Symmetrix VMAX Family
- Enginuity and Mainframe Software Technology
 - Advanced Replication and DR features
 - Virtual Provisioning
- Fully Automated Storage Technology
 - Basis for FAST VP
 - Scoring and data movement
- FAST VP adoption
 - Business motivation
 - Deployment strategy
 - Efficiencies and performance improvements
 - FAST VP Management and Reporting
- Summary





VMAX 40K Highlights





Performance Triple Play



2X More Global Memory

Increased performance and cache efficiency Additional FAST optimization



2X More Bandwidth

Increased throughput for cache miss IOPS Improved resiliency and serviceability



2X More Scalability

Up to 4 PB with High Capacity 3.5" drives

3,200 2.5" drives & High Density Bays



Engine Comparison





- 2.3 GHz Xeon Harperton
- 16 CPU cores per Engine
- Up to 128 GB Global Memory
- Dual Virtual Matrix Interface
- PCIe Gen1 Interconnects



- 2.8 GHz Xeon Westmere
- 24 CPU cores per Engine
- Up to 256 GB Global Memory
- Quad Virtual Matrix Interface
- PCIe Gen2 Interconnects











Trusted for Mission Critical Applications

EMC GDDR SRDF/Star AutoSwap **Consistency Groups** SRDF/S and SRDF/A **TimeFinder family** Symmetrix VMAX

Built on EMC's industryleading technology

EMC Geographically Dispersed Disaster Restart (GDDR)

Automation of restart processes

EMC SRDF/Star

Advanced disaster restart protection for multi-site SRDF configurations

EMC AutoSwap

Transparently moves workloads between storage subsystems

EMC Consistency Groups technology

Ensures information consistency

EMC SRDF/S and SRDF/A

From the number one remote replication product family

EMC TimeFinder family

Local array-based replication for backups and application testing



DLm8000 SRDF, GDDR, Universal Consistency



- Ultra-high data resiliency for both DASD and tape
- DASD and tape data consistent with each other to the last I/O
- 2 site and 3 site (STAR) configuration support
- Synchronous replication for local sites
- Asynchronous to out-of-region data center
- GDDR support
- Offering phased-in over several releases



GDDR – SRDF/SQAR with AutoSwap







Virtual Provisioning (VP) for System z



Improves Performance

 Device allocations are striped across drives in storage pools

Improves Capacity Utilization

- Consume space on demand
- Deleted space reclamation utilities

Ease-of-Management

 Expand, shrink and rebalance pools without disruption to the z/OS device access



CKD Thin Technology Offers Improved Job Runtime and I/O Throughput







Thin Reclaim Utility (TRU) - Review

[1] TRU discovers and monitors thin devices that are not bound with PREALLOCATION **/PERSIST** attribute

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[2] EMC z/OS SCRATCH exit (or TRU SCAN utility) identifies the tracks that are

eligible to be reclaimed

[3] TRU RECLAIM Utility periodically marks eligible tracks as "empty" by updating STD rec. 0 (also can be done by batch job)

[4] Enginuity Zero Space **Reclaim background process** reclaims tracks with no user records (only STD 0)





New INI parm for OFFLINE device handling



- SCF.TRU.OFFLINE=<u>PROCESS</u> | NOPROCESS
- Prevents TRU from monitoring volumes OFFLINE to TRU system
 - Eliminates SCAN / RECLAIM execution and the impact their SYSVTOC RESERVE would have on systems that have volumes ONLINE
 - No monitoring → No SDDF session data → No SCAN / RECLAIM → No RESERVE
- PTF SF76049
 - Fixes OPT 434365



Options for RECLAIM processing



Implementation of the z/OS RECLAIM process can be done in one of two methods:

- A. Continuous Reclaim Reclaim run on-demand via TRU+Scratch Exit
- B. Reclaim by Batch Reclaim scheduled on periodic basis via "TRU,ENABLE" and "TRU, SCAN,XXX-XXXX" commands



Command to ENABLE | DISABLE TRU



- F scfname, TRU, ENABLE | DISABLE
- Allows activation of TRU monitoring via command
 Useful if SCF INI has TRU.ENABLE=NO
- ENABLE activates TRU Monitoring and refreshes device tables
- DISABLE suspends TRU monitoring
- PTF SF76049
 - Fixes OPT 434390





FlashCopy and Virtual Provisioning

Copy vs NoCopy

- FlashCopy NOCOPY to THIN target results in space efficient copy
- Target can be in shared or dedicated VP pool (repository-like) that can be over-provisioned



FAST VP – Fully Automated Storage Tiering for Virtual Pools

- Policy-based system that automatically optimizes application performance
- Promotes and demotes sub-LUN level data across storage tiers to achieve performance service levels and/or cost targets





Basis for FAST

- With information growth trends, an ALL Fibre Channel configuration will:
 - Cost too much
 - Consume too much energy and space
- FAST VP helps by leveraging disk drive technologies
- What makes FAST work in real-world environments?
 - Skew: At any given time, only a small address range is active – the smaller the range, the better



80% of IO's on 20% of capacity





Wide striping and short stroking are common practice

 The vast majority of online workloads enjoy high cache-hit percentages, but service levels are dictated by read-misses during transitional periods like market open



Flash is Good for Everything



	FC 15K rpm	EFDs
One Sequence	80-100 MB/s	140 MB/s
Two Sequences	35 MB/s	140 MB/s
Random Reads 64 KB	16 MB/s	140 MB/s

What does this mean to the customers?

- More predictable sequential performance
- Batch processing is faster
- You can reorganize your data less frequently





FAST VP Implementation

- FAST VP tasks split between microcode and FAST controller
- Performance data collected by microcode
- Intelligent Tiering algorithm generates movement requests based on performance data
 - Uses supporting analysis performed by FAST controller
- Allocation Compliance algorithm generates movement requests based on capacity utilization
- Data movements executed by VLUN VP data movement engine



FAST VP Hierarchy



Extent Group

- 10 Track Groups (thin device extents)
- 7.5 MB FBA / 6.8 MB CKD
- Data movement unit
- Track Group (Thin Device Extent)
 - 768 KB FBA / 680 KB
 CKD
 - VP allocation unit

 I/O <u>rates</u> are collected during the "open" performance time window

TDFV

- Read Miss (RM)
- Write (W)
- Prefetch (P)
- Rates are updated every 10 minutes changing the 'score' of the Extent Group Set





Data Movement Granularity Trade-offs

- Larger granularity
 - Uses EFD ineffectively
- Smaller granularity
 - Uses EFD effectively
 - Requires more system resources to maintain statistics
- There is a sweet spot that maximizes the benefits through better use of EFD and reasonable system resource use

% of EFD capacity needed to capture majority of I/Os in the system





FAST Storage Elements



- Symmetrix Tier a shared storage resource with common technologies (Disk Groups or Thin Pools)
- FAST Policy manage Symmetrix Tiers to achieve service levels for one or more Storage Groups
- FAST Storage Group logical grouping of devices for common management





Why FAST VP Adoption







Migration Options





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Host based:

- Logical copy
- Non-disruptive option
- Channel resources must taken into consideration



Array based:

SRDF/Adcopy

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- No host resources
- AutoSwap could be used for a nondisruptive approach



SRDF Thick to Thin support - MF





Support SRDF Thick to Thin (and thin to thick) for MF CKD

- Refer to SRDF Product
 Guide for supported
 Enginuity levels and
 topologies
- Thin Reclaim Utility support for Thick R1→Thin R2





FAST VP SRDF Support

- SRDF Integration enables predictable performance during failover
 - Full RDF Awareness to FAST VP
 - R2 system reflects promotion and demotion decisions of the R1 system
- Support includes 3 and 4 site solutions



FAST VP R2 statistics are merged with the R1 to reflect the R1 Read Miss ratio

Enabled per Storage Group Requires R2 devices to also be under FAST VP control





Tiered vs. Standard Configuration Example



VMAX 40K Standard configuration 3.5" 300GB/15K disks Total Drives: 1062 Raw: 319 TB, Usable: 136 TB 27.67 kVA, 88,500 Btu/hr Annualized Energy Cost \$49,933 Power Drops Required: 14



VMAX 40K Tiered configuration

2.5" 200GB/EFD, 300GB/15K, 1TB/7.2K disks Total Drives: 1015 Raw: 320 TB, Usable: 143 TB 15.59 kVA, 48,100 Btu/hr Annualized Energy Cost \$27,157 Power Drops Required: 8



Cache Friendly Transactional Workload

Simulated Transactional Workload

4 KB Blocks, 25% Write, 88% Cache Hit



Batch Workload Response Time Improvements



FAST VP - Simulated Batch Workload



Quick reaction time to changes in workload patterns



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FAST VP Management





Simplified FAST Management



Quick Access to

FAST Status

View and Manage Policies

Virtual Pool (Tiers) Demand

Tier Usage by Storage Group



Unisphere for VMAX Performance

- Unisphere provides real-time, diagnostic, and historical performance monitoring for FAST VP environments
- Monitor view provides system and user-defined dashboards to collate multiple performance indicators into a single view
- Three pre-configured FAST VP dashboards provide views into FAST VP for all primary storage elements
 - FAST VP By Storage Group
 - FAST VP By Tier
 - FAST VP By Policy



Dashboard for FAST VP by Storage Group



Summary



- FAST VP is a policy-based system that promotes and demotes data at the sub-volume level, which makes it responsive to the workload and efficient in its use of control unit resources
- FAST VP exploits Virtual Provisioning basis enables efficient utilization of available backend resources
- FAST VP introduces active performance management, a revolutionary step forward in storage management
- FAST VP delivers all these benefits without using any host resources



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