

## **Open Storage in the Enterprise**

#### With GlusterFS and Red Hat Storage

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## #whatis TAM

- Premium named-resource support
- Proactive and early access
- Regular calls and on-site engagements
- Customer advocate within Red Hat and upstream
- Multi-vendor support coordinator
- High-touch access to engineering
- Influence for software enhancements
- **NOT** Hands-on or consulting



## What is GlusterFS?

- Scalable, general-purpose storage platform
  - POSIX-y Distributed File System
  - Object storage (swift)
  - Distributed block storage (qemu)
  - Flexible storage (libgfapi)
- No Metadata Server
- Heterogeneous Commodity Hardware
- Standards-Based Clients, Applications, Networks
- Flexible and Agile Scaling
  - Capacity Petabytes and beyond
  - Performance Thousands of Clients







## What is Red Hat Storage?

- Enterprise Implementation of GlusterFS
- Software Appliance
- Bare Metal Installation
- Built on RHEL + XFS
- Subscription Model
- Storage Software Appliance
  - Datacenter and Private Cloud Deployments
- Virtual Storage Appliance
  - Amazon Web Services Public Cloud Deployments





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# **Use Case:** Media Storage via Object Interface

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#### Goals

- Media file storage for customer-facing app
- Drop-in replacement for legacy object backend
- 1PB plus 1TB/day growth rate
- Minimal resistance to increasing scale
- Multi-protocol capable for future services
- Fast transactions for fingerprinting and transcoding



#### Implementation

- 12 Dell R710 nodes + MD1000/1200 DAS
  - Growth of 6 -> 10 -> 12 nodes
- ~1PB in total after RAID 6
- GlusterFS Swift interface from OpenStack
- Built-in file+object simultaneous access
- Multi-GBit network with segregated backend





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# **Use Case:** Self-Service Provisioning with Accounting and Chargeback

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#### Goals

- Add file storage provisioning to existing self-service virtualization environment
  - Automate the administrative tasks
- Multi-tenancy
  - Subdivide and limit usage by corporate divisions and departments
  - Allow for over-provisioning
  - Create a charge-back model
- Simple and transparent scaling



#### Implementation

- Dell R510 nodes with local disk
- ~30TB per node as one XFS filesystem
- Bricks are subdirectories of the parent filesystem
  - Volumes are therefore naturally over-provisioned
- Quotas\* placed on volumes to limit usage and provide for accounting and charge-back
- Only 4 gluster commands needed to allocate and limit a new volume; Easily automated

\*New feature in RHS 2.1; Coming in GlusterFS 3.5



Volumes created from the bricks share a total amount of available space

> One backend filesystem is sub-divided into directories that are used as bricks

quota4

vol5

vol4

/xfs/brick1 /xfs/brick2 /xfs/brick3 /xfs/brick4 /xfs/brick5

XFS Filesystem

**Over-Provisioned** 

quota5



# gluster volume create
# gluster volume start
# gluster volume quota enable
# gluster volume quota limit-usage

Ouotas are set on a volume level and

are independent of each other and of

the underlying available space

quota1

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vol1

vol2

quota2 q3

vol3

# **Use Case:** NoSQL Backend with SLA-Bound Geo-Replication

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#### Goals

- Replace legacy database key/blob architecture
- Divide and conquer
  - NoSQL layer for key/pointer
  - Scalable storage layer for blob payload
- Active/Active sites with 30-minute replication SLA
- Performance tuned for small-file WORM patterns



#### Implementation

- HP DL170e nodes with local disk
- ~4TB per node
- Cassandra replicated NoSQL layer for key/pointer
- GlusterFS parallel geo-replication\* for data payload site copy exceeding SLA standards
- Worked with Red Hat Engineering to modify application data patterns for better small-file performance

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# **Questions?**

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## Do it!

- Build a test environment in VMs in just minutes!
- Get the bits:
  - Fedora 19 has GlusterFS packages natively
  - RHS 2.1 ISO available on the Red Hat Portal
  - Go upstream: www.gluster.org





# Thank You!

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