

Server storage migration FC interface



AI Overview

Fibre Channel (FC) provides a high-speed, low-latency interface for migrating server storage between SAN-connected systems, ensuring reliable and efficient data transfer.

Overview of FC Storage Migration

Fibre Channel (FC) is a high-performance storage protocol used in Storage Area Networks (SANs) to provide block-level access to storage devices. It is widely used in enterprise environments for mission-critical applications due to its low latency, high throughput, and reliability. FC can be deployed as a direct connection, arbitrated loop, or switched fabric, with switched fabric being the most scalable and robust option for large storage networks. Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE) is an alternative that allows FC frames to be transmitted over Ethernet networks, combining FC reliability with Ethernet cost efficiency.

Migration Process Using FC

Migrating storage over FC typically involves the following steps:

- System Preparation:** Ensure both source and destination storage systems are running compatible software versions that support the FC adapters and SAN controllers. For example, IBM Storwize and SAN Volume Controller systems require specific software levels to recognize each other.
- Hardware Configuration:** Install FC host interface adapters on both source and destination systems. Use matching FC speeds (e.g., 16 Gbps) to avoid performance bottlenecks. Connect the systems either directly or through FC switches, ensuring sufficient ports and cabling for redundancy.
- Host and Storage Setup:** Stop all host I/O operations and unmap logical drives from hosts. Configure the destination system as a replication layer and the source system as a storage layer to enable migration.
- Data Transfer:** Initiate the migration using the FC connection. Data is transferred at block level, which is faster and more efficient than file-level copying. FC ensures minimal latency and high throughput, making it suitable for large datasets.
- Cutover and Validation:** After migration, the destination system can assume the identity of the source server, allo...

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Each SVM is configured to own storage volumes provisioned from a physical aggregate and logical interfaces (LIFs) assigned either to a physical Ethernet network or to FC target ports.

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No FC Switching mode change needed. The worst part was having to manually update all of the FC, Eth Uplink, and Server interfaces in the config (and that wasn't BAD, just the anxiety of "must get this

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Assigning Interfaces to a Fibre Channel Fabric

When you configure the switch as an FCoE-FC gateway, you assign one or more (up to 12) native Fibre Channel (FC) interfaces and at least one FCoE VLAN interface to each FC fabric.

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Fibre Channel is a high-speed networking technology used to connect servers and storage devices. Learn more about Fibre Channel and how it works.

Understanding Interfaces on an FCoE-FC Gateway

When a switch functions as an FCoE-FC gateway to connect FCoE devices on an Ethernet network to a Fibre Channel (FC) switch in a storage area network (SAN), it handles FCoE

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Fibre Channel (FC) is a serial I/O interconnect network technology capable of supporting multiple protocols. It is used primarily for storage area networks (SANs). The committee standardizing FC is

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Changing storage ports from FC-SCSI to FC-NVMe is a key step in upgrading a storage environment. However, this change must be made carefully to ensure that applications continue to

[FC-NVMe \(NVMe over Fibre Channel\) White Paper](#)

NVMe over Fabrics technology (e.g. FC-NVMe) extends the benefits of efficient storage architecture at scale in the world's largest data centers by allowing the same protocol to extend over various

[Migrate a file server by using Storage Migration Service](#)

Learn how to install Storage Migration Service, and use the service and Windows Admin Center to migrate to a Windows server or Windows Failover

[Change the host protocol](#)

If you have an E2800 storage array with SFP+ (optical) host ports, you can change the host port protocol from Fibre Channel (FC) to iSCSI or from iSCSI to FC.

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