

# VMware Software-Defined Storage and EVO:RAIL

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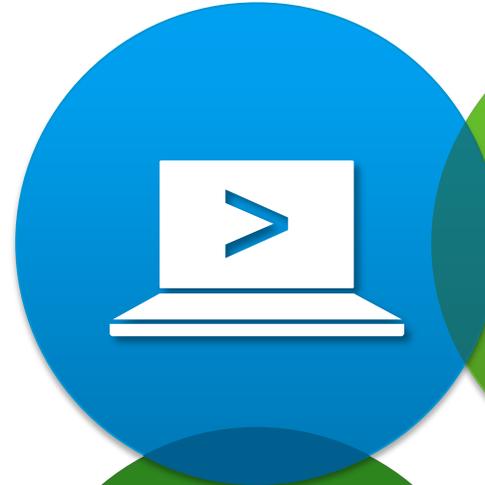
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- VMware's Vision for Software-defined Storage
- Overview of key VMware Technologies:
  - Virtual Volumes and Storage Policy-based Management
  - VMware Virtual SAN
- EVO

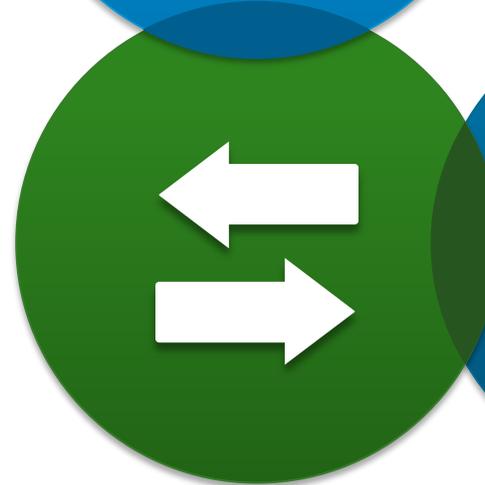
# The Software-Defined Data Center

Expand virtual **compute** to all applications



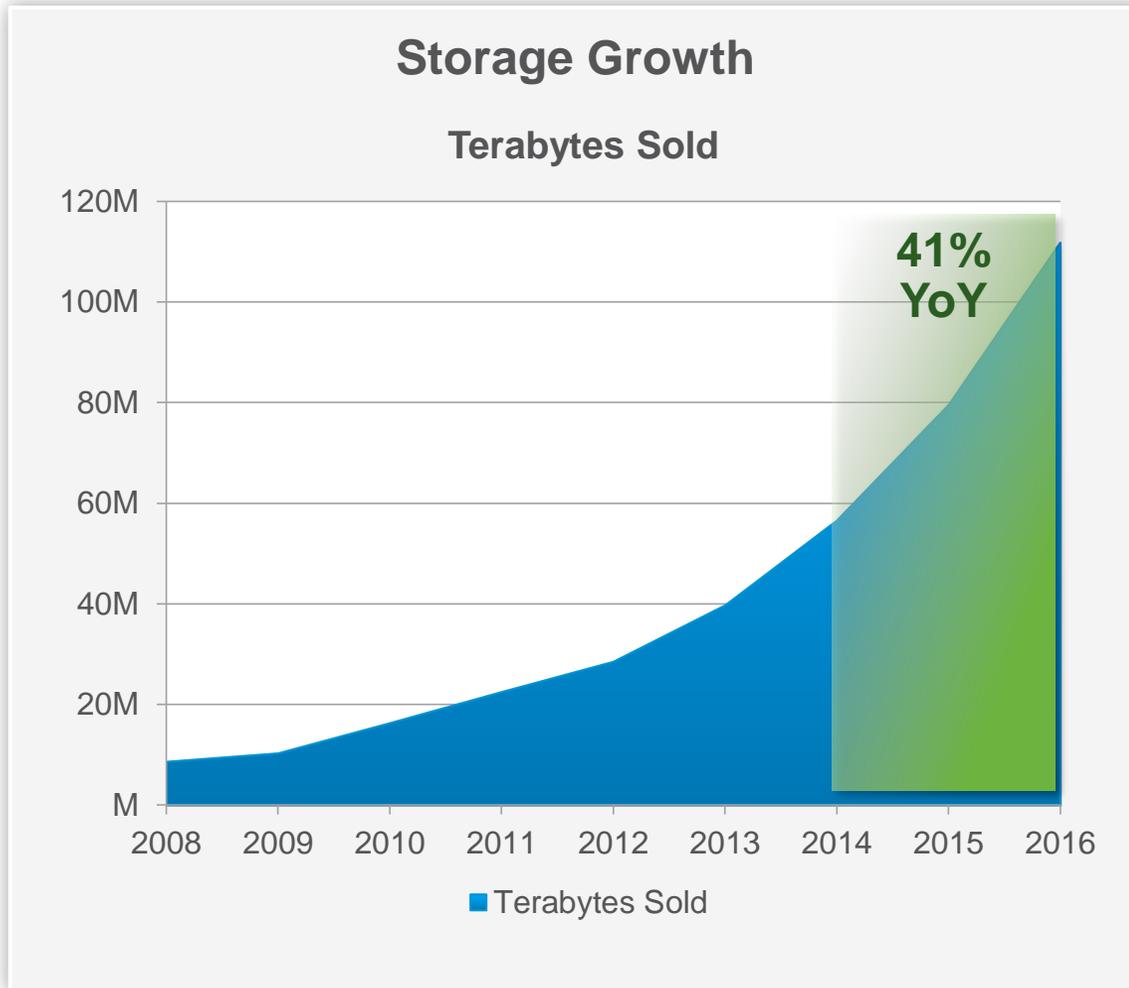
Transform **storage** by aligning it with app demands

Virtualize the **network** for speed and efficiency

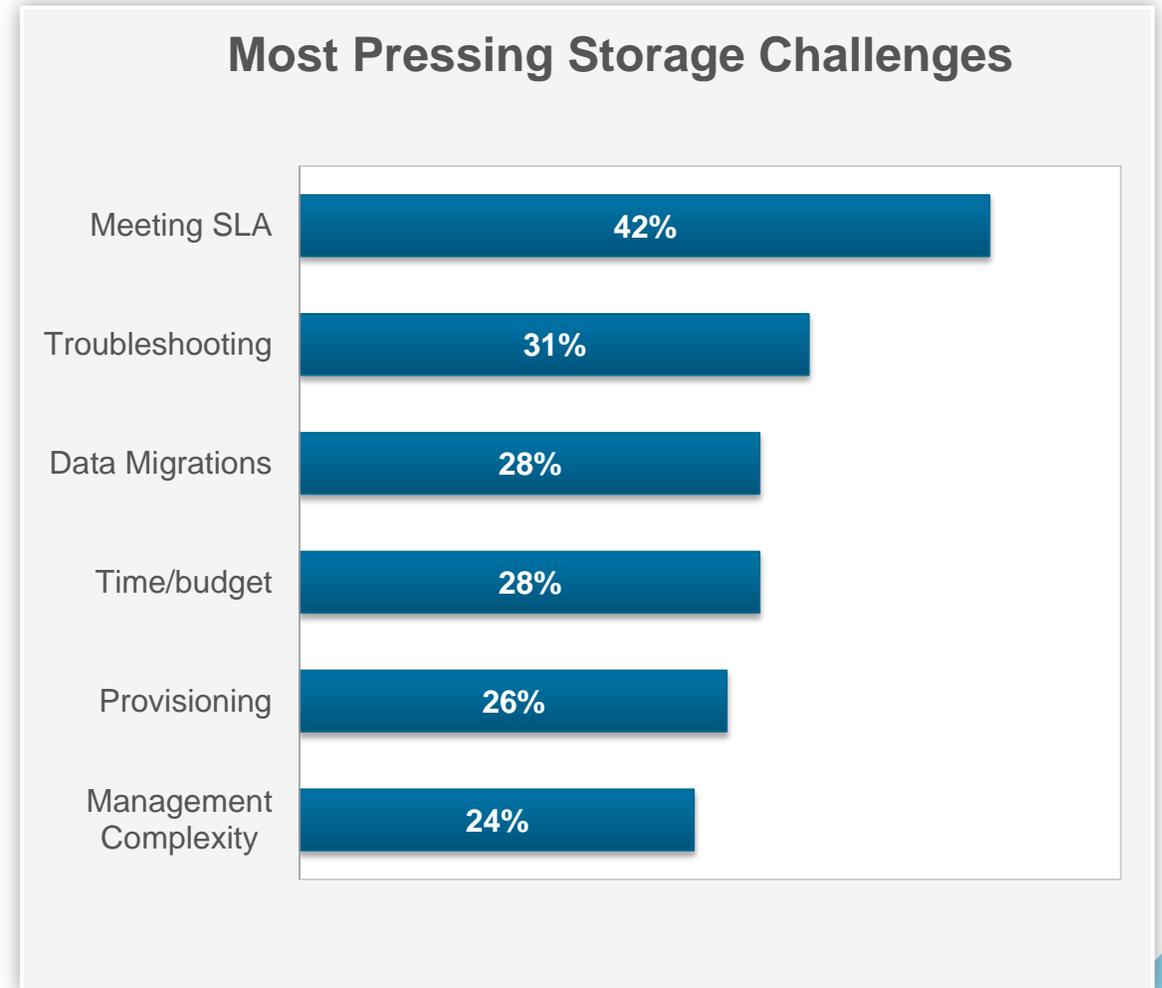


Management tools give way to **automation**

# Today's Challenge: Massive Increase in Storage Demand & Complexity

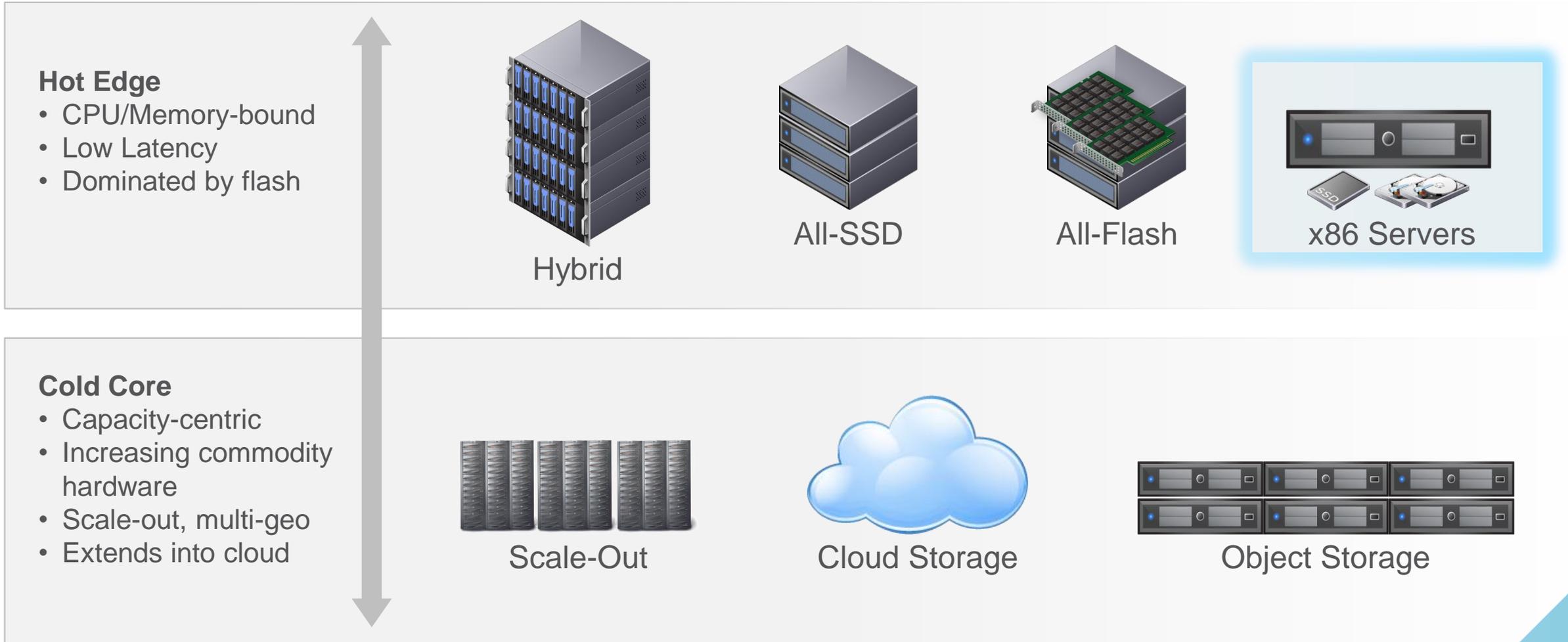


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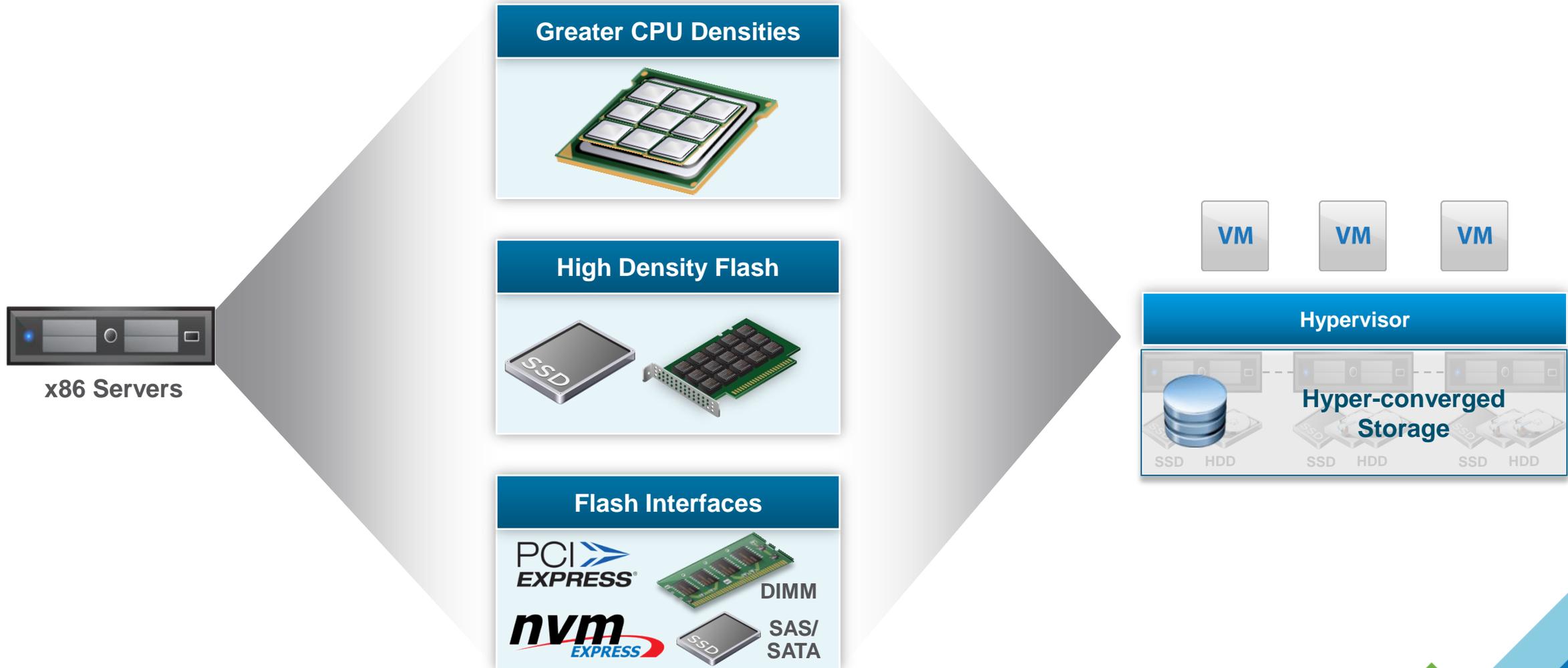


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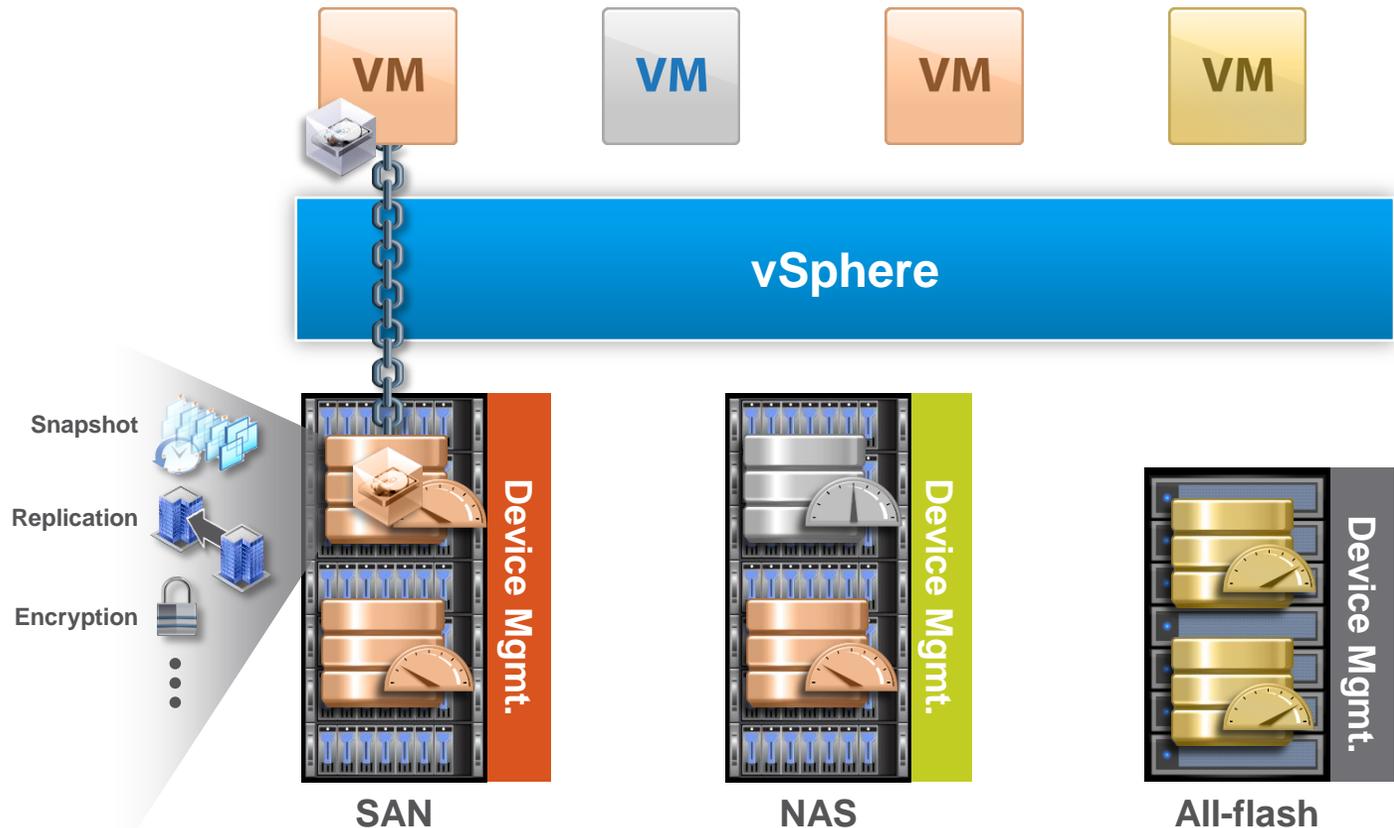
# Increasing Diversity Of Devices



# Rapidly Emerging x-86 Server Storage Brings Data Close To Applications



# Legacy Operational Model Creates Several Challenges



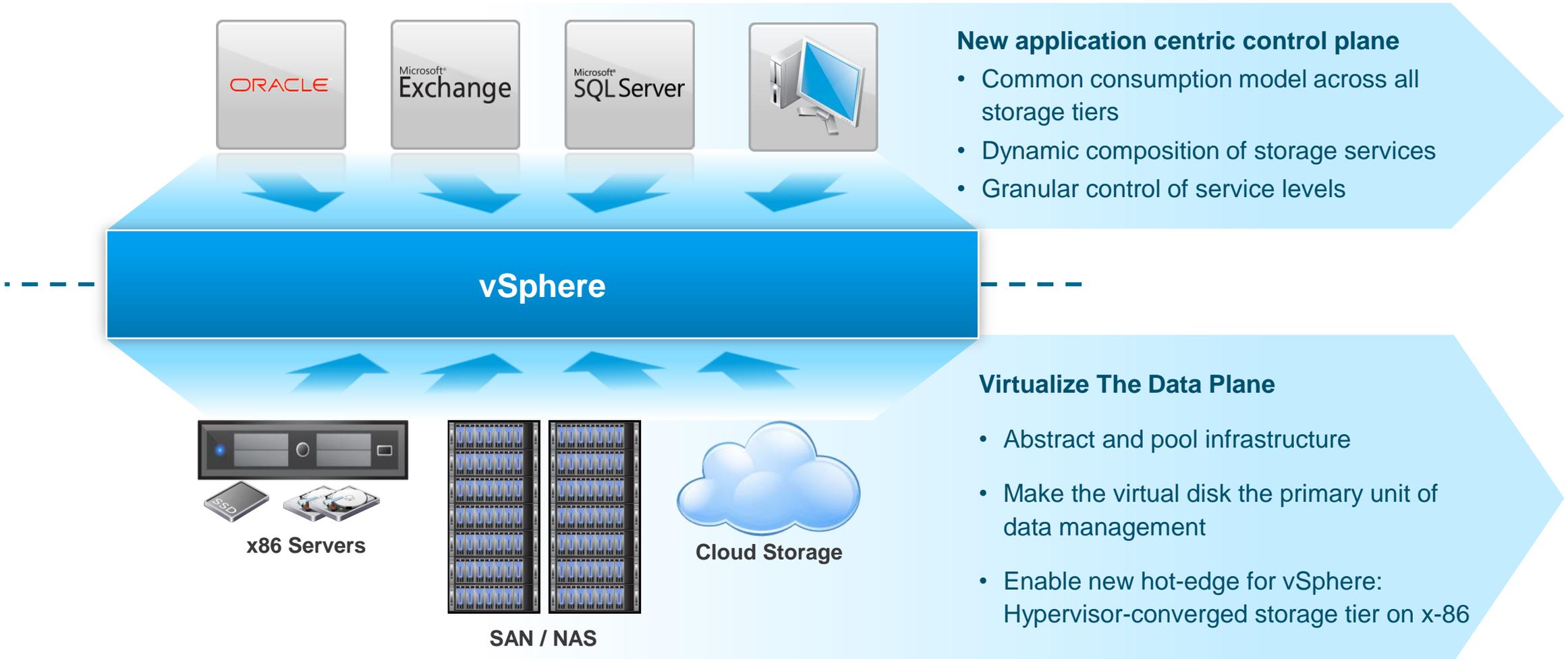
## Storage Consumer Challenges:

- Lengthy provisioning cycles
- Difficult to make adjustments
- Lack of granular control
- Complex troubleshooting
- Frequent data migrations

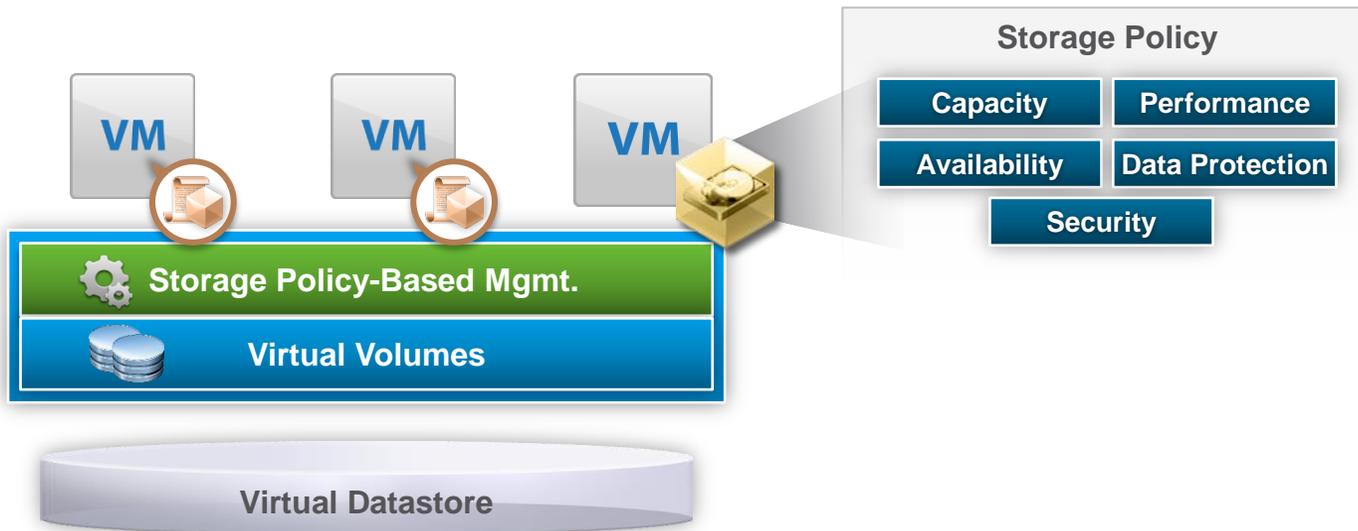
## Storage Provider Challenges:

- Fragmented device management
- Rigid capacity and data services allocation
- Complex LUN/Volume management

# The Hypervisor Opens Up New Opportunities

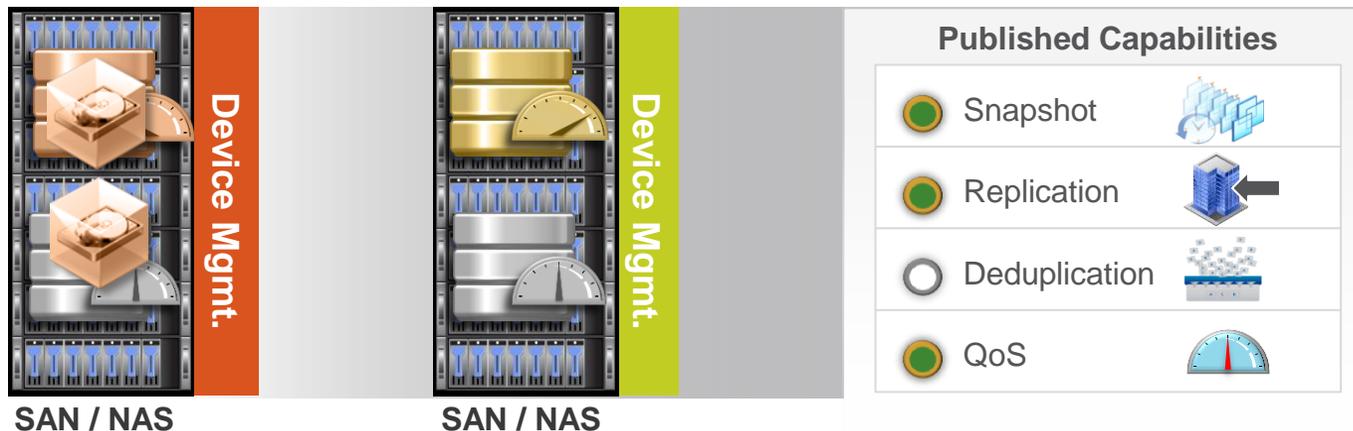


# VMware Software-Defined Storage Vision For External Storage



## Storage Policy Based Management

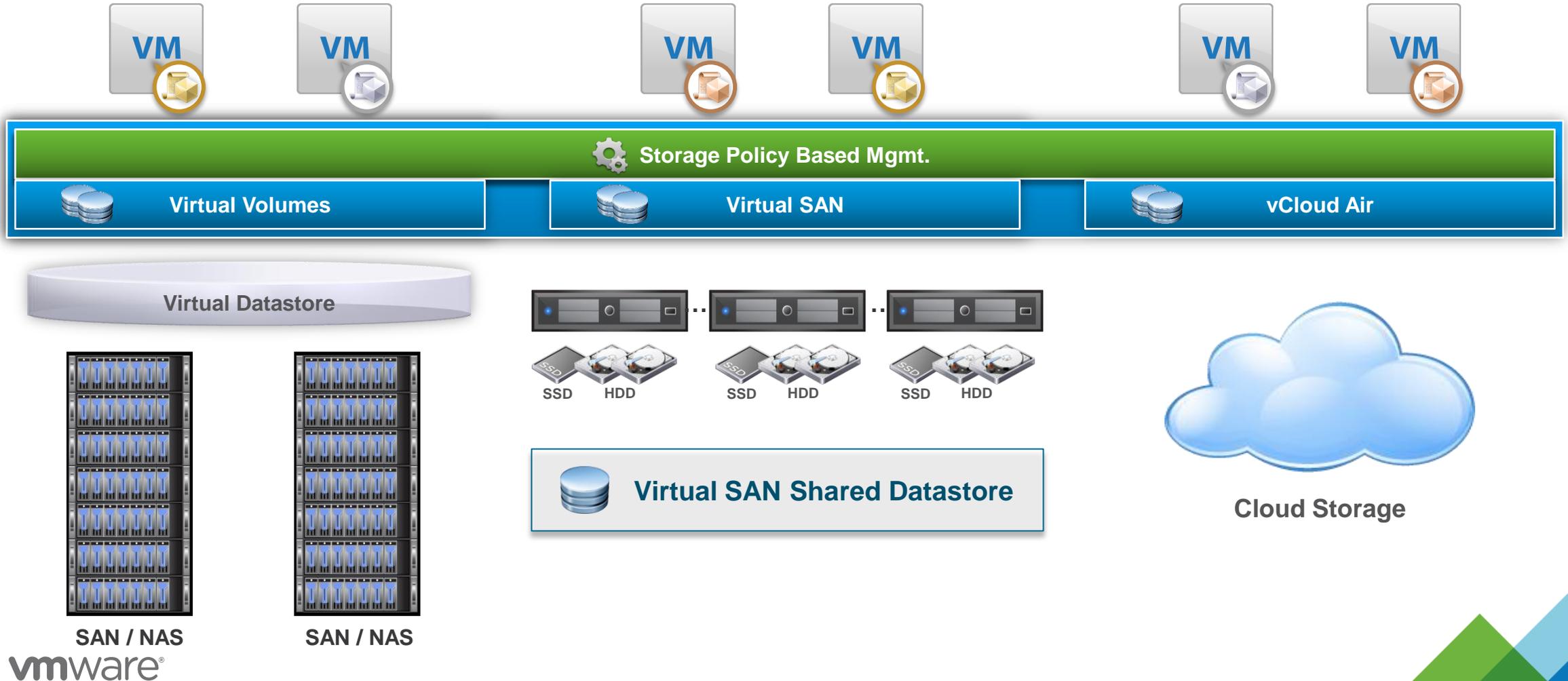
- Policy driven, VM-centric control plane
- Dynamic composition of storage services
- Intelligent placement and transparent remediation
- Common across heterogeneous devices



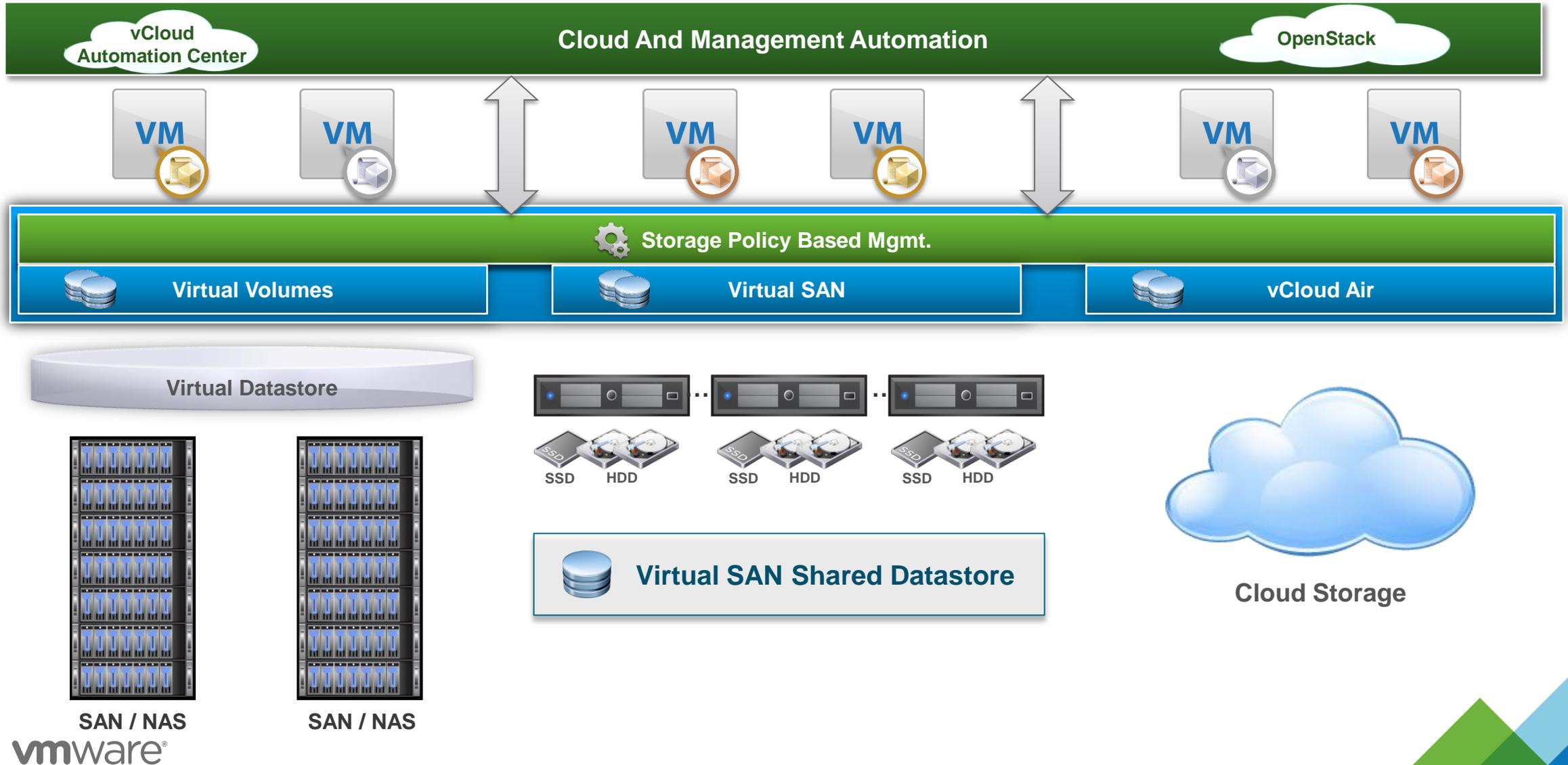
## Virtual Volumes

- Virtual disks natively represented on external storage
- Granular control of native array data services on a per VM basis
- No more LUNs/Volumes

# Enabling New Storage Tiers With Common Control Plane

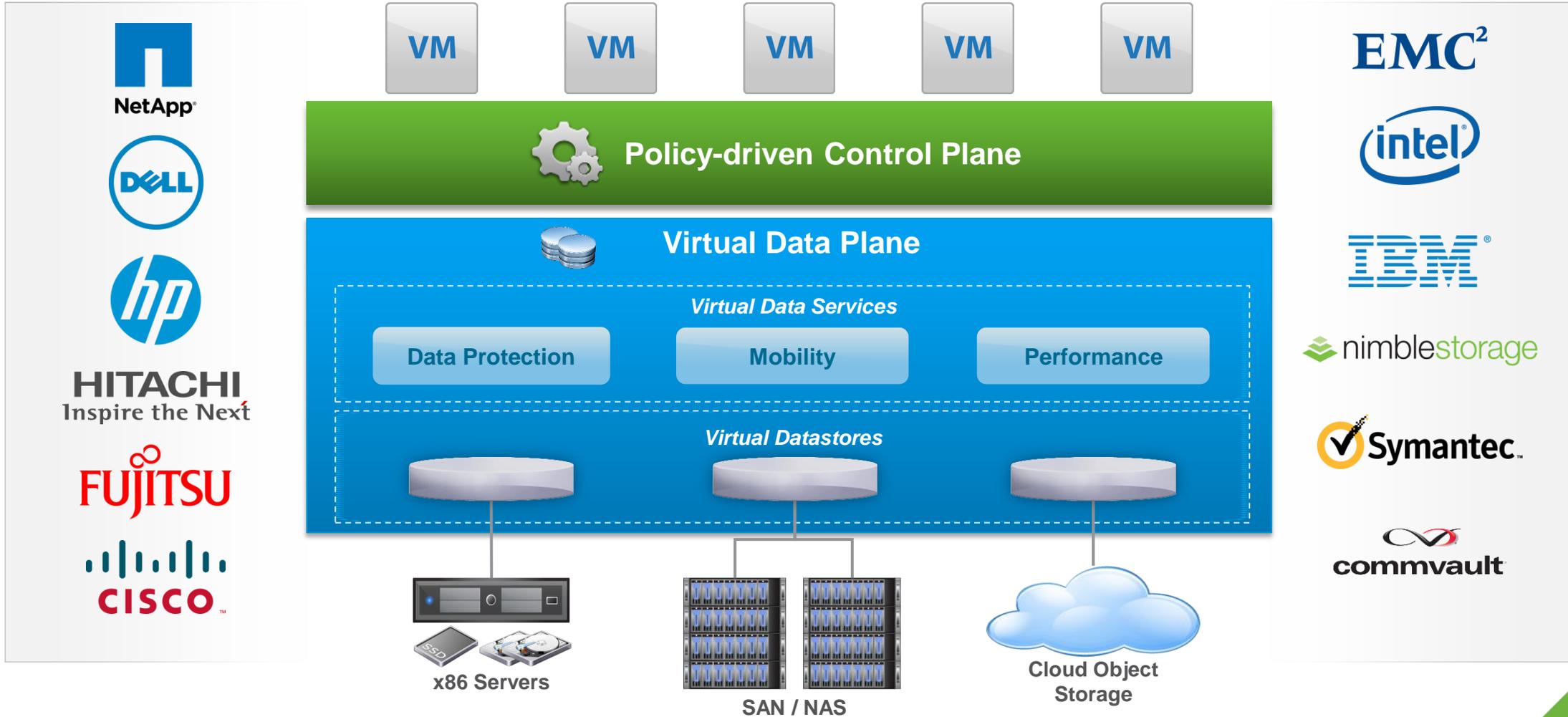


# Enabling Self-service Consumption



# VMware Software-Defined Storage

Bringing the Efficient Operational Model of Virtualization to Storage



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# Virtual Volumes Overview

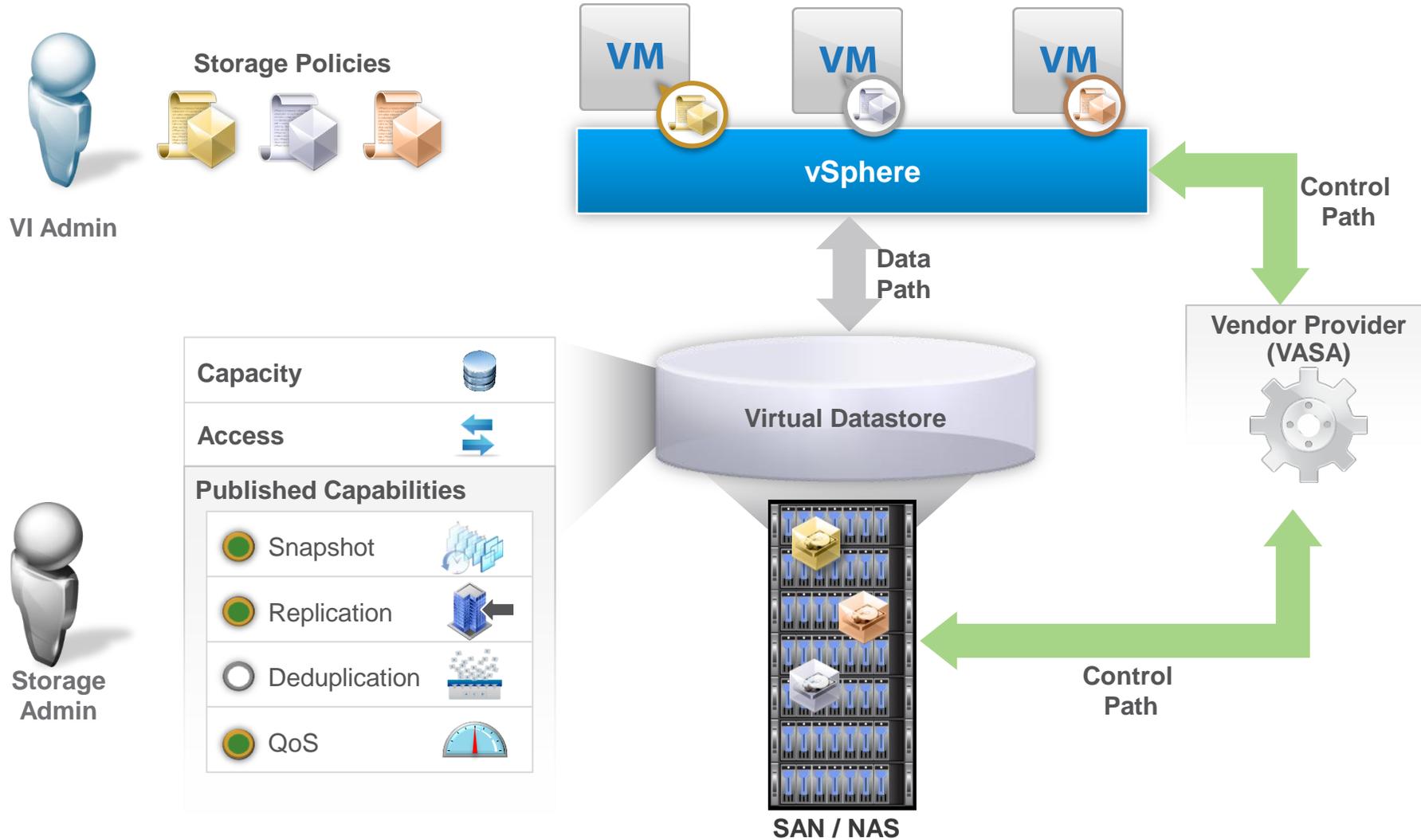
Management and integration framework for VM centric operations with native array capabilities



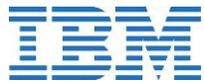
## The Basics

- Virtual disks are natively represented on arrays
- Enables VM granular storage operations using array-based data services
- Integrates with Storage Policy-Based Management for policy consumption
- Supports existing storage I/O protocols (FC, iSCSI, NFS)
- Ecosystem-wide initiative

# Virtual Volumes Architecture



# Virtual Volumes Will Soon Be Available



*...and many more*



29 VVOL  
Partners



Virtual  
Volumes in  
Beta



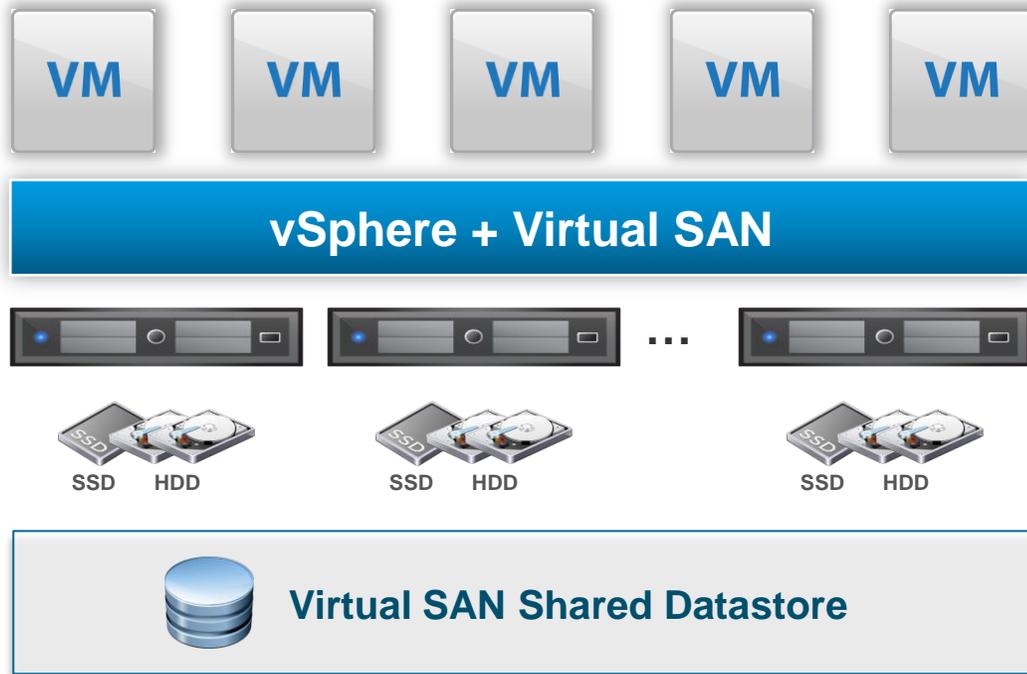
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# VMware Virtual SAN

Radically simple hypervisor-converged storage



## The Basics

- Software-defined storage embedded in vSphere
- Pools HDD/flash into a shared distributed datastore
- Runs on any standard x86 server
- Highly resilient - zero data loss in the event of hardware failures
- High performance through flash cache acceleration
- Elastically scalable
- Managed through Storage Policy-Based Management
- Deeply integrated with the VMware stack

# Virtual SAN Simplifies Storage

If You Know vSphere, You Know Virtual SAN

The image shows two overlapping screenshots from the VMware vSphere Web Client. The background screenshot is the 'New Cluster' wizard, and the foreground screenshot is the 'Virtual SAN' configuration page.

**New Cluster Wizard:**

- Name: VSAN-Cluster
- Location: VSAN-55-DC01
- DRS:  Turn ON
- vSphere HA:  Turn ON
- EVC: Disable
- Virtual SAN:  Turn ON

**Virtual SAN Configuration Page:**

- Virtual SAN: Add disks to storage: Automatic; Hosts: 8 hosts; SSD disks in use: 8 of 8 eligible; Data disks in use: 40 of 40 eligible; Total capacity of VSAN datastore: 36.38 TB; Free capacity of VSAN datastore: 36.28 TB; Network status: Normal.
- Cluster Resources: Hosts: 8 Hosts; Total Processors: 128; Total CPU Resources: 255.87 GHz; Total Memory: 1,023.73 GB; Total Virtual Flash Resources: 0 B; EVC Mode: Disabled.
- Health State: 98 Health (Immediate issues), 2 Risk (Future issues), 1 Efficiency (Optimization opportunities).
- Virtual SAN Licensing: Usage: 16 CPUs; Product: Virtual SAN 5.5 Advanced; Expiration date: 12/31/16; Remaining time: 1082 days.

An orange box highlights the 'Virtual SAN' configuration page, and an orange arrow points from the 'Turn ON' checkbox in the 'New Cluster' wizard to the 'Virtual SAN' configuration page.

Two clicks to deploy!

# Virtual SAN is Deeply Integrated with VMware Stack

Ideal for VMware Environments

## vSphere

vMotion  
vSphere HA

DRS  
Storage vMotion



## Data Protection

Snapshots  
Linked Clones

VDP Advanced  
vSphere Replication



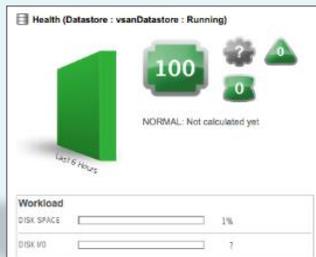
## Virtual Desktop

VMware View



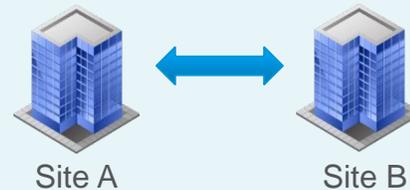
## Cloud Ops and Automation

vCenter Operations Manager  
vCloud Automation Center



## Disaster Recovery

Site Recovery Manager



## Storage Policy-Based Management



# Customers are Deploying VSAN in Several Use Cases

## Virtual Desktop (VDI)



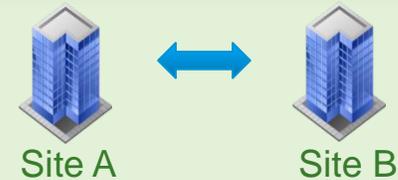
- Handle peak performance requirements (boot, login, read/write storms)
- Granularly scale from POC to production without huge upfront investments
- Supports high VDI density

## Tier 2 Production



- Simple to deploy and manage for any vSphere admin through integration with VMware stack
- High performance and consolidation ratios
- VM level SLA management via policy
- Ideal for workloads that require replication RPOs > 15 min and 2/3 daily snapshots

## Disaster Recovery Target



- Integrated with vSphere Replication and VMware SRM
- Reduces cost of storage
- Minimizes data center footprint

## Staging & Test/Dev



- Rapid storage provisioning and complete automation
- Reduces cost of storage for non-mission critical workloads
- Enables Cloud Architect to easily provision storage

# How To Deploy A Virtual SAN Cluster

## Software + Hardware

### Component Based

Choose individual components ...

**Any** Server on  
vSphere Hardware  
Compatibility List



SSD or PCIe



SAS/NL-SAS/ SATA  
HDDs



HBA/RAID Controller



...using the VMware Virtual SAN  
Compatibility Guide (VCG) <sup>(1)</sup>

### Virtual SAN Ready Node

40 OEM validated server configurations  
ready for Virtual SAN deployment <sup>(2)</sup>



## VMware EVO:RAIL

### Hyper-Converged Infrastructure



A Hyper-Converged  
Infrastructure Appliance  
(HCIA) for the SDDC



Each EVO:RAIL HCIA is pre-built on  
a qualified and optimized  
2U/4 Node server platform.

Sold via a single SKU by qualified  
EVO:RAIL partners <sup>(3)</sup>

**Maximum Flexibility**



**Maximum Ease of Use**

# Virtual SAN: Unprecedented Customer Interest

“Best of Interop  
and Audience  
Choice Award”



“Best of TechEd  
Virtualization  
Winner”



**300+**  
Customers in the  
first three months

“Virtual SAN takes VMware a big step closer to the software-defined datacenter...”

—Charles Babcock  
**InformationWeek**

“It’s really a no-brainer when the hypervisor you want to use also includes this virtualized storage.”

—Ryan Hoenle  
IT Director of The Doe Fund  
**NETWORKWORLD**

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# VMware Provides Choice to Customers

## “Build Your Own”

- Maximum customization and flexibility (hardware selection, scalability)

## Converged Infrastructure

- Ease of procurement
- Custom fit to environment
- No limitations on scalability
- One support call

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## Hyper-Converged Infrastructure

- Ease of procurement via prescriptive approach
- Strong economics
- Faster time to deployment
- Simplified SDDC lifecycle management
- One support call

# VMware EVO:RAIL

Simplify How You Buy, Deploy and Operate Your SDDC



- EVO:RAIL software with vSphere and Virtual SAN technology is the key enabler
- Single SKU procurement model creates design and price predictability
- Simple, streamlined deployment and ongoing SDDC lifecycle management
- One support call

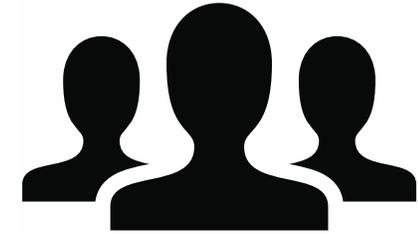
# EVO:RAIL Route to Market through Partners

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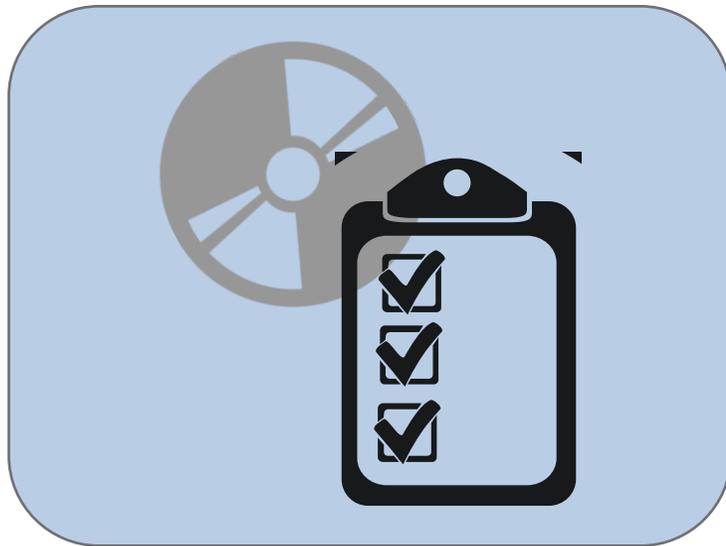
Franchise “Like” Model



Qualified EVO Partners



Customer



- EVO:RAIL Software
- 100% VMware software stack
- Build Recipe
- Enablement Collateral



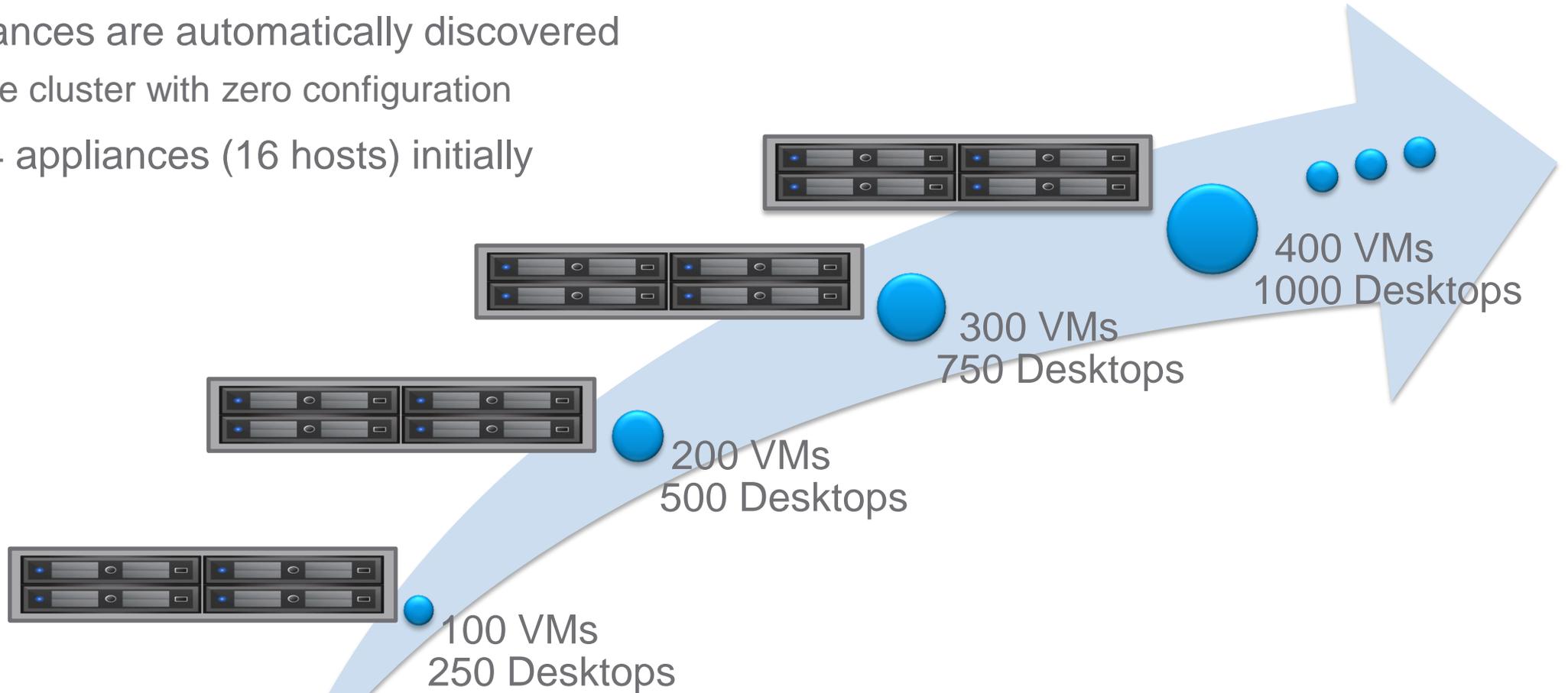
- Source
- Build
- Fulfill
- Sell
- Support



- Simplicity
- Single SKU
- Lower TCO
- Customer Choice
- One Support Call

# Simplified Linear Scale Out

- Scale performance, bandwidth, and capacity by simply adding appliances
  - Each appliance adds compute, networking, and storage resources in minutes
- New appliances are automatically discovered
  - Add to the cluster with zero configuration
- Supports 4 appliances (16 hosts) initially



# VMware EVO:RAIL Summary

## Technical Value

- **OpEx savings**
  - Simplified planning and deployment
  - Pre-loaded software with configuration finished in minutes
  - One-click update and patch
- **Consistent hardware experience**
  - Same hardware and ensured interoperability
  - Known sizing and scaling steps
- **Integrate with existing network and storage solutions or use standalone**
- **Customer choice of solution vendors**

## Business Value

- **CapEx savings**
  - Server storage economics
  - Pay-as-you-grow
- **Meet business requirements**
  - Faster deployments and fewer touch-points
- **Simplified procurement**
  - Single SKU for all hardware, software & support
  - Choice of preferred OEM partners
- **Building block for the future**
  - SDDC, end-user computing, hybrid cloud connector

# Ideal Environments for EVO:RAIL

- **Virtual Desktop Solution**
  - POC and Pay & Scale as you grow
- **R&D and Test Environments**
  - Tight budget for compute/storage; Quick deployment of infrastructure
- **Remote/Branch Office Locations**
  - Data Center in a Box
- **Private Cloud Infrastructure**
  - On-site cloud for employees or customers; Off-site co-located
- **Limited IT staff**
  - Simplified, repeatable deployment/management
- **Geographic Data Locality**
  - Limited footprint for in-country solution



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