

Understanding Storage Area Networks – 2 day

Solution Technology



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2 day SAN (this page)

Beginning with a look at storage attachment architectures, this two-day seminar continues with a look at the applications driving SAN adoption and wraps up with an introduction to the Fibre Channel & iSCSI technologies that make SANs possible.

5 day SAN (see overleaf)

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Storage Architectures and Applications

Direct Attach Storage (DAS)

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DAS Components and Configurations

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Fibre Channel Overview

What is Fibre Channel?

Nodes, node ports, and Links

Fibre Channel Standards and Structure

FC-0: Physical Interface

GBICs, SFPs, GLMs, and MIAs

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Electrical Links

FC-1: Encoding and Decoding

8B/10B Encoding

Ordered Sets

Port State Machine

FC-2: Framing Protocol

Session Management

Exchange Management

Sequence Management

Frame Structure

Link Control Frames

Flow Control

Classes of Service

Link Services

Fibre Channel Topologies

Point-to-Point

Arbitrated Loop

Switched Fabric

Who Should Attend: This seminar provides a basic introduction to the concepts, terminology, and types of products associated with Storage Area Networks implemented using the Fibre Channel & iSCSI technologies. It is directed towards developers, integrators, managers, marketing personnel, technical writers and others who may be new to the realm of Storage Area Networks.

Note: For a more comprehensive examination of the details of the Fibre Channel technology, please refer to our Fibre Channel Technology seminars.

Prerequisites: An understanding of current computer operating systems. No in-depth network or storage knowledge is assumed.

Course Length: 2 Days

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Storage Fundamentals

SCSI Command Protocol Concepts
Disk Drive Concepts
Data Buffering and Caching Concepts
JBOD and RAID Concepts
Tape Concepts
File System Concepts

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iSCSI Overview
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iSCSI Concepts and Overview
iSCSI, iFCP and FCIP
Positioning iSCSI vs. Fibre Channel
iSCSI Naming and Discovery
Security Considerations
iSCSI Components and Configurations
TCP Offload Engines (TOEs)
iSCSI Performance Considerations
Storage Networking Issues
Interoperability Certification
Defining the Storage Requirement
Data Protection Fuels Storage Demand

Who should attend: This comprehensive seminar provides a deeper introduction to the concepts, terminology, and types of storage and storage networking. It is directed towards developers, integrators, managers, marketing personnel, technical writers and others who may be new to the realm of Storage Area Networks.

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Prerequisites: An understanding of computing and data storage concepts as well as current computer interfaces or networks is useful, though not required.

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