Networks for IT: A new Opportunity for Optical Network Technologies

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IT and Communications Convergence



- Commoditisation of Resources
 - From individual computers to Internet and WWW
 - From specialist supercomputers to clusters
 - From individual servers to virtualized, dynamically provisioned server farms
 - From applications to services
 - From ownership to computing on demand and Grids

ALSO

- BW is becoming a commodity
- Global distributed IT facility
 - Distributed but connected resources (computing, storage, content servers...)
 - Linked supercomputers
 - Distributed data management
 - Storage-on-demand
 - Utility computing
 - Collaboration Grids



Aim:

Coordinating on-demand, secure access to distributed and heterogeneous resources (cpu, storage, bandwidth ...)

Motivations

- Scale up computing and/or data sets
- Reduce costs via capex/opex efficiencies
- Reduce time-to-results
- Reduce time to market for new services
- Increase reliability, availability
- Enable collaborations
- Support a market in software services





First Bridging of Network and IT+ Recourses

The network as a 1st-class resource akin to CPU and Data



Courtesy GGF-GHPN draft-ggf-ghpn-netserv-2 (May 2005)





Emerging Landscape

Tera-scaling in traffic, link capacity, network elements, IT devices, users

- Terabit edge to edge capacity: several Tb/s logical flows in the network
 - High performance LANs, TeraLans
 - 100 GE LAN and carrier grade technologies,
 - Optical peering solutions (>160 Gbps)
- Tera-scale applications programming models:



Increased parallelism:

- Multi-Core CPU chips
- Storage Arrays
- DWDM





The Tera Networking Question

Is there a role of optical network technologies?





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