

ST: The Key to Network Independent SANs.

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To date, Storage Area Networks (SANs) have been implemented almost exclusively with proprietary software and Fibre Channel transport media. A vehicle for implementing non-proprietary, media independent SANs is the use of the Scheduled Transfer Protocol (ST). ST's small control messages and pre-arranged information transfers provide full-rate, flow controlled, non-congesting data movements regardless of the specific network media. ST creates a uniform access method across the heterogeneous range of servers and networks. SANs based on ST are scalable far beyond the possibilities of a single interconnect such as Fibre Channel.