

Fujifilm Presentation

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2002 MLB Playoffs



Oakland Athletics Champion Run

- 2000 American League West Champion
- 2001 American League Wildcard
- 2002 American League West Champion
- 2003 American League West Champion
- 2006 American League West Champion

Team	Total payroll
New York Yankees	\$125,928,583
Boston Red Sox	\$108,366,060
Texas Rangers	\$105,726,122
Arizona Diamondbacks	\$102,819,999
Los Angeles Dodgers	\$94,850,953
New York Mets	\$94,633,593
Atlanta Braves	\$93,470,367
Seattle Mariners	\$80,282,668
Cleveland Indians	\$78,909,449
San Francisco Giants	\$78,299,835
Toronto Blue Jays	\$76,864,333
Chicago Cubs	\$75,690,833
St. Louis Cardinals	\$74,660,875
Houston Astros	\$63,448,417
Los Angeles Angels	\$61,721,667
Baltimore Orioles	\$60,493,487
Philadelphia Phillies	\$57,954,999
Chicago White Sox	\$57,052,833
Colorado Rockies	\$56,851,043
Detroit Tigers	\$55,048,000
Milwaukee Brewers	\$50,287,833
Kansas City Royals	\$47,257,000
Cincinnati Reds	\$45,050,390
Pittsburgh Pirates	\$42,323,599
Florida Marlins	\$41,979,917
San Diego Padres	\$41,425,000
Minnesota Twins	\$40,225,000
Oakland Athletics	\$40,004,167
Washington Nationals	\$38,670,500
Tampa Bay Rays	\$34,380,000

SABERMETRICS

Base Runs (BsR) Draft round values (DRV) Defense Independent Pitching Statistics (DIPS) Equivalent average (EQA) Fantasy Batter Value (FBV) Late-inning pressure situations (LIPS) On-base plus slugging (OPS) PECOTA Peripheral ERA (PERA) Pythagorean expectation **Range Factor** Runs created Secondary average Similarity score Speed Score Super linear weights Total player rating (aka PW/BFW) Value over replacement player (VORP)

Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game



Are you measuring . . . the right things?

Are the things you're measuring . . . the right things?

Current "Management" of Tape



Conclusion...

- I get backup failures, restore failures the system says media error, or some other helpful statement
 - I replace tapes
 - I tinker with things
 - I try again, things are ok for awhy, and then it starts all over again
- My backup window is no longer being met
 - I buy the late t t ci priogy (2x faster)
 - Or I buy mone of the existing drives (more is better right?)
 - I get marginal improvement or nothing at all

Backup window no longer being met

Before buying anything new or upgrading...

- How are the current drives being utilized?

Max/Min/Average Percent Drive In Use Per Day

Tape Loaded into Drive



Drive Serial Numbers

Hour by hour drive utilization

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Backup window no longer being met

- Before buying anything new or upgrading...
 - How are the current drives being utilized?
 - If drives are not used consistently (or at all)
 - Rebalance drive usage with backup application or system using drives
 - Look to change process such that more efficient transfers of data go to tape system
 - Buying more drives would probably reduce efficiency rather than improve it

Backup window no longer being met

- Before buying anything new or upgrading...
 - How are the current drives being utilized?
 - How are the current drives performing?

Actual I/O performance of drives



Backup window no longer being met

- Before buying anything new or upgrading...
 - How are the current drives being utilized?
 - How are the current drives performing?
 - Improving performance to streaming rate would give 400% improvement to window – native rates would provide 800% to 1000% improvement!
 - Sometimes less is more Systems writing data might not be able to stream data efficiently if too many drives are in use at the same time
 - Buying newer technology is like buying a Ferrari when stuck on the highway – sure its faster, but your still going nowhere!

Relook at Conclusion...

- My backup window is no longer being met
 - I buy the latest technology (2x faster)
 - If your system can't send data fast enough to existing technology than new drives won't give any improvement
 - Problem lies with systems and/or network configuration not the tape system
 - Or I buy more of the existing drives (more is better right?)
 - If current utilization is poor, buying more doesn't help much at all (in fact it might cause more problems)
 - Problem lies with systems and processes writing data not effectively using tape drives
 - I get marginal improvement or nothing at all
 - Because focus was on the wrong statistics or no statistics at all

Endless cycle of backup and/or restore failures

- Before throwing out the tapes or just trying over and over again
 - Is the environment optimized for tape?



"The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results" - Albert Einstein

Performance Revisited

Below streaming rate causes drive to "shoe shine" Legend: Daily Drive Performance 8/1/2009 to 8/18/2009 Haff Streaming Nativ n Steaming Rate Rate Rate 2009-08-03 Mon 2009-08-01 Sat 2009-08-02 Sun 2009-08-04 Tue 2009-08-05 Wed 2009-08-06 Thu 0,0,10,14 (479000018457) 0,0,10,15 (479000013095) 0,0,3,0 (iub-ibm-3,0) 0,0,3,1 (iub-ibm-3,1) 0,0,3,12 (000007855893) 0,0,3,13 (000007855913) b,0,3,16 (000007855910) 0,0,3,17 (000007855882) 0,0,3,4 (000007855925) 0,0,3,5 (000007855924) 0,0,3,8 (000007855909) 0,0,3,9 (000007855911) Most drives are constantly in "shoe-shining" state

What is "shoe-shining" and why is it bad?

Constant stopping and starting of tape (back hitch)

- Excessive wear of media
 - Tape media ideally moves forward and rewinds out of data path
 - LTO heads touch media so back hitch scrapes a rock over your data
- Previous written data isn't checked
 - Read after write only checks the current data
 - Back hitch goes over previous data, so any damage will go undetected





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 - Is the environment optimized for tape?
 - Is the problem really the tape media or could it be the tape drive?



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Tape Errors per Mbyte plot

Telecom Tape Err/MByte





Relook at Conclusion...

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Root cause of problem in many cases is never addressed and therefore the problem always returns



Tape Monitoring of HPSS at LBNL/NERSC

Fujifilm Tape Summit

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NERSC is the Production Facility for DOE SC

NERSC serves a large population Approximately 3000 users, 400 projects, 500 code instances Focus on "unique" resources High end computing systems High end storage systems Large shared file system Tape archive Interface to high speed networking – ESNEt soon to be 100 Gb/s In 2003, NERSC changed from being a data source to being a data sink

2009 Allocations



Data Needs Continue to Grow

Scientific data sets are growing exponentially

- Simulation systems and some experimental and observational devices grow in capability with Moore's Law
- Petabyte (PB) data sets will soon be common:
 - Climate modeling: estimates of the next IPCC data is in 10s of petabytes
 - Genome: JGI alone will have .5 petabyte of data this year and double each year
 - Particle physics: LHC are projected to produce 16 petabytes of data per year
 - Astrophysics: JDEM alone will produce .7 petabytes/year

We will soon have more data than we can effectively store and analyze



Tape Archives: Green Storage





- Tape archives are important to efficient science
 - 2-3 orders of magnitude less power than disk
 - Requires specialized staff and major capital investment
 - NERSC participates in development (HPSS consortium)

Tape Hardware & Software



- 6 x 9310 Powderhorns (read only)
 - > 34 x 9840A
 - 32 x 9940B
 - 4 x SL8500 (new data)
 - 84 x T10KB
 - 28 x 9840D
- Some Statistics
 - > 20-40 TB I/O per day
 - 1.7 PB growth in 2009 (archive)
 - 0.5 PB growth in 2009 (backups)

Tape related software

- HPSS 6.2
- ACSLS 7.3
- Crossroads RVA/AV for tape subsystem monitoring
- Software Delivery Platform (SDP) by Sun/STK for tape subsystem monitoring and remote resolution
- Locally developed tape monitoring

Tape Archive Requirements

- Reliability
 - Maintain user data beyond changes to computing environment, until the user deletes it
 - Identify and protect against tape failures
 - How often is hardware swapped out, and when?
 - Identify root cause of read/write errors to improve/eliminate
 - Is it the tape cartridge or the drive... or the combination due to variant drives?

Performance & Capacity

- All files to disk then migrated to tape
 - Match speed between disk and tape
 - Numbers of tape drives by type needed for peak ingest
 - Are the drives in the right location to optimize tape mount time
- Availability
 - Strive for 99 or 99.9's availability
 - Root cause analysis of outages (software, hardware, device, ...)
 - Minimize system downtimes
 - Shield users from tape subsystem

Our Quest in Running a Production Tape Archive

- Identify and protect against tape failures
 - Sun SDP was supposed to help with identifying problem
 - Some local solutions have helped (fault symptom code analysis, database of error reports)
- How often is hardware swapped out, and when? Do these affect error rate (i.e. if we swap out an error causing drive)?
 - Manual record keeping, helped on a few occasions, but required months to enter into a database and analyze for trends
- Is it the tape cartridge or the drive... or the combination due to variant drives?
 - A local solution (fault symptom code analysis) was most useful, but still fell short
- Match speed between disk and tape. Are we optimally configuring tape and disk resources?
 - Tape drive bandwidth determined periodically through analysis of logs and statistics
- How many tape drives by type are needed for peak ingest? (concurrent user reads/stages, migration from disk, data movement to new technology)
 - Analyze tape library manager mount logs
- Are the drives in the right location to optimize tape mount time?
 - **b** Difficult to determine, but could analyze tape library manager mount logs
- Root cause analysis of outages (software, hardware, device, …)?
 - Manual process that took 9 months, results were mixed

Lessons Learned

- After two years of several FTEs worth of work, modest results
- Custom scripts and programs drawing on data from multiple sources and locations to maintain
- Analysis led us to make several changes in system configuration, improving user experience
- But there were many things we didn't have time for or a way to determine
 - Why is migration from our disk to tape so slow?
 - Where are the problematic drives (tape works in one drive but not another)?
 - Moving data from bad tape to good sometimes takes three or more tries before succeeding, is it the tape or the drive?

Tape Environment Analysis

- Provided broad set of service offerings along with system
 - save on precious staff time and effort
- Archive verify service to validate readability of the entire archive
 - analyzing approximately 40,000 tapes
 - five different generations of drives
 - media up to ten years old
- Quarterly reports to provide detailed analysis of operational performance
 - drives being swapped out (actual service life)
 - statistical determination of whether the tape or drive is problematic
 - tape drive bandwidth per transfer
 - numbers of tape drives needed for peak ingest/load
 - > passthrough and long mount activity identified for drive relocation
 - > preemptive media failure analysis to prioritize data movement to new media
- Archive requirements and usage of tape is now gaining interest in industry
 - > systems and services are being tailored to work well for archive systems
- Applying the results will improve user experience with tape, improve interaction with vendor service and support, and reduce tape problems

Quarterly Report



Repair/Replace

- T10000B: 1,2,1,0 (572000400375)
- T10000B: 1,3,1,4 (572000400508)
- T10000B: Currently Removed (572004000429)



Watch List

- T9840D: 1,8,1,1 (5700GU004603)
- T9840D: 1,4,1,3 (5700GU003030)
- T9840D: 1,4,1,6 (5700GU003020)
- T10000B: 1,3,1,6 (572004000693)
- T10000B: 1,2,1,1 (572004000535)
- T10000B: 1,6,1,5 (572004000507)



Error Rate

Percentage of soft errors caused by the drives on the watch and repair lists:

90%

Identified error producing drives

- 3 T10KB drives that need replacement
- Addresses the most severe and important problem to us, and something
- We have months of effort devoted to figuring out the same problem
- Replacing should reduce soft/hard errors in next report

Quarterly Report

- Identified that 9840Ds weren't being used as well as T10KBs
 - We identified this just prior to the report with tape type import/slot statistics that we analyze
 - We adjusted the size of data going to 9840D and now strike a better balance. The next report should confirm.



Chart 24: T9840D Simultaneous Drives In Use

Questions?

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