



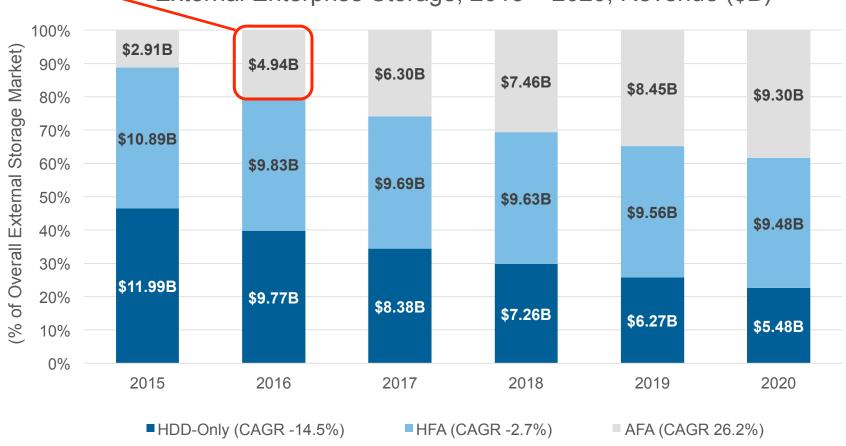
NVMe in Enterprise Storage Systems

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Flash Driving Enterprise Storage

AFA revenue is 20% of overall enterprise storage revenue

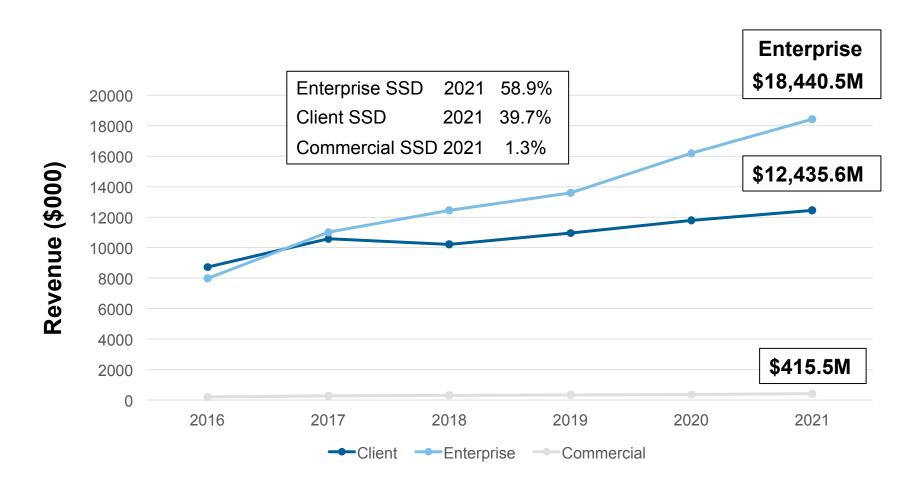
External Enterprise Storage, 2015 – 2020, Revenue (\$B)





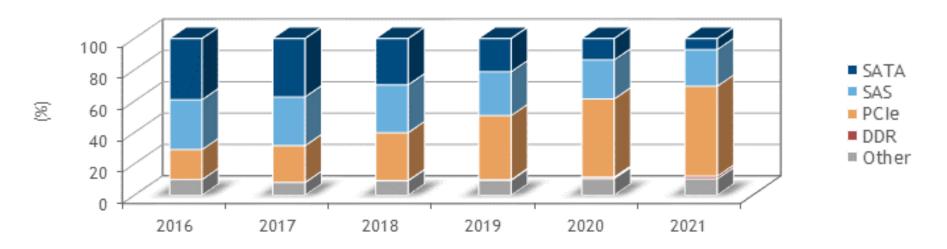
Source: IDC, March 2017

WW SSD Market Forecast, 2017-2021





WW SSD Revenue Share by Interface



- PCle will grow from a 12.4% revenue share in 2016 to a 61.4% share by 2020
- In 2020 NVMe SSD revenue alone will be \$9.94B
- In 2020 rack scale flash systems revenues are still expected to be well under \$1B
- In 2020 total SSD revenues will be \$16.19B (all interface types)



Rack Scale Flash Systems Emerging









- Webscale infrastruct
- ...and don't forget Pure no SCSI) Storage FlashArray//X
- Internal NVMe storage, www.memacoe, www.le over Fabric
- Primary positioning is as an easily scalable "SSD" that offers the efficiencies of shared storage
- All require custom drivers on the host and some include hardware customizations (for "enterprise" features like RAID, snapshots, etc.)
- Primary workload targets include real-time big data analytics and super high performance databases
- First shipments in 2016 and industry revenues under \$50M in 2017



The Importance of NVMe in Enterprise Storage



- NVMe vs SCSI advantages
- Lighter weight I/O stack optimized for memory
- Lower latencies and much higher throughput
- Supports much higher degrees of parallelism



- New workloads and data access patterns require much higher storage performance
- Real-time big data analytics need an ability to support high degrees of concurrency
- Big data exacerbates the data mobility problem

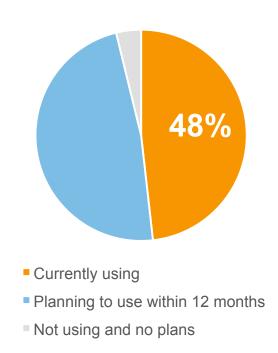


- Improved efficiencies for "at scale" computing
- Higher infrastructure densities
- NVMe interface bandwidth needed as drive sizes increase

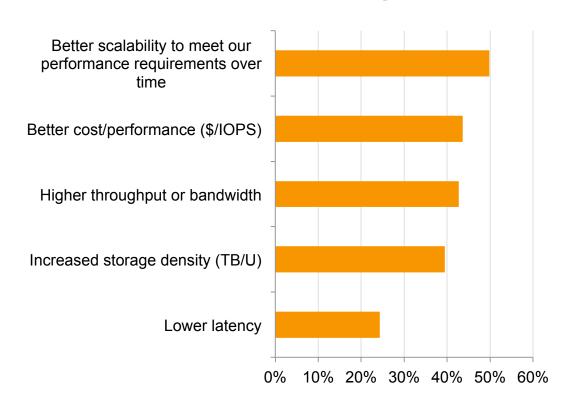


NVMe Adoption and Drivers

PCIe or NVMe Flash

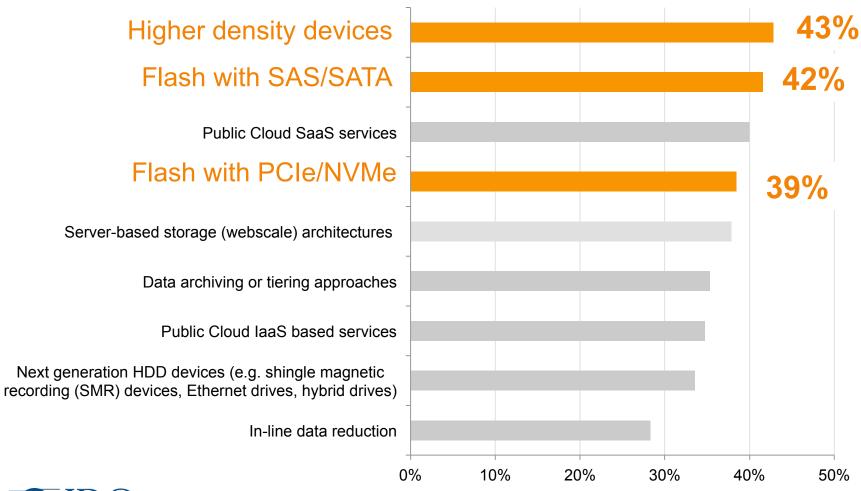


Drivers to NVMe Adoption





Flash Strategies To Manage Data Growth





DX* Is Driving Infrastructure Strategies

Rational for IT Infrastructure Decisions

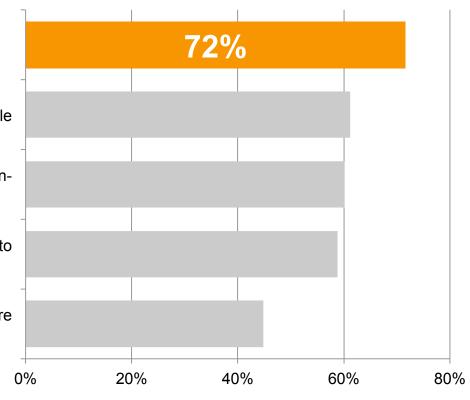


Contain/minimize IT operating costs as much as possible

Use third party/outsourcing/cloud firms to supplement inhouse resources wherever possible

Proactive, broadly implemented cloud-first approach to new application deployments

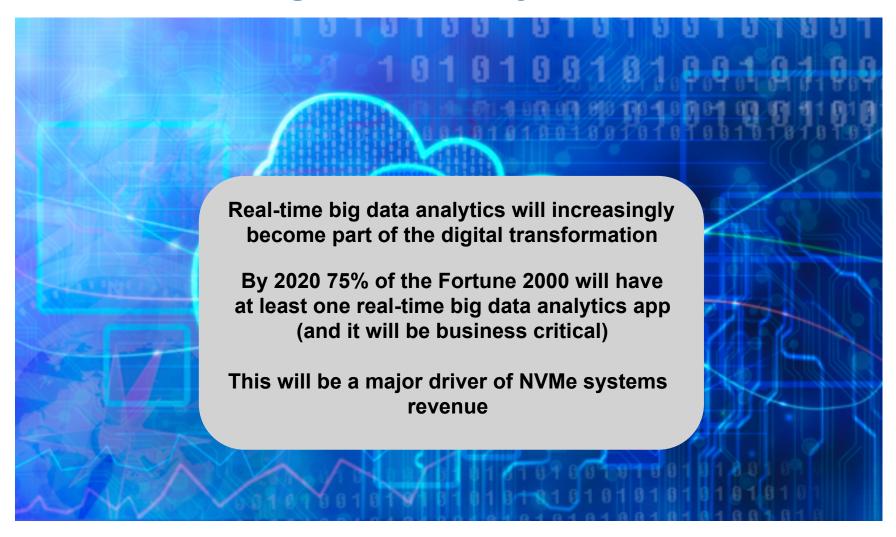
Take ad-hoc approach in which projects and activities are driven by the needs of individual teams



^{*} Digital Transformation



Real-Time Big Data Analytics





Essential Guidance

- NVMe will become the mainstream foundation technology for enterprise storage by 2020
- An increasing number of select workloads will require NVMe performance (starting now)
- There are other reasons to consider NVMe now besides just low latency
 - High throughput, storage density/rebuild times
- Established vendors are taking an incremental approach to NVMe integration...
- ...but the rack scale flash architectures of the future are based on webscale designs



Thank You



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