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Interoperability of Spitfire StoreSafe, HP Integrity Server and HP StorageWorks for Application Transparent Storage Area Network (SAN) Storage Encryption

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Executive Summary

Itanium-2 powered HP Integrity servers and HP StorageWorks storage area network (SAN) are validated by Bloombase's interopLab to run with Spitfire StoreSafe application transparent storage area network (SAN) storage encryption server. This document describes the steps carried out to test interoperability of HP Integrity servers and HP StorageWorks with Spitfire StoreSafe on SpitfireOS running on IA64 based HP Integrity appliance. Host systems on Microsoft Windows, Linux, and HP-UX are validated against HP Integrity powered Spitfire StoreSafe appliances with HP StorageWorks SAN storage sub-system and SAN switches.

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Purpose and Scope

This document describes the steps necessary to integrate Spitfire StoreSafe enterprise storage security server with HP Integrity servers to secure sensitive corporate business data in HP StorageWorks storage area network (SAN). Specifically, we cover the following topics:

- Preparing Spitfire StoreSafe appliance(s) with HP Integrity Servers
- Preparing HP StorageWorks SAN storage sub-system
- Interoperability testing on host systems including Linux, Windows, and HP-UX

Assumptions

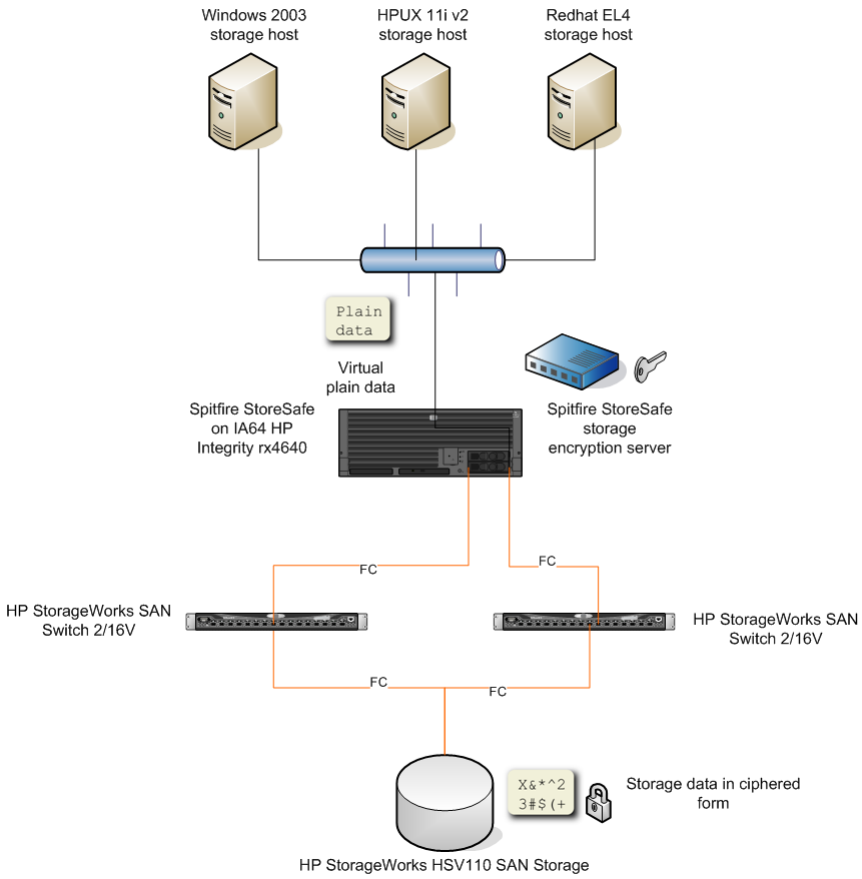
This document describes interoperability testing of HP Integrity powered Spitfire StoreSafe appliance on HP StorageWorks SAN storage sub-system. Therefore, it is assumed that you are familiar with operation of storage systems and major operating systems including Linux, Windows, and HPUX. It is also assumed that you posssess basic UNIX administration skills. The examples provided may require modifications before they are run under your version of UNIX.

We assume you have basic knowledge of storage networking and information cryptography. For specific technical product information of Spitfire StoreSafe, please refer to our website at http://www.bloombase.com or Bloombase SupPortal http://supportal.bloombase.com

Infrastructure

Setup

The validation testing environment is setup as in below figure



Spitfire StoreSafe Appliance

Server	HP Integrity rx4640
Processors	2 x Intel Itanium-2 1.6 GHz
Memory	4 GB
Operating System	Spitfire OS for IA64 – Hardened and customized OS based on embeded Linux of kernel version 2.6.11
Spitfire StoreSafe	• Spitfire StoreSafe for SAN – Block based storage encryptor • Spitfire StoreSafe for NAS – File based storage encryptor

Host Bus Adapters

Model	Emulex LP10000	Emulex LP11000-M4
Speed	2 Gbps	4 Gbps
Interface	PCI-X	PCI-E
Driver	8.0.16.27-1	8.0.16.27-1

SAN Switch

Model	2 x HP StorageWorks SAN Switch 2/16V
Link Speed	2 Gbps

Storage Area Network (SAN)

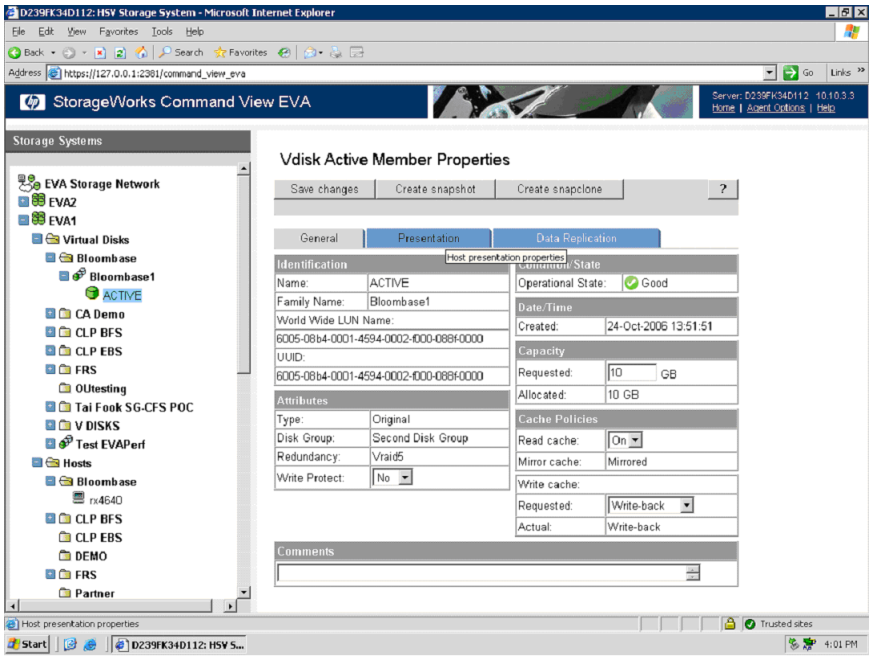
SAN Storage	HP StorageWorks HSV110
Link Speed	2 Gbps
Cache Size	2 GB

Storage Hosts

Model	X86 based server appliance	X86 based server appliance	HP Integrity rx2620
Operating System	Windows 2003 Server	Redhat EL4	HPUX 11i v2
Network File Client	Built-in Windows Network Share	Built-in NFS client	Built-in NFS client
ISCSI Initiator	Microsoft iSCSI initiator version 2.02	Built-in iSCSI initiator	Built-in iSCSI initiator

Configuration Overview

SAN Storage



A virtual disk is created at SAN with below parameters

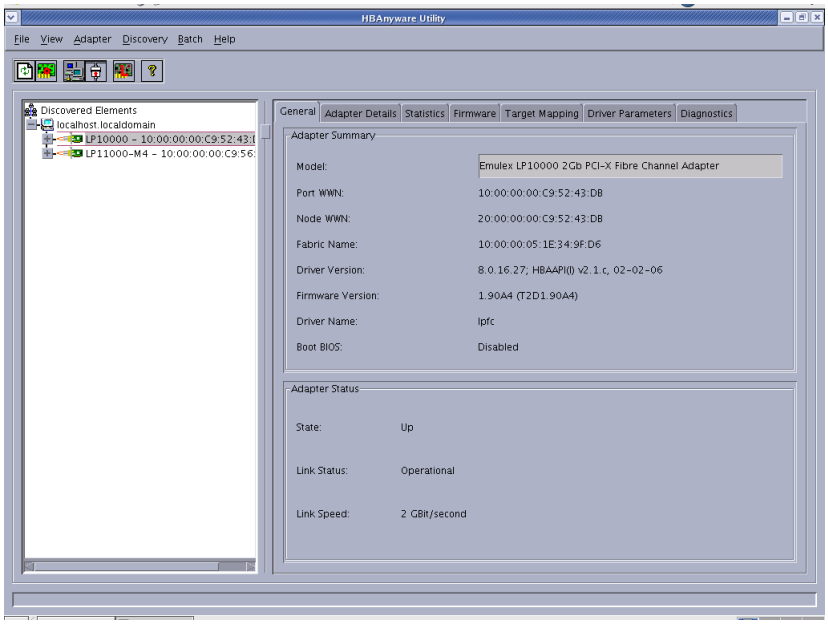
Name	Bloombase1
Capacity	10 GB

Redundancy	RAID5

HBA

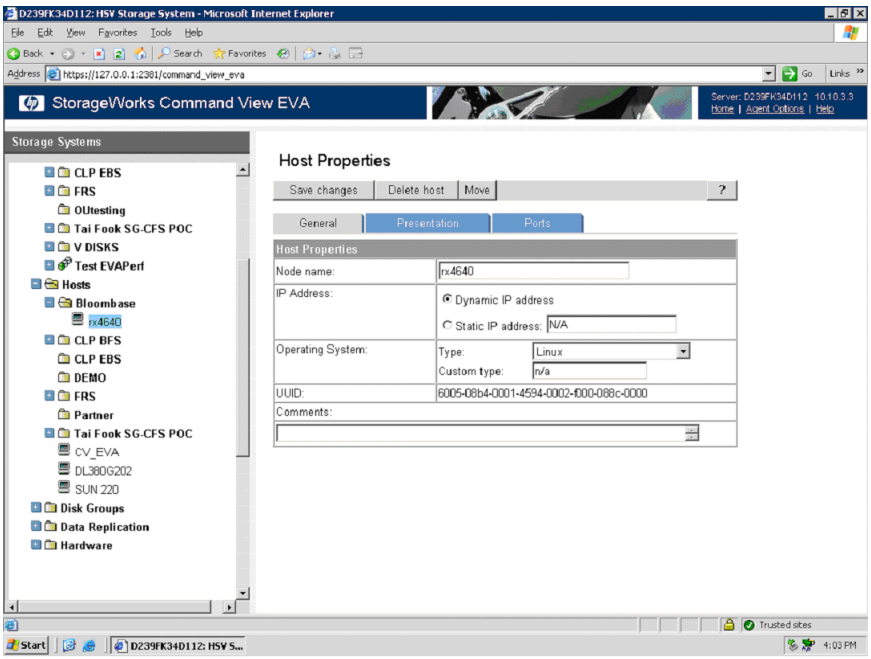
Emulex LightPulse HBAs Emulex LP10000 and Emulex LP11000-M4 are installed onto both IA64-based appliances operating on SpitfireOS.

Below shows how the HBAs are installed and configured via Emulex HBAnyware Utility.



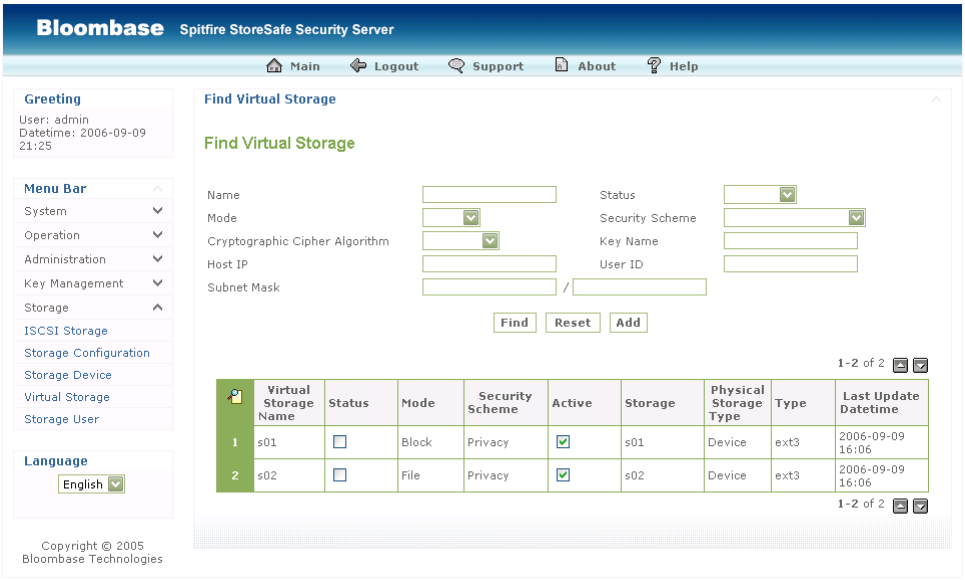
SAN Fabric

The virtual disks on SAN are exposed to Spitfire StoreSafe appliance, namely rx4640, for access.



Spitfire StoreSafe

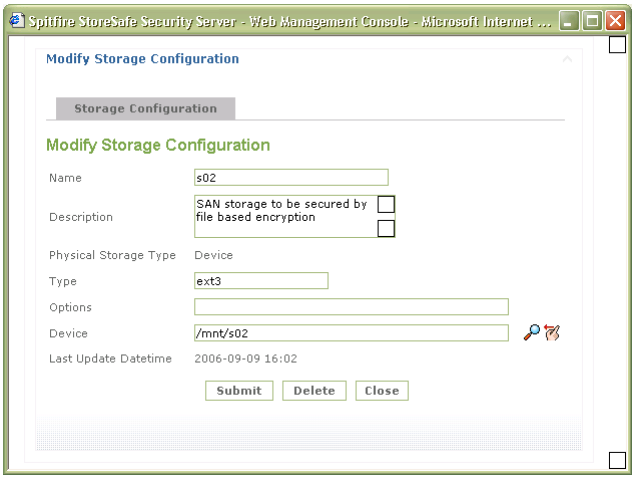
Spitfire StoreSafe supports both file-based and block-based on-the-fly storage encryption. In this interoperability test exercise, both file-based and blocked-based encryption modes are validated against HP Integrity server and HP StorageWorks SAN. Spitfire StoreSafe file and block-based virtual storage and physical storage settings are configured as followings.



File Based Protection

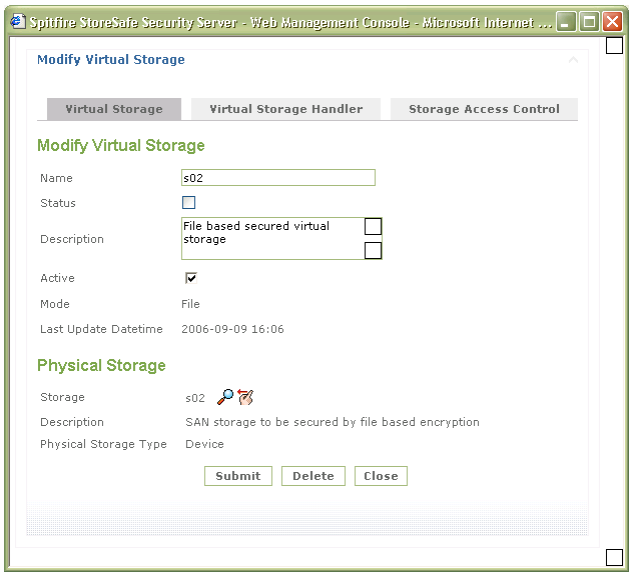
Physical storage s02 is configured in Spitfire StoreSafe for NAS server with storage physically located in HP StorageWorks SAN storage accessible at path /mnt/s02.

S02 physical volume is configured to run on ext3 filesystem as shown in below screen capture of Spitfire StoreSafe web-based management console.



Virtual storage namely s02 is created on Spitfire StoreSafe for NAS storage encryption server to virtualize physical SAN storage s02 as a network share. S02 virtual storage is secured using AES 256-bit cryptographic cipher and is configured to be accessible by authorized hosts only using storage networking protocols including NFS and CIFS.

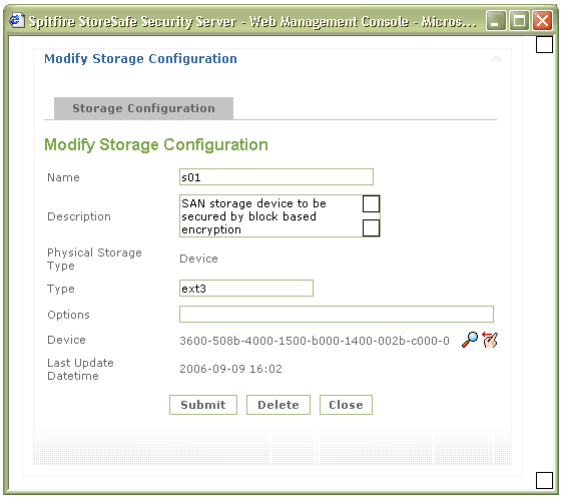
Plain persistent data are sent from storage host to Spitfire StoreSafe for NAS via NFS and/or CIFS. When Spitfire StoreSafe for NAS intercepts the plain sensitive contents, they are encrypted on-the-fly and committed to HP StorageWorks SAN storage.



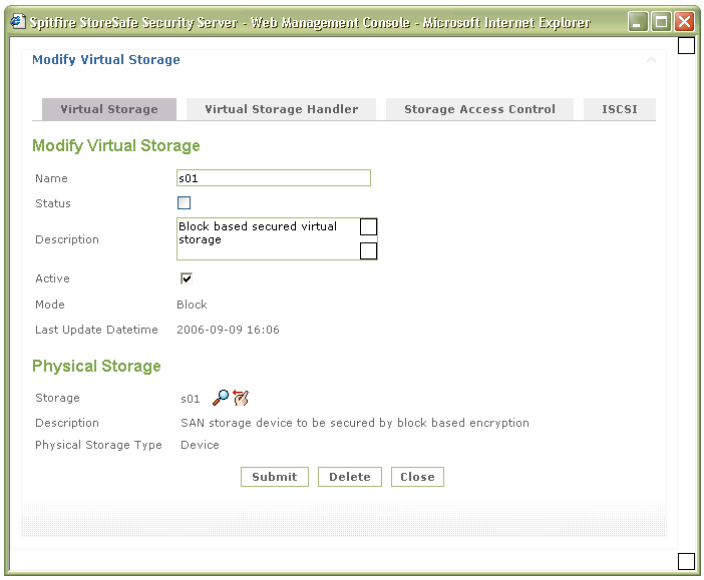
Block Based Protection

Spitfire StoreSafe for NAS secures SAN contents file by file. Files can be secured one by one by specific cryptographic cipher, bit length, encryption key, etc. For applications where storage contents are persisted on raw/uncooked volumes or data protection unit does not require to be down to file level, one may choose to encrypt per entire partition/volume/device.

Spitfire StoreSafe for SAN encrypts SAN storage device using block based storage encryption. S01 physical storage is configured in Spitfire StoreSafe web-based management console to access HP StorageWorks SAN disk with UUID 3600-508b-4000-1500-b000-1400-002a-6000-0 as a raw storage device.



s01 physical HP StorageWorks SAN device accessed via HP StorageWorks SAN switch has to be configured to be virtualized by s01 virtual storage where transparent on-the-fly block-based storage encryption can be triggered automatically by iSCSI requests from hosts. S01 virtual storage is secured by AES 256-bit cryptographic cipher.



Validation Tests

Test Scenarios

Filesystem Tests

The following tests are carried out at storage hosts to access encrypted HP StorageWorks SAN storage via HP Integrity powered Spitfire StoreSafe appliances

Test	Description
Directory creation	Platform equivalence of UNIX's mkdir
Directory rename	Platform equivalence of UNIX's mv
Directory removal	Platform equivalence of UNIX's rm
Directory move	Platform equivalence of UNIX's mv
File creation	Platform equivalence of UNIX's echo XXX >
File rename	Platform equivalence of UNIX's mv
File removal	Platform equivalence of UNIX's rm
File move	Platform equivalence of UNIX's mv
File append – by character	Platform equivalence of UNIX's echo XXX >>
File append – by block	Platform equivalence of UNIX's echo XXX >>

File parameters inquiry	Platform equivalence of UNIX's ls *X
File permission configurations	• Platform equivalence of UNIX's chmod • Valid for UNIX-based storage host systems only (Linux, AIX, HPUX, Solaris)
Softlink/Symbolic link removal	• Platform equivalence of UNIX's rm • Valid for UNIX-based storage host systems only (Linux, AIX, HPUX, Solaris)
Softlink/Symbolic link move	• Platform equivalence of UNIX's mv • Valid for UNIX-based storage host systems only (Linux, AIX, HPUX, Solaris)

Application Tests – Oracle Database

Test	Remarks
Database creation	Version equivalence of CREATE DATABASE
Schema creation	Version equivalence of CREATE TABLE
Database record insert	Version equivalence of INSERT INTO
Database record query	Version equivalence of SELECT * FROM
Database record update	Version equivalence of UPDATE
Database record delete	Version equivalence of DELETE FROM
Index creation	Version equivalence of CREATE INDEX
Tablespace alteration	Version equivalence of ALTER TABLESPACE
Redo log creation	Automated by Oracle data server, verify by examining Oracle system log
Redo log rotation	Automated by Oracle data server, verify by examining Oracle system log
Archive log creation	Automated by Oracle data server, verify by examining Oracle system log

Result

Filesystem Tests

Test	Linux	Windows	HPUX	Remarks
Directory creation	✓	✓	✓	
Directory rename	✓	✓	✓	
Directory removal	✓	✓	✓	
Directory move	✓	✓	✓	

File creation	✓	✓	✓	
File rename	✓	✓	✓	
File removal	✓	✓	✓	
File move	✓	✓	✓	
File append – by character	✓	✓	✓	
File append – by block	✓	✓	✓	
File parameters inquiry	✓	✓	✓	
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Database record delete	✓	✓	✓	
Index creation	✓	✓	✓	
Tablespace alteration	✓	✓	✓	
Redo log creation	✓	✓	✓	
Redo log rotation	✓	✓	✓	
Archive log creation	✓	✓	✓	

Conclusion

HP Integrity servers and HP StorageWorks SAN storage infrastructure pass all Bloombase interopLab's interoperability tests with Spitfire StoreSafe enterprise storage encryption server

Bloombase Product	Host Operating System	HP Products
Spitfire StoreSafe for NAS	Windows Server 2003	HP Integrity server rx4640, HP StorageWorks SAN Switch 2/16V, HP StorageWorks SAN HSV110
	Linux	HP Integrity server rx4640, HP StorageWorks SAN Switch 2/16V, HP StorageWorks SAN HSV110
	HPUX	HP Integrity server rx4640, HP StorageWorks SAN Switch 2/16V, HP StorageWorks SAN HSV110
Spitfire StoreSafe for SAN	Windows Server 2003	HP Integrity server rx4640, HP StorageWorks SAN Switch 2/16V, HP StorageWorks SAN HSV110
	Linux	HP Integrity server rx4640, HP StorageWorks SAN Switch 2/16V, HP StorageWorks SAN HSV110
	HPUX	HP Integrity server rx4640, HP StorageWorks SAN Switch 2/16V, HP StorageWorks SAN HSV110