



# HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING FROM SUN

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# The New Era of HPC

Innovations in HPC Meet the Commercial World



## Today HPC Customers Want More:

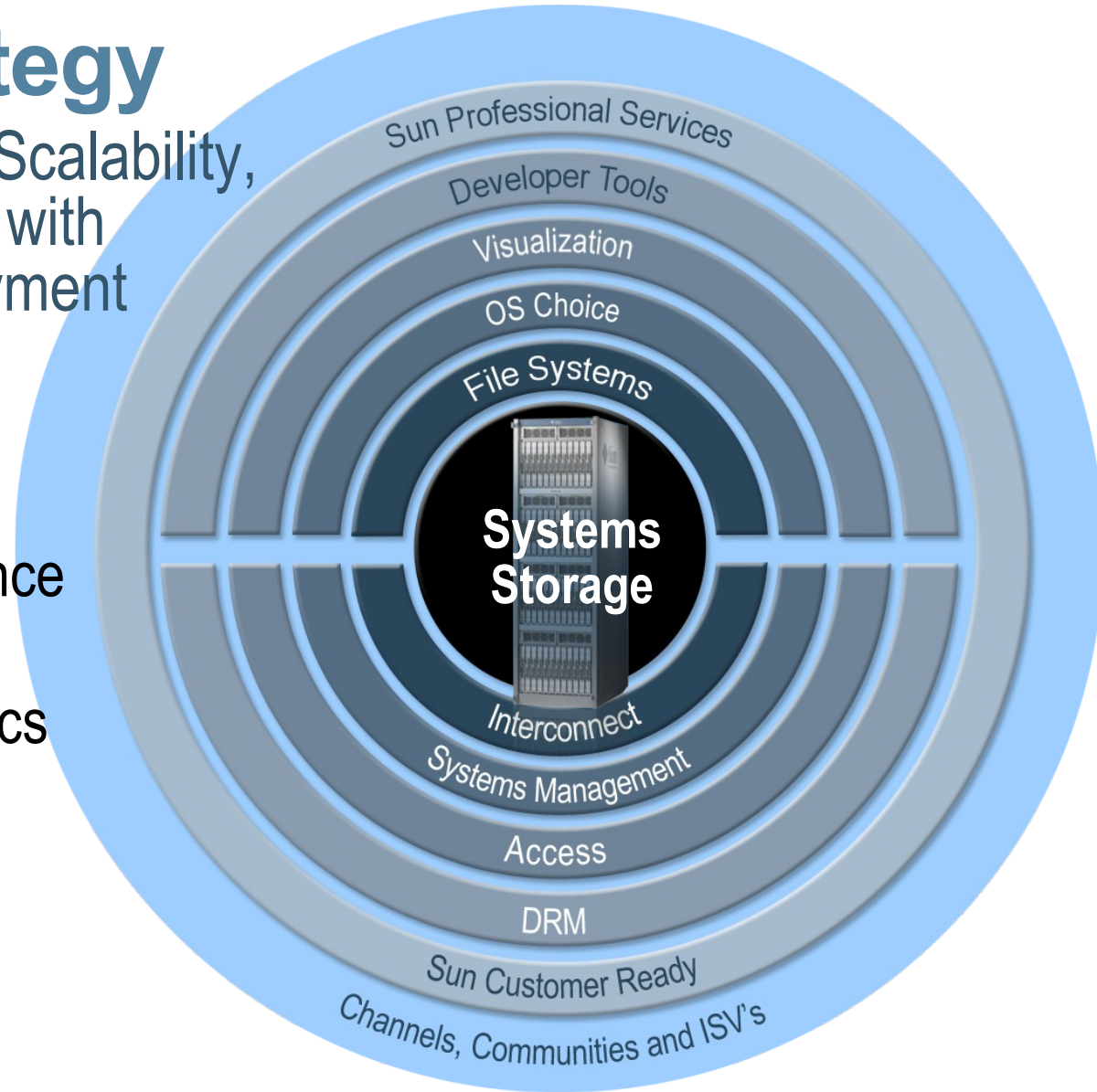
- **Radical Efficiency** – Performance, power, cooling, space, cost
- **Super Scalability** – Paving the way to Petaflops
- **Open Systems** – Open interfaces, industry standard components and community
- **Industrial Robustness** – High availability and reliability
- **Production-Ready** – Time-to-results or time-to-production



# Our HPC Strategy

Offering: Performance, Scalability, Capacity and Efficiency with Rapid, Low Risk Deployment

- Easy to deploy
- Un-matched performance and scalability
- New levels of economics
- Offers unprecedented choice and flexibility



# Sun Constellation System Open Petascale Architecture

## Eco-Efficient Building Blocks

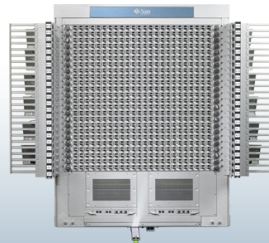
### Compute



#### Ultra-Dense Blade Platform

- Fastest processors: SPARC, AMD Opteron, Intel Xeon
- Highest compute density
- Fastest host channel adaptor

### Networking



#### Ultra-Dense Switch Solution

- 3456 port InfiniBand switch
- Unrivaled cable simplification
- Most economical InfiniBand cost/port

### Storage



#### Ultra-Dense Storage Solution

- Most economical and scalable parallel file system building block
- Up to 48 TB in 4RU
- Direct cabling to IB switch

### Software

Developer Tools

Grid Engine

Provisioning



Linux

#### Comprehensive Software Stack

- Integrated developer tools
- Integrated Grid Engine infrastructure
- Provisioning, monitoring, patching
- Simplified inventory management





# Key Innovations

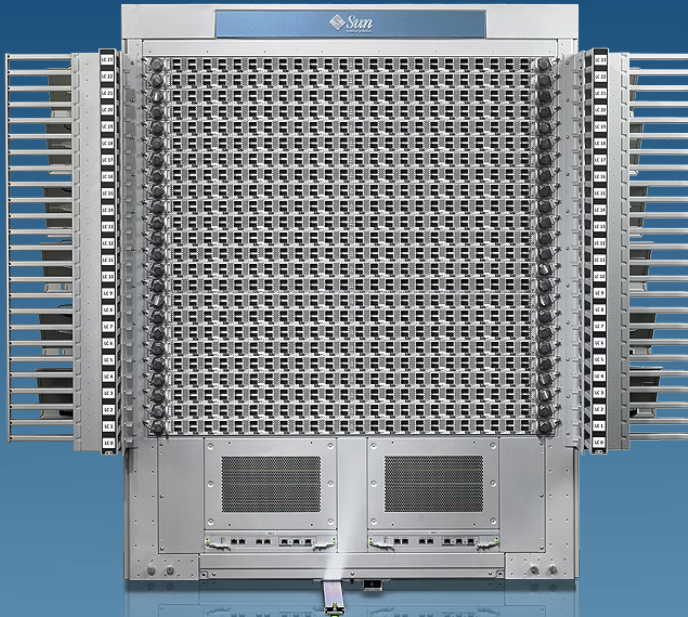
# Sun Blade 6048 Modular System



- The first blade platform designed for extreme density and performance
  - > 7 TFLOPS, 768 cores per chassis/42U
    - 50% more compute power than HP C-Class
    - 71% more compute power than IBM BladeCenterH
  - > 4 InfiniBand Leaf Switch Network Express Modules
    - Lowest cost per port with ultra-dense switch solution
- Pay as you grow platform ideal for fast growing businesses
  - > Choose among SPARC, AMD Opteron and Intel Xeon CPU technologies
- Runs general purpose software
  - > Custom compiles and tuning are not required
- Realize economies of scale savings in power and cooling

## Massive Horizontal Scale

# Sun Datacenter Switch 3456



- Unique in the industry
- 12x Capacity of largest IB switch available today
- 6x Reduction in Cables, Space and Weight
- 300:1 Switch Reduction

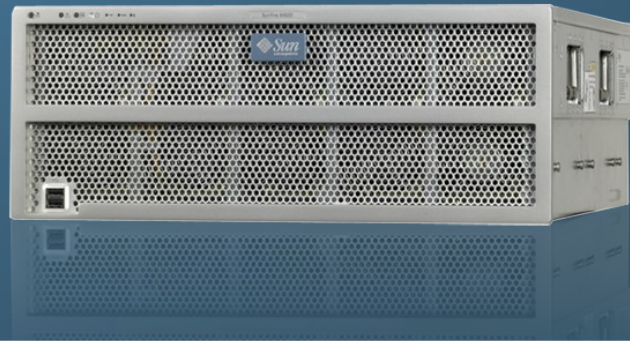
The World's First Petascale Single Chassis Switch

# Scalable Clustered Storage

## Sun Fire X4500 Server



- Industry's first data server
- Best server data throughput and storage density
- Runs Lustre parallel file system
- Standard platform and common systems management capabilities







# Software

# Choice and Flexibility

Run the Environment You Need



Red Hat and SuSE  
Enterprise Linux

**Available for All  
Sun HPC Clusters**



Leading Enterprise  
Operating System

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Sun HPC Clusters**

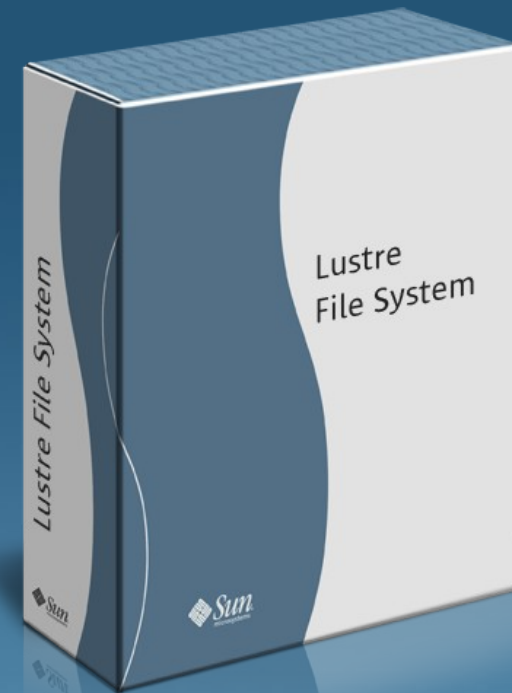


Windows OEM  
Certification and  
Fully Supported on  
All Sun x86 Systems

# Lustre™ File System

World's Largest Network-Neutral Data Storage and Retrieval System

- The world's most scalable parallel filesystem
- 10,000's of clients
- 50% of Top 30 run Lustre
- 15% of Top 500 run Lustre
- Open Source, multi-platform



# Sun xVM Ops Center

Ops Center Provides an Amazingly Easy-to-Use Interface to Manage Rapid Growth in Your IT Environment

## DISCOVER

Scan and identify servers across your network, even when powered off

## PROVISION

Hands-off installation of Linux and Solaris onto both bare metal servers and virtual environments

## UPDATE

Stay secure and up-to-date with patch management tools for RedHat, SUSE and Solaris

## MANAGE

Securely manage users and assets with the best knowledge about your Sun gear

## REPORT

Assure compliance with the industry's first compliance auditing solution



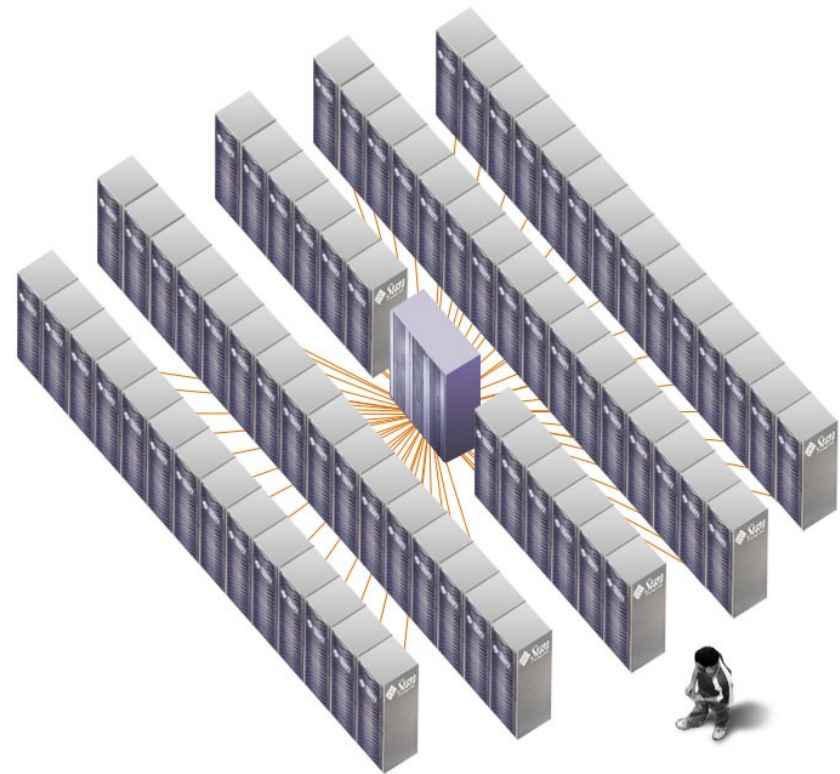
# Developer Software

- Scalable Parallel Debuggers
  - > Totalview, Totalview Technologies
  - > DDT, Allinea Software
- Cache-use Performance Analysis
  - > Virtual Performance Expert, Acumem
- **Sun Studio 12** application development
  - > **C, C++, Fortran development:** Compilers support industry and defacto standards to enable portable, maintainable, extensible code
  - > **High performance:** Optimized for target systems: UltraSPARC, X86 and x64
  - > **Multi-core development:** Powerful debugger, auto-parallelizer, advanced perf analysis tools
  - > **Full featured graphical development environment**
  - > **SunPerf lib:** Optimized mathematical libraries
  - > Supports a variety of **MPI choices**
- **Sun HPC ClusterTools 8** for parallel program development based on OpenMPI

# Sun is Leading the Way with the Sun Constellation System

## The World's Largest & Most Scalable General Purpose Computer

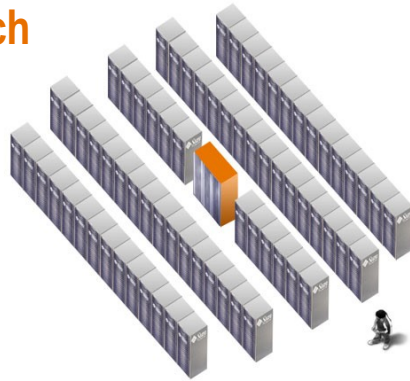
- New levels of performance and scalability
  - > Up to 2 PetaFLOPs
  - > Up to 1.8 PetaBytes RAM
  - > Up to 0.7 ExaBytes disk
- Open industry standards
  - > Linux, Solaris, OpenMPI, open InfiniBand interfaces and management
  - > X64 computing architecture
  - > InfiniBand DDR interconnect
- New levels of efficiency
  - > Provides a 6:1 reduction in physical ports and cables
  - > 20% smaller footprint than competition
  - > Eliminates 100s of discrete switching elements
- New levels of reliability
  - > Dramatically reduced complexity: 6x fewer cables, up to 50% fewer racks



# Flexible Configurations Scale to Meet Computing Needs

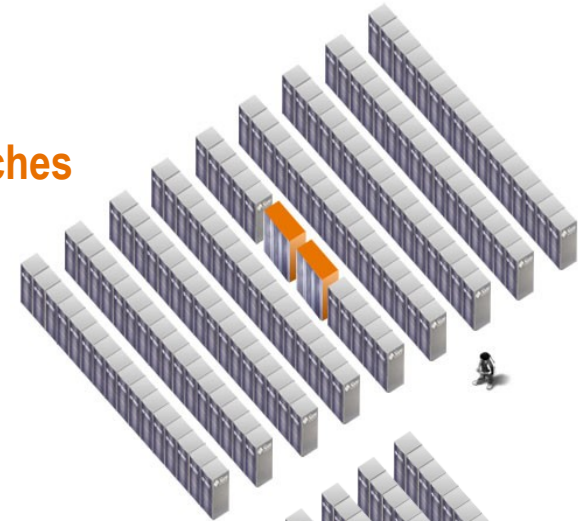
## 1 Core Switch

Servers: 3,456  
PFLOPS: 0.5



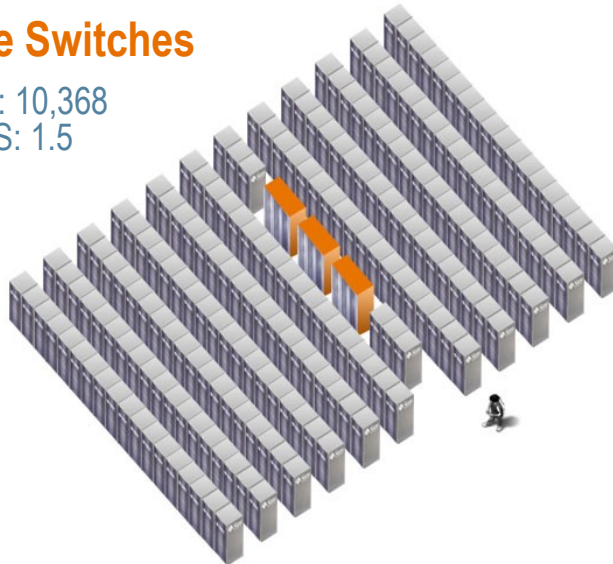
## 2 Core Switches

Servers: 6,912  
PFLOPS: 1.0



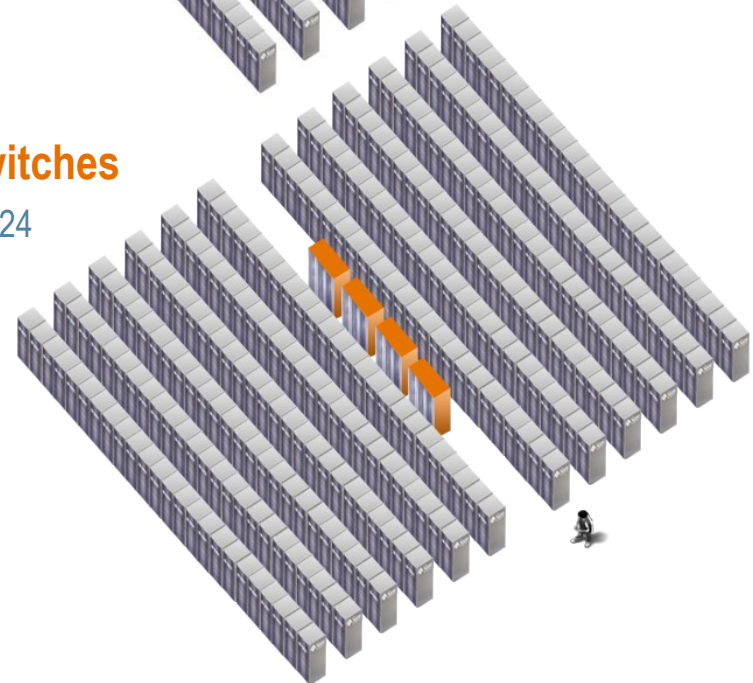
## 3 Core Switches

Servers: 10,368  
PFLOPS: 1.5



## 4 Core Switches

Servers: 13,824  
PFLOPS: 2.0



# TACC: World's Top Supercomputer



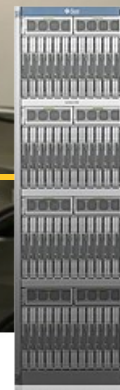
**Sun Fire X4500**

- 72 Systems
- 1.7 petabytes
- 64.8 GB/sec total bandwidth



**Sun Fire X4600**

- 25 systems
- 800 cores



**SunBlade 6048**

- 3,936 blades
- 15,744K CPUs
- 62,976 cores
- 125 TB/RAM



**Sun Data Center Switch 3456**

- Dual redundant
- 110 TB/sec bisectional bandwidth

- The world's largest general purpose compute cluster. Based on Sun Constellation System
- 504 Tflops peak performance
- Sun is the sole hardware supplier
- In production since **4<sup>th</sup> February, 2008** on the Terragrid enabling new levels of science





# TEXAS ADVANCED COMPUTING CENTER

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

## General Info

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- Networking
- Software & Tools
- Allocations
- Usage Policies

## Services

- User Portal
- User Guides
- User News
- Consulting
- Training
- Cluster Support
- EOT

## Research/Development

- TACC Projects
- User Research
- SciVis Gallery
- Industrial Partners
- Petascale Lecture Series
- International Partners

## Focus Areas

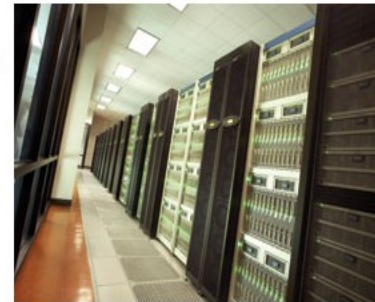
- HPC
- SciVis
- DIS
- Dist./Grid Computing
- Search

## HPC Systems

☆Sun Linux Cluster ☆Dell Linux Cluster ☆IBM Power5 System ☆TACC Stampede Cluster ☆ Operations

### Sun Constellation Linux Cluster

<b>System Name:</b>	Ranger
<b>Host Name:</b>	ranger.tacc.utexas.edu
<b>IP Address:</b>	129.114.50.163
<b>Operating System:</b>	Linux
<b>Number of Nodes:</b>	3,936
<b>Number of Processing Cores:</b>	62,976
<b>Total Memory:</b>	123TB
<b>Peak Performance:</b>	504TFlops
<b>Total Disk:</b>	1.73PB (shared) 31.4TB (local)



### Description:

"Ranger" is the largest computing system in the world for open science research. As the first of the new NSF Track2 HPC acquisitions, this system provides unprecedented computational capabilities to the national research community and ushers in the petascale science era. Ranger will enable breakthrough science that has never before been possible, and will provide groundbreaking opportunities in computational science & technology research – from parallel algorithms to fault tolerance, from scalable visualization to nextgeneration programming languages.

Ranger went into production on February 4, 2008 using Linux (based on a CentOS distribution). The system components are connected via a full-CLOS InfiniBand interconnect. Eighty-two compute racks house the quad-socket compute infrastructure, with additional racks housing login, I/O, and general management hardware. Compute nodes are provisioned using local storage. Global, high-speed file systems will be provided, using the Lustre file system, running across 72 I/O servers. Users will interact with the system via four dedicated login servers and a suite of eight high-speed data servers. Because

# Sun Modular Data Center

## The Virtualized Datacenter

### High Capacity

- 820 CPU's, 3,280 Cores
  - > Sun Blade 6000 systems and Sun Fire X2200 servers
- 2,240 cores and 17,920 compute threads!
  - > UltraSPARC T2 servers
- 3 petabytes of disk
  - > Sun Fire X4500 servers



### High Performance

- 31 Teraflops Peak
  - > 210 Sun Blade 6000 nodes
- ~170,000 web ops/sec
  - > 78 x Sun Fire T2000 servers

# Current Deployments

Stanford Linear Accelerator  
Center (SLAC) High  
Performance Computing Node



Sun HPC Grid - Menlo  
Park, CA





# Sun HPC Resources

## On-Demand Computing

Visit: [network.com](http://network.com)  
access compute cycles  
and applications over  
the network



## Developers

Visit: <http://opensolaris.org/os/community/mmunity/hpcdev>  
Join the opensolaris HPC  
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