



# Windows NT Scalability

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Scale Up

# Outline

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- Scalability: What & Why?
- Scale UP: NT SMP scalability
- Scale OUT: NT Cluster scalability
- Key Message:
  - NT can do the most demanding apps today.
  - Tomorrow will be even better.

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Super  
Server



Server



PC  
Workstation



Portable



Win Term  
NetPC



Handheld



TV

# What is Scalability?

Server Cluster



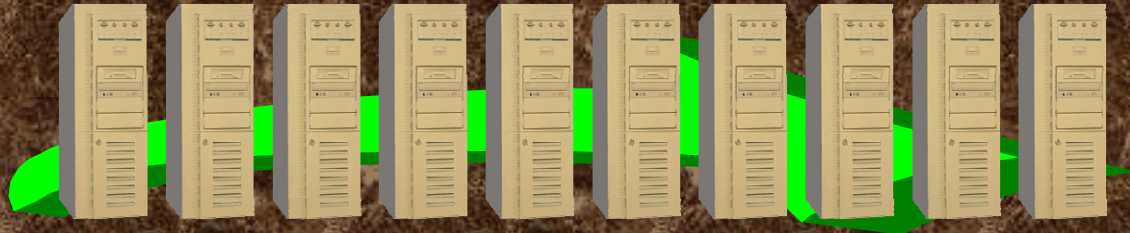
## Scale Out

- Grow without limits
  - Capacity
  - Throughput
- Do not add complexity
  - design
  - administer
  - Operate
  - Use



# Scale UP & OUT Focus Here

Server Cluster



## Scale Out

- **Grow without limits**
  - SMP: 4, 8, 16, 32 CPUs
  - 64-bit addressing
  - Huge storage
- **Cluster Requirements**
  - Auto manage
  - High availability
  - Transparency
  - Programming tools & **apps**

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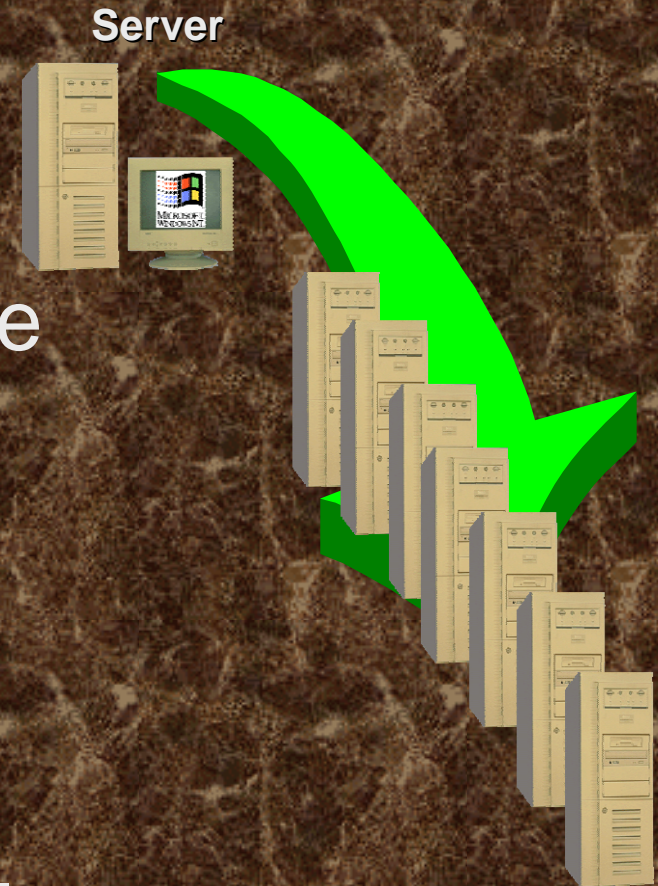


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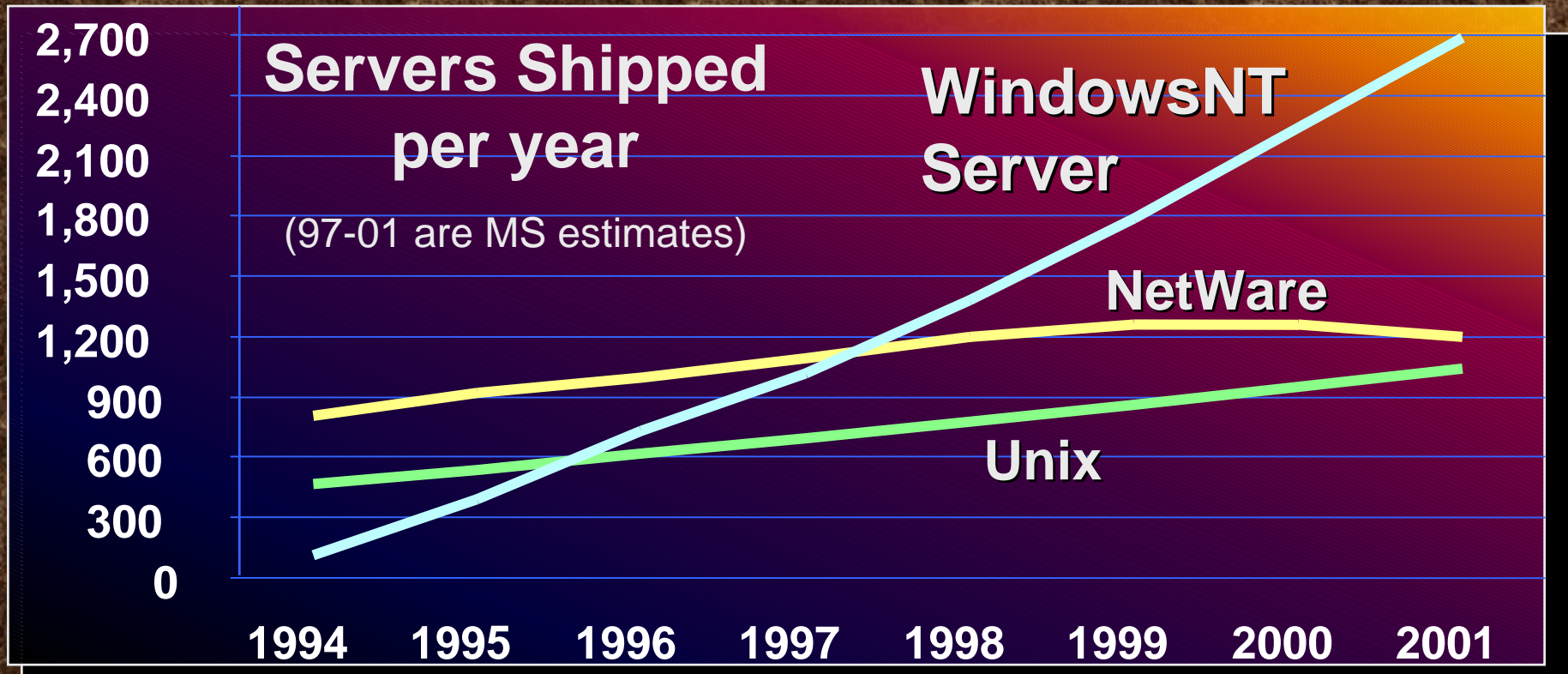
# Scalability is Important

- Automation benefits growing
  - ROI of 1 month....
- Slice price going to zero
  - Cyberbrick costs 5k\$
- Design, Implement & Manage cost going down
  - DCOM & Viper make it easy!
  - NT Clusters are easy!
- Billions of clients imply millions of HUGE servers.
- Thin clients imply huge servers.



# Q: Why Does Microsoft Care?

A: Billions of clients need millions of servers



Expect Microsoft to work hard on  
Scaleable Windows NT and  
Scaleable BackOffice.

Key technique: *INTEGRATION.*



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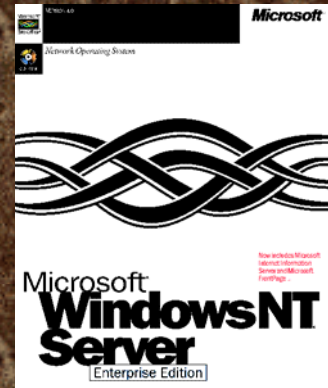
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# How Scaleable is NT??

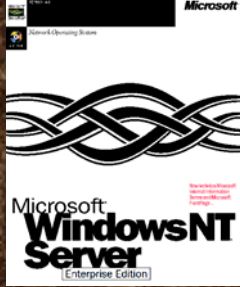
## The Single Node Story

- 64 bit file system in NT 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
- 8 node SMP in NT 4.E, 32 node OEM
- 64 bit addressing in NT 5
- 1 Terabyte SQL Databases (PetaByte capable)
- 10,000 users (TPC-C benchmark)
- 100 Million web hits per day (IIS)
- 50 GB Exchange mail store  
next release designed for 16 TB
- 50,000 POP3 users on Exchange  
(1.8 M messages/day)
- And, more coming.....





# Windows NT Server Enterprise Edition



- Scalability
  - 8x SMP support (32x in OEM kit)
  - Larger process memory (3GB Intel)
  - Unlimited Virtual Roots in IIS (web)
- Transactions
  - DCOM transactions (Viper TP mon)
  - Message Queuing (Falcon)
- Availability
  - Clustering (WolfPack)
  - Web, File, Print, DB ... servers fail over.



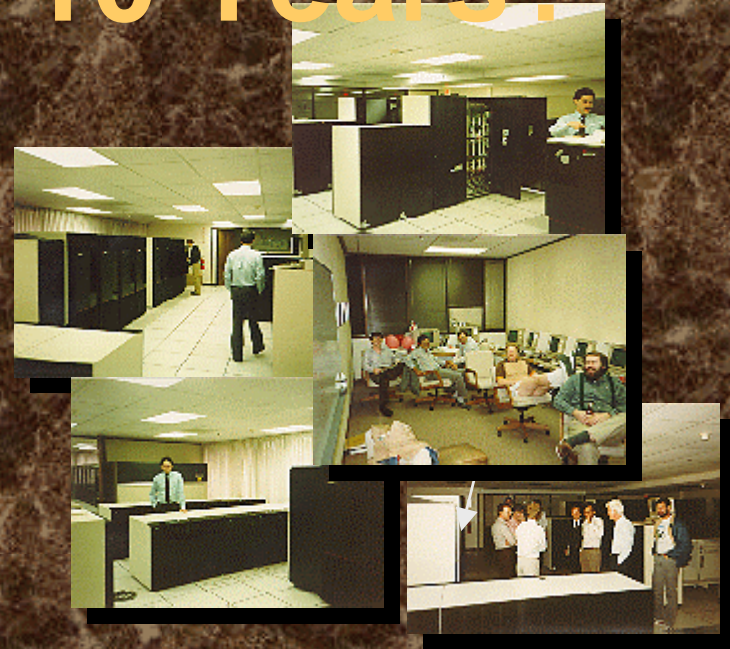
# What Happens in 10 Years?

**1987: 256 tps**

\$ 14 million computer

A dozen people

Two rooms of machines



**1997: 1,250 tps**

\$ 50 k\$ computer

One person

1 micro-dollar per transaction  
(1,000x cheaper)

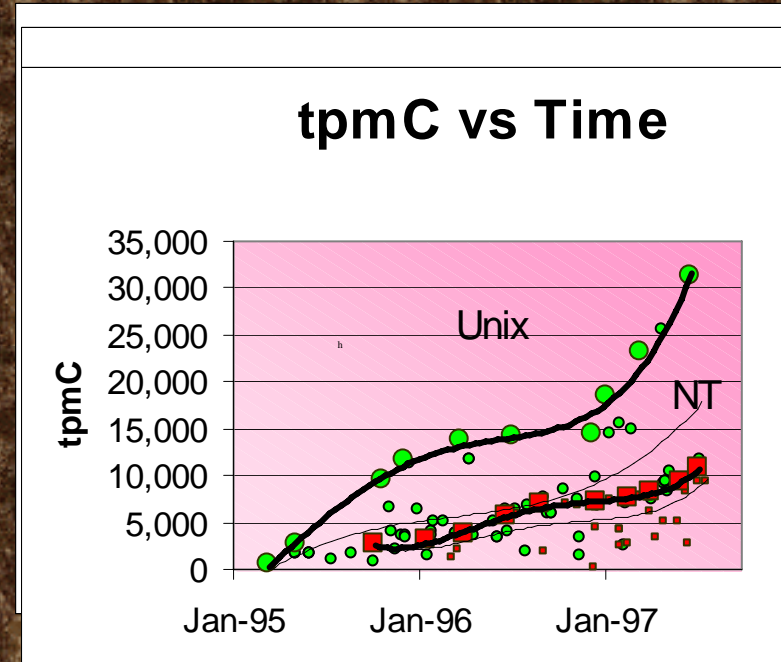


## Ready for the next 10 years?



# NT vs UNIX SMPs

- NT traditionally ran on 1 to 4 cpus
  - Scales near-linear on them
- UNIX boxes: 32-64 way SMPs
  - They do 3x more tpmC
  - They cost 10x more.
- 10 way NT machines are available
  - They cost more
  - They are faster
- My view (shared by many)
  - Need clusters for availability
  - Cluster commodity servers to make huge systems
  - a la Tandem, Teradata, VMSccluster, IBM Sysplex, IBM SP2
  - Clusters reduce need for giant SMPs

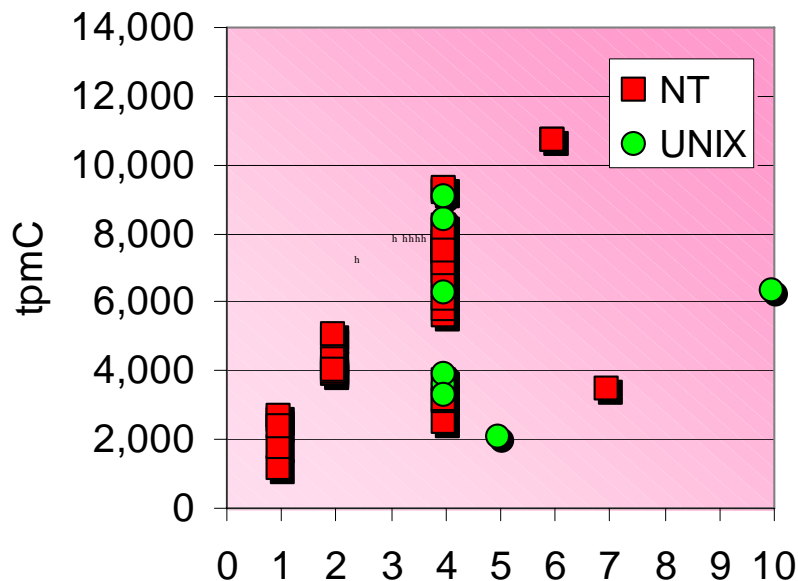




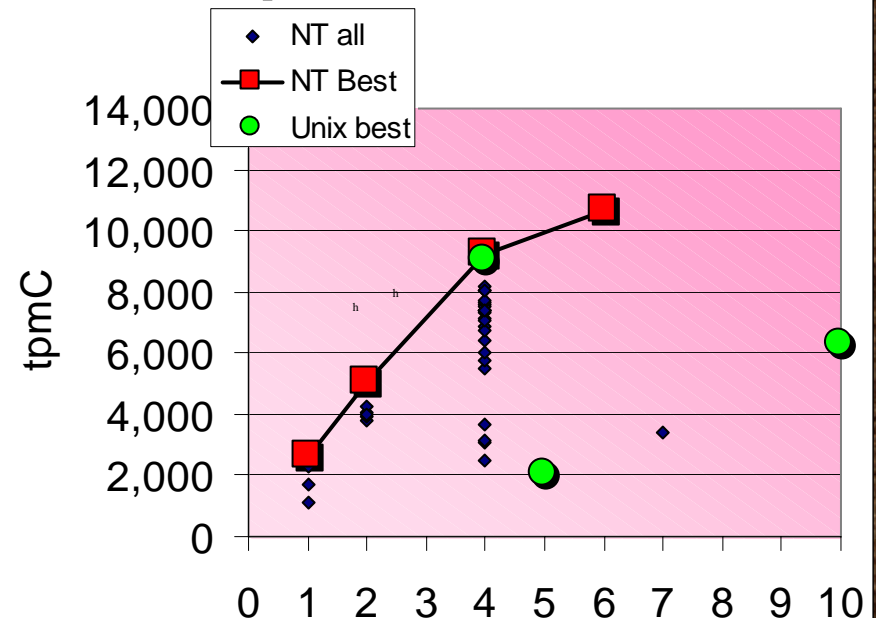
# Transaction Throughput TPC-C

- On comparable hardware: NT scales better!
- SQL Server & NT Improving 250% per year
- NT has best Price Performance (2x cheaper)

## tpmC on Intel CPUs



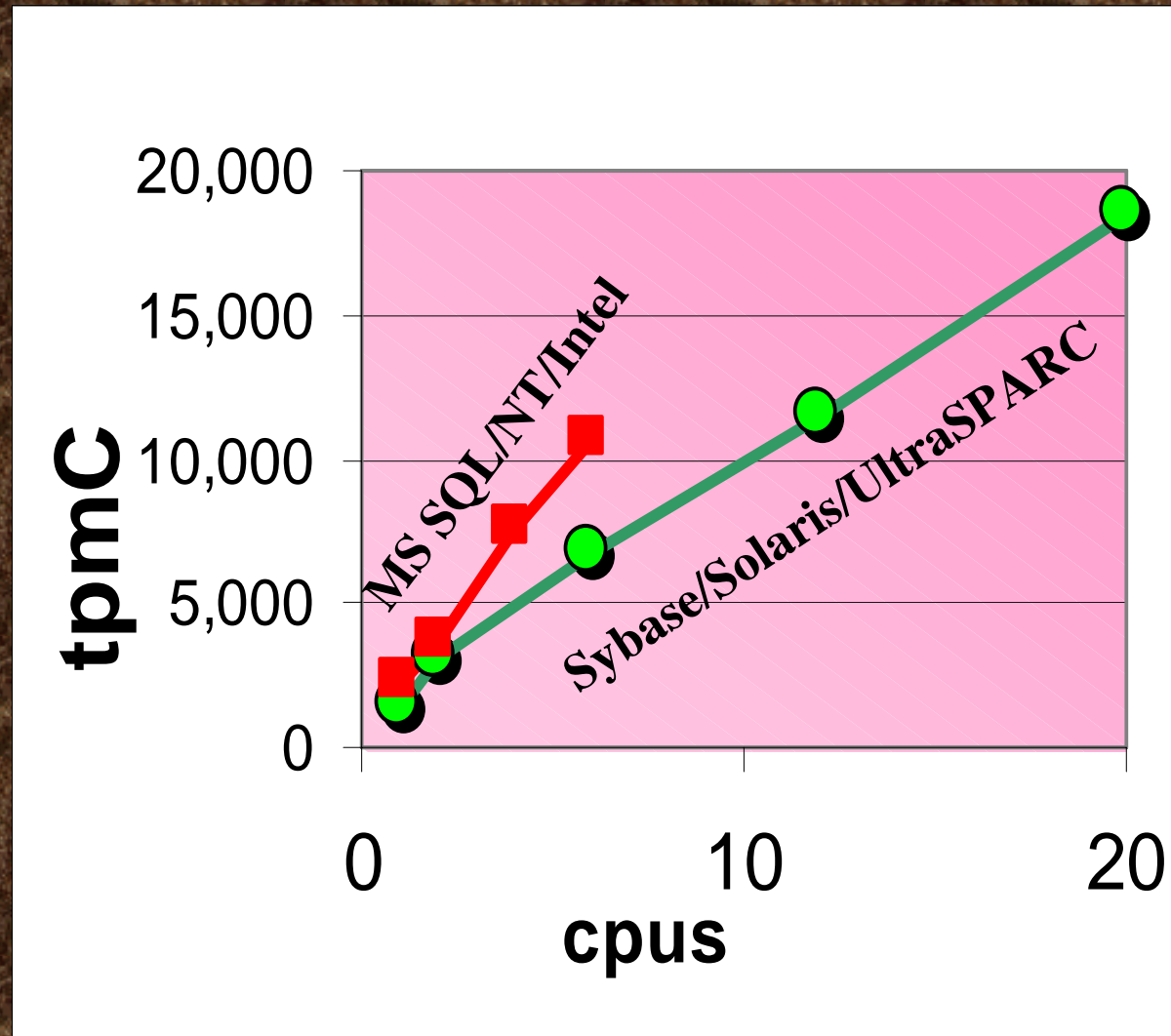
## tpmC vs Intel CPUs





# NT Scales Better Than Solaris

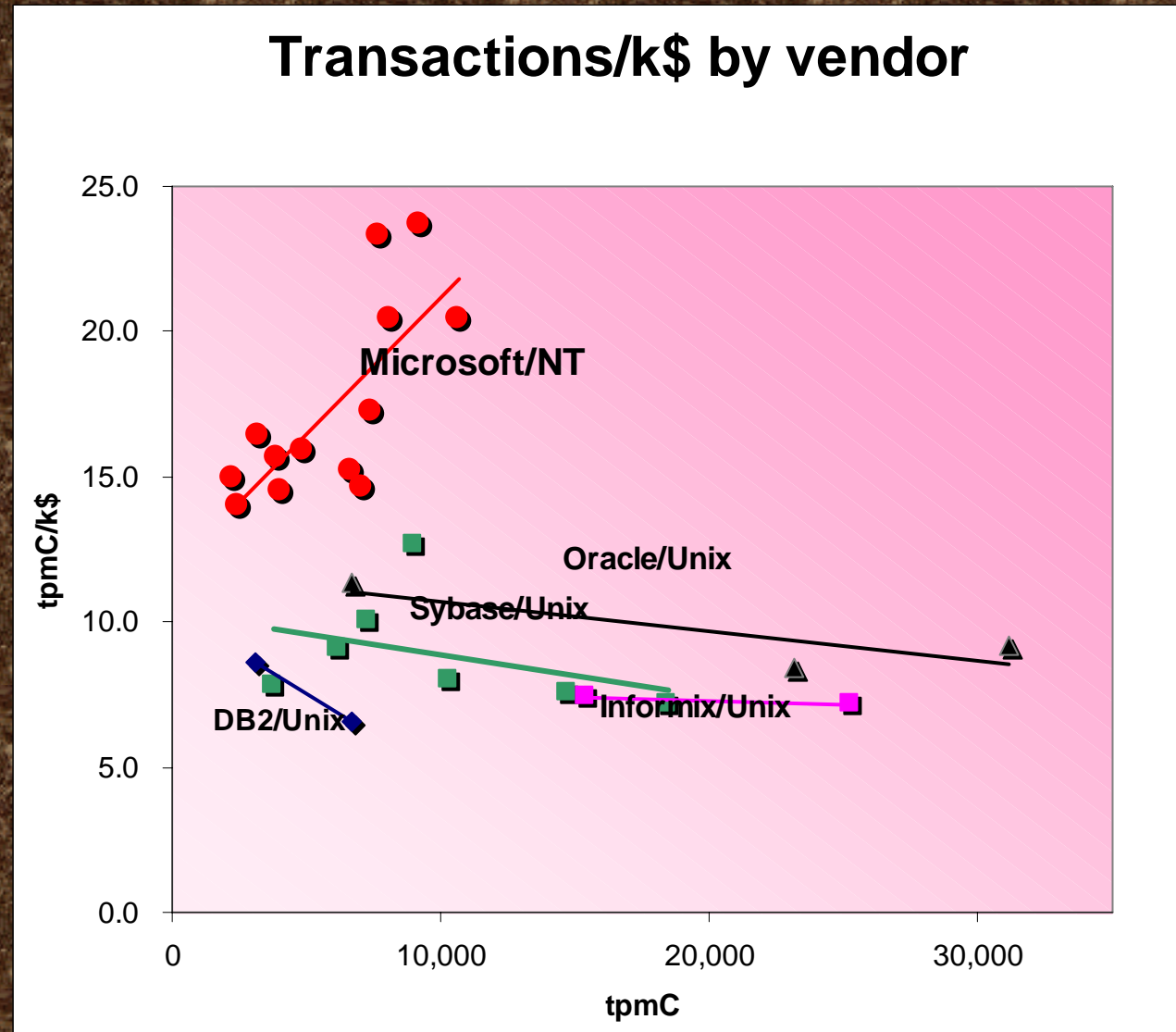
- Microsoft SQL NT  
Intel  
scales to 6x
- Beats Sybase  
Solaris  
UltraSPARC  
up to 11-way





# Only NT Has Economy of Scale

- NT is 2x less expensive  
40\$/tpmC  
vs 110\$/tpmC
- Only NT has economy of scale
- Unix has dis-economy of scale

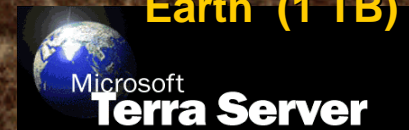




# Scaleup To Big Databases?

- NT 4 and SQL Server 6.5
  - DBs up to 1 Billion records,
  - 100 GB
  - Covers most (80%) data warehouses
- SQL Server 7.0
  - Designed for Terabytes
    - Hundreds of disks per server.
    - SMP parallel search
  - Data Mining and Multi-Media
- TerraServer is good MM example

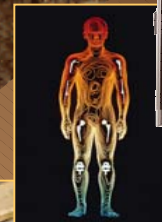
Satellite  
photos of  
Earth (1 TB)



Dayton-Hudson  
Sales records  
(300GB)



Human Genome  
(3GB)



Manhattan phone book  
(15MB)



Excel  
spreadsheet

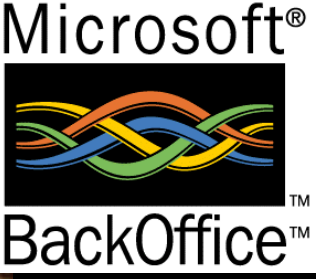


# Database Scaleup: TerraServer™

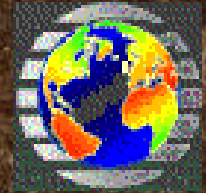
- Demo NT and SQL Server scalability
- Stress test SQL Server 7.0
- Requirements
  - 1 TB
  - Unencumbered (put on www)
  - Interesting to everyone everywhere
  - **And** not offensive to anyone anywhere
- Loaded
  - 1.1 M place names from Encarta World Atlas
  - 1 M Sq Km from USGS (1 meter resolution)
  - 2 M Sq Km from Russian Space agency (2 m)
- Will be on web (world's largest atlas)
- Sell images with commerce server.
- USGS CRDA: 3 TB more coming.







# System



- DEC Alpha 4100 (4x smp) +
- 324 StorageWorks Drives (1.4 TB)
- RAID 5 Protected
- SQL Server 7.0
- USGS 1-meter data (30% of US)
- Russian Space data  
Two meter resolution images  
(2 M km<sup>2</sup>  
2% of earth)





# Microsoft Terra Server

# Demo

[Http://t2b2c](http://t2b2c)

Search By Place Page - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Map Search | Name Search | Image Picks | Database Info | Hardware Info | Imagery Info | Help

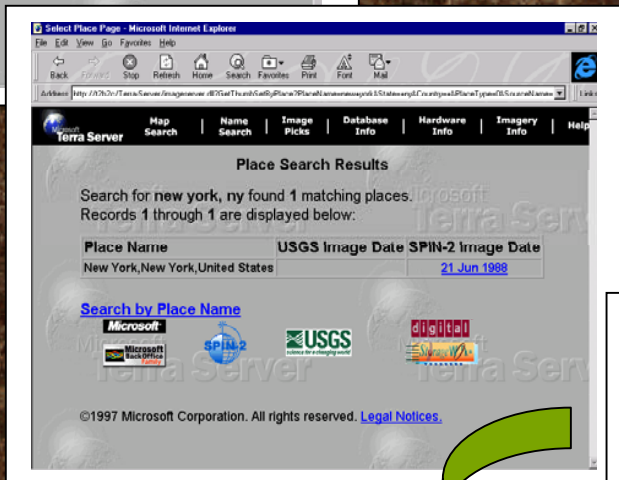
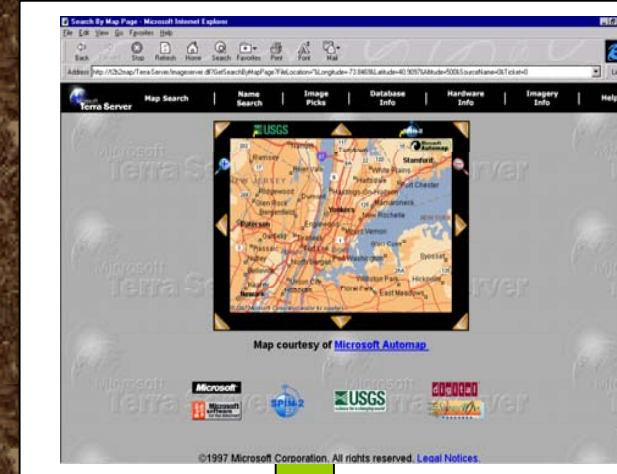
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To find a location by name, enter the name to search for in the Name field. You can fill in additional fields, e.g. State and Country, to further qualify your query.

State:

Country:

Type:  Use the Type: to qualify the type of entity your searching for. If you are searching for a city, the default value of Any works great. If you are searching for a nickname of a university, e.g. Cal, then set the Type: to point of interest.



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# Manageability

## Windows NT 5.0 and Windows 98

- Active Directory tracks all objects in net
- Integration with IE 4.
  - Web-centric user interface
- Management Console
  - Component architecture
- Zero Admin Kit and Systems Management Server
- PlugNPlay, Instant On, Remote Boot,...
- Hydra and Intelli-Mirroring

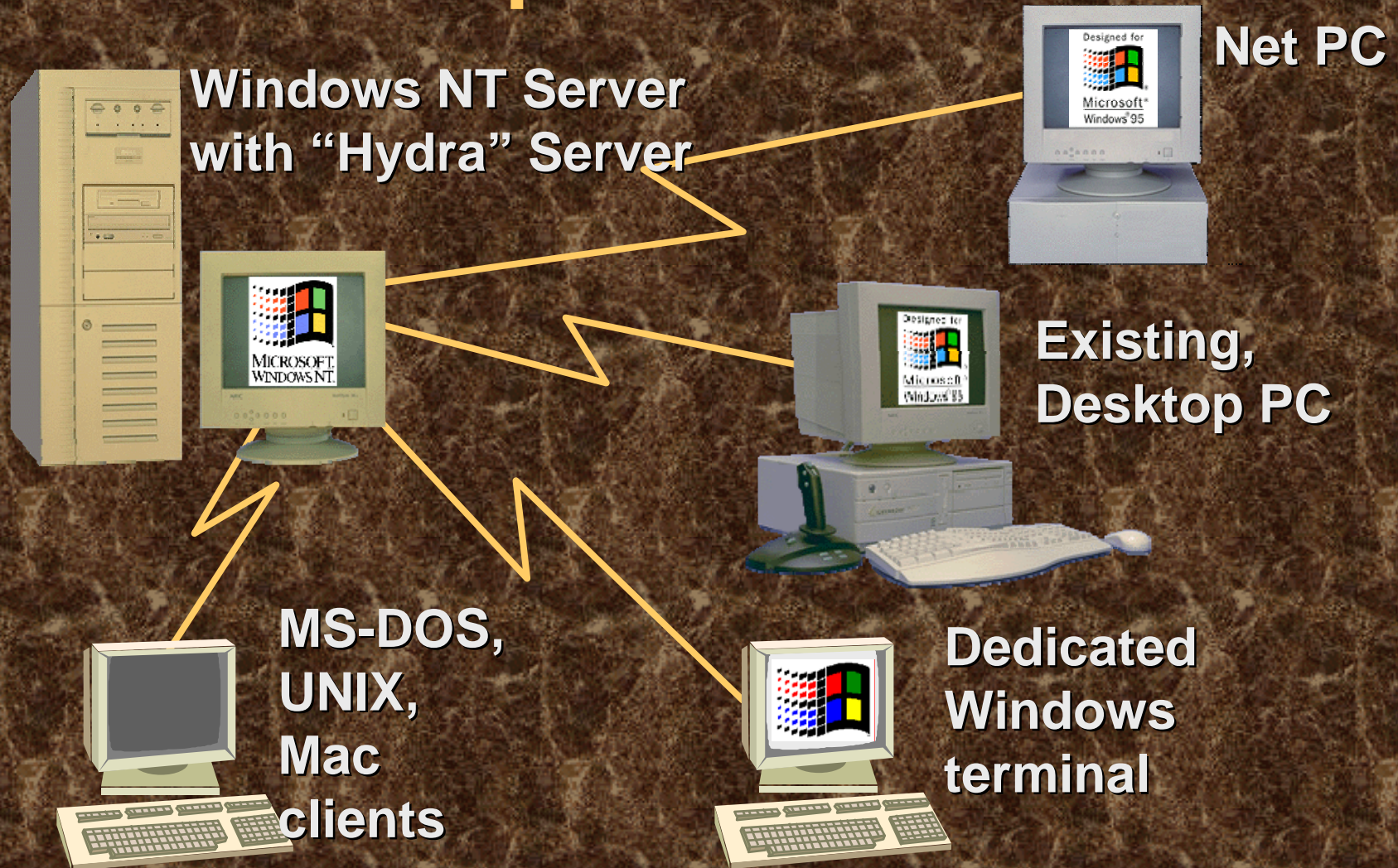




# Thin Client Support

TSO comes to NT

## lower per-client costs





# Windows NT 5.0

## IntelliMirror™

- Extends CMU Coda File System ideas
- Files and settings mirrored on client and server
- Great for disconnected users
- Facilitates roaming
- Easy to replace PCs
- Optimizes network performance



**Best of PC and  
centralized computing advantages**



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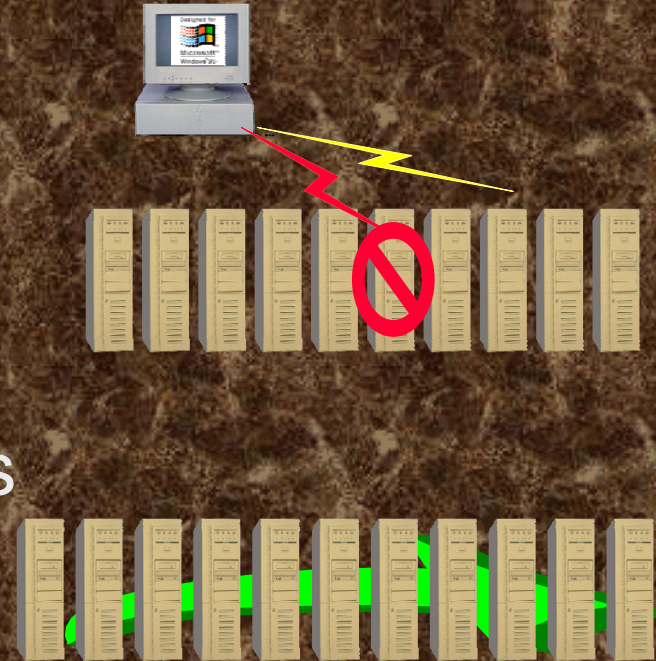
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## Clusters Have Advantages

- **Fault tolerance:**
  - Spare modules mask failures
- **Modular growth without limits**
  - Grow by adding small modules
- **Parallel data search**
  - Use multiple processors and disks
- **Clients and servers made from the same stuff**
  - Inexpensive: built with commodity CyberBricks





# How scalable is NT??

## The Cluster Story

- 16-node Tandem Cluster

- 64 cpus
- 2 TB of disk
- Decision support

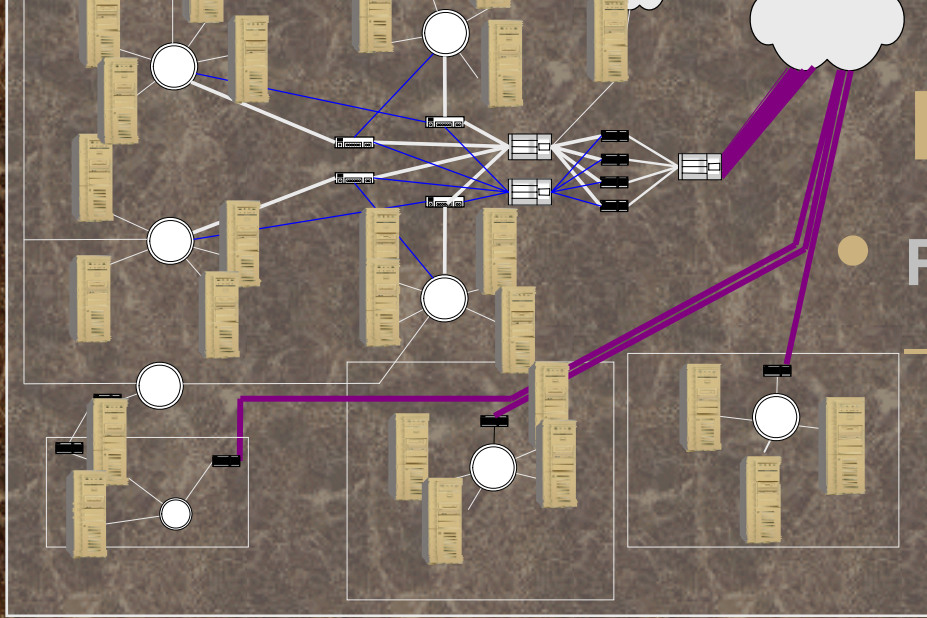


- 45-node Compaq Cluster

- 140 cpus
- 14 GB DRAM
- 4 TB RAID disk
- OLTP (Debit Credit)
  - 1 B tpd (14 k tps)







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## Production

Windows NT.4 and IIS.3

- 20 HTTP,
- 3 download,
- 3 FTP
- 5 SQL 6.5
- Index Server + 3 search

## Stagers

- Site Server for content
- DCOM Publishing wizard

## Network

- 6 DS3
- 4 TB/day download capacity
- Replicas in UK and Japan

- 90m hits/day
  - 17m page views
  - #4 site on Internet
- 900k visitors per day
- Not cheap
  - Data Centers
  - Bandwidth
  - 27 people on content
  - 22 people on systems



# Tandem 2 Ton

- 2 TB SQL database
- 1.2 TB user data
- 16 node cluster
- 64 cpus, 480 disks
- Decision support parallel data-mining
- Will be Wolf Pack aware
- Demoed at DB Expo in
- ServerNet™ interconnect





# Billion Transactions per Day Project

- Built a 45-node Windows NT Cluster  
(with help from Intel & Compaq)  
> 900 disks
- All off-the-shelf parts
- Using SQL Server & DTC distributed transactions  
DCOM & ODBC clients  
on 20 front-end nodes
- DebitCredit Transaction
- Each server node has 1/20 th of the DB
- Each server node does 1/20 th of the work
- 15% of the transactions are “distributed”



**COMPAQ**

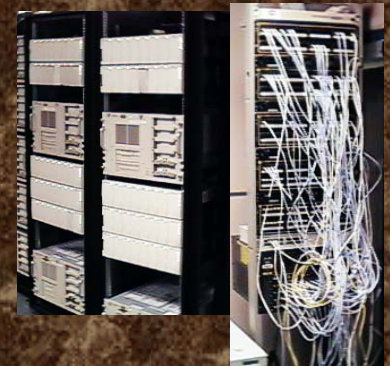




# Billion Transactions Per Day Hardware

- 45 nodes (Compaq Proliant)
- Clustered with 100 Mbps Switched Ethernet
- 140 cpu, 13 GB, 3 TB (RAID 1, 5).

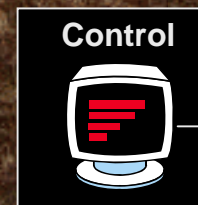
Type	nodes	CPUs	DRAM	ctrls	disks	RAID space
Workflow MTS	20 Compaq Proliant 2500	20x 2	20x 128	20x 1	20x 1	20x 2 GB
SQL Server	20 Compaq Proliant 5000	20x 4	20x 512	20x 4	20x 36x4.2GB 7x9.1GB	20x 130 GB
Distributed Transaction Coordinator	5 Compaq Proliant 5000	5x 4	5x 256	5x 1	5x 3	5x 8 GB
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>13 GB</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>3 TB</b>





Driver  
Database  
DTC

# Cluster Architecture

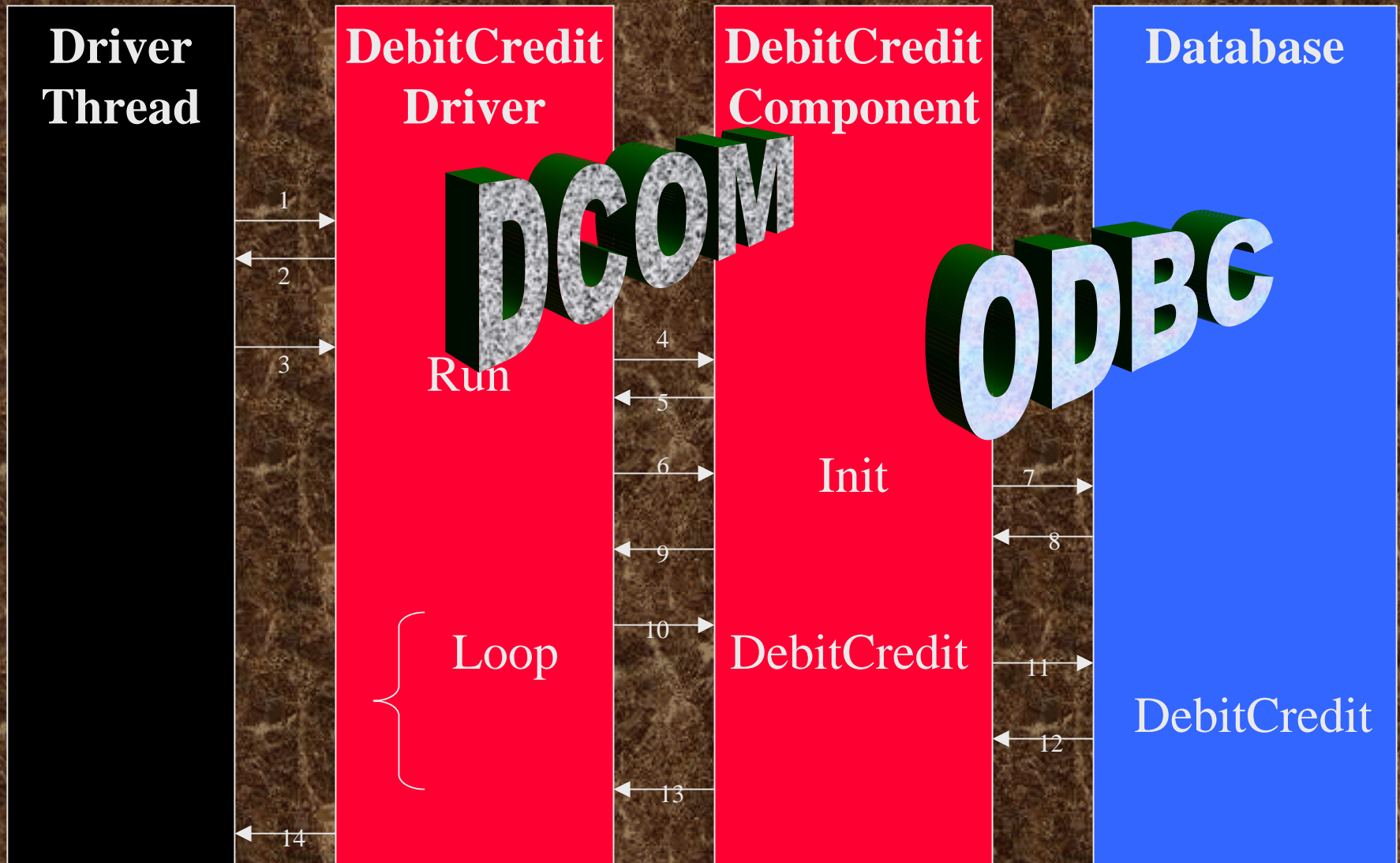


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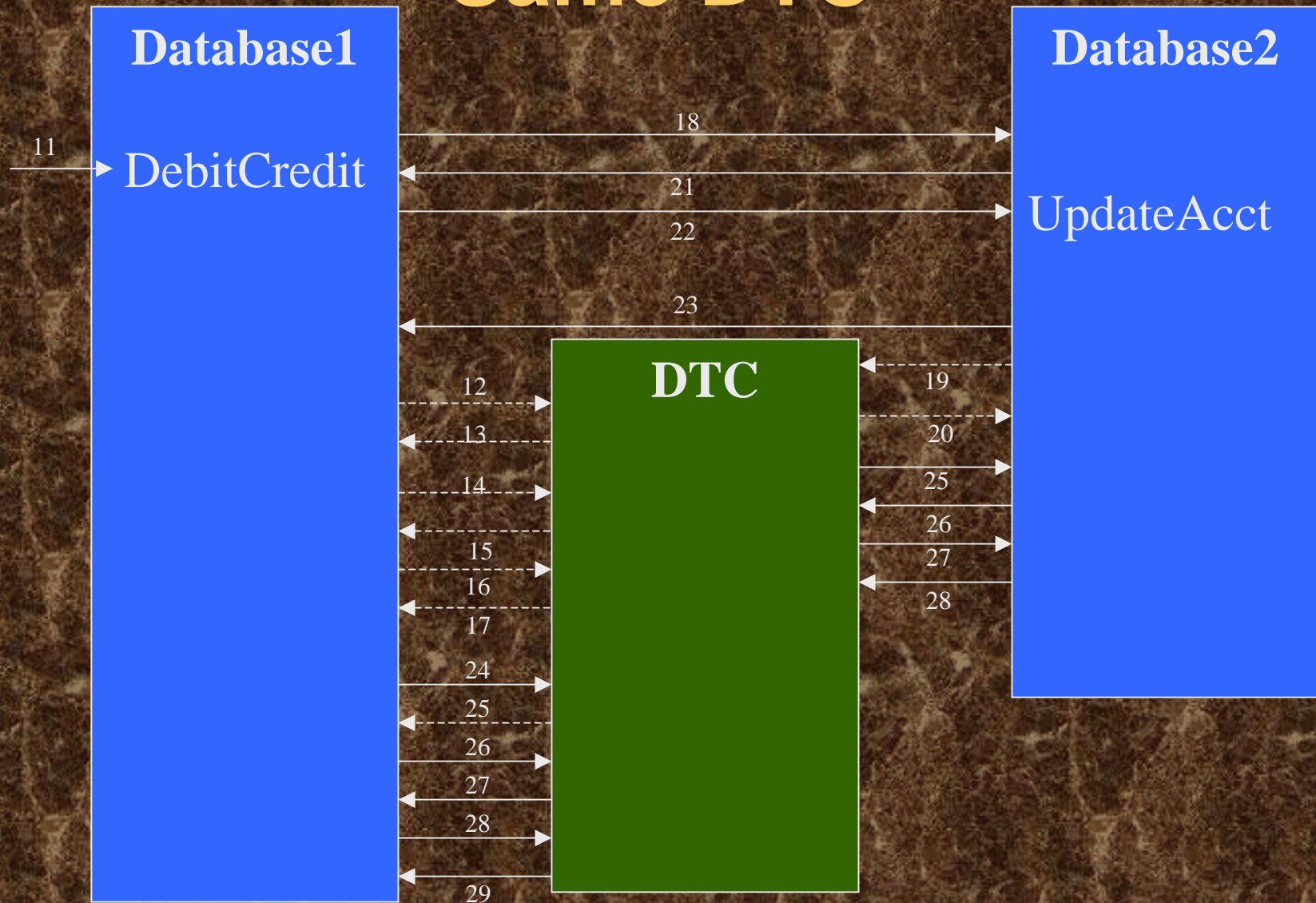


# Local Debit Credit



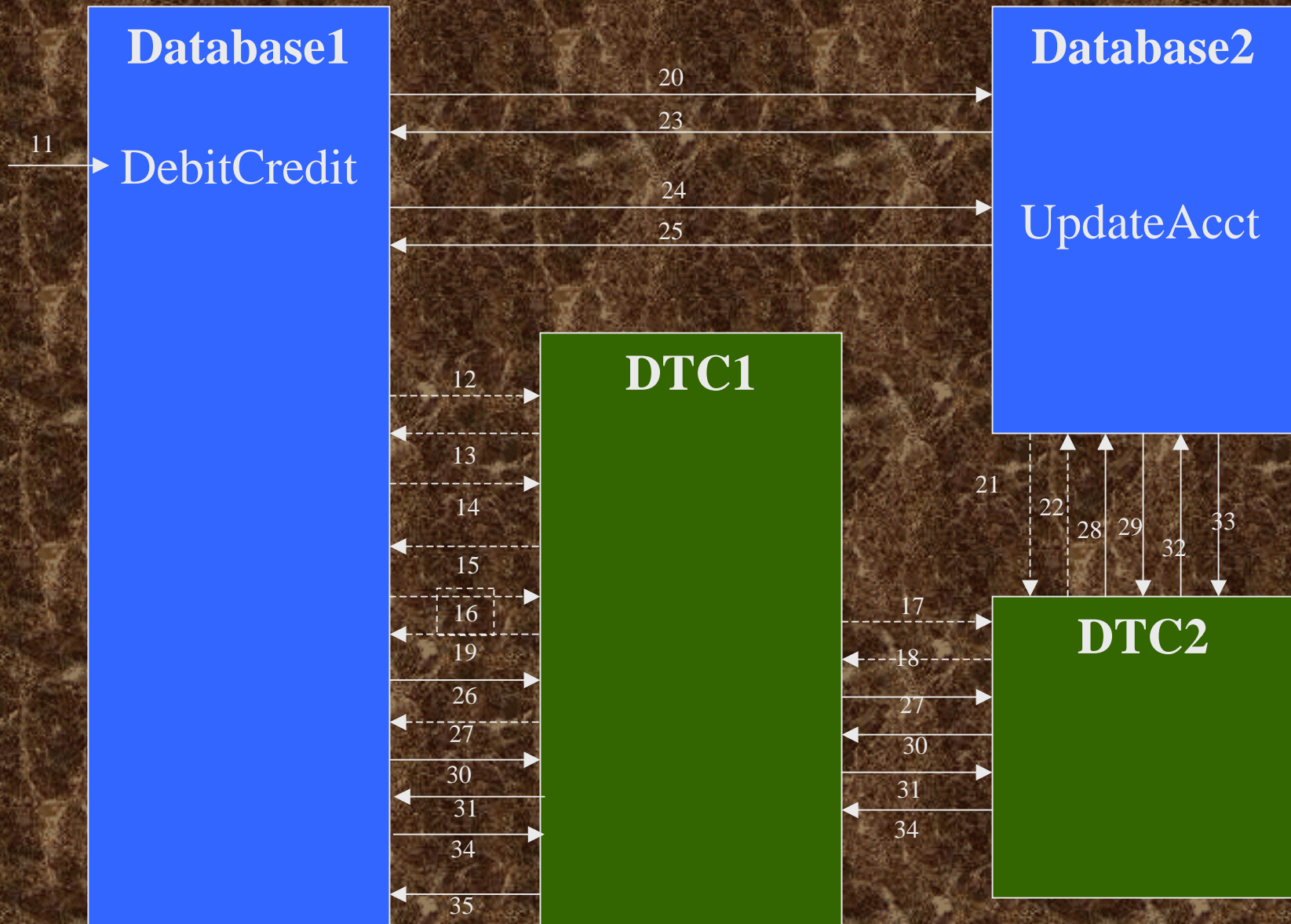


# Distributed Debit Credit - Same DTC



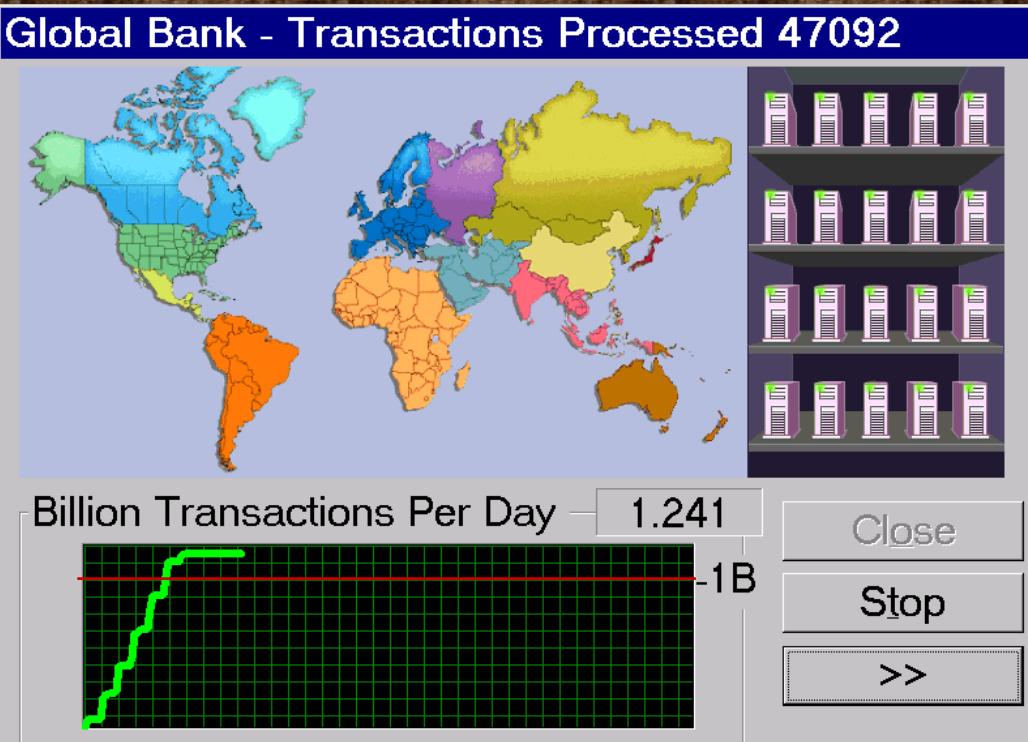


# Distributed Debit Credit - Different DTC



# 1.2 B tpd

- 1 B tpd ran for 24 hrs.
- Out-of-the-box software
- Off-the-shelf hardware
- **AMAZING!**

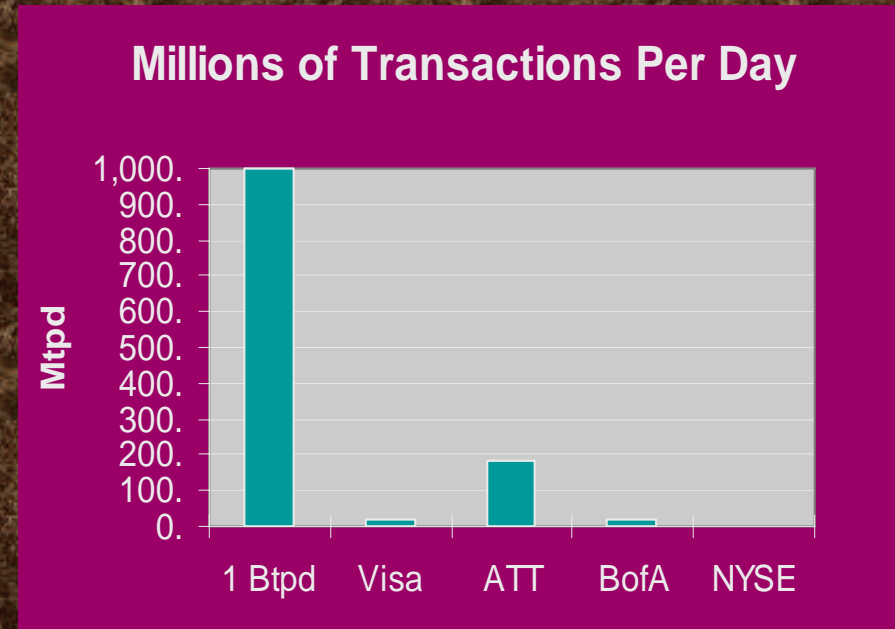


- Sized for 30 days
- Linear growth
- 5 micro-dollars per transaction



# How Much Is 1 Billion Tpd?

- 1 billion tpd = 11,574 tps  
~ 700,000 tpm (transactions/minute)
- ATT
  - 185 million calls per peak day (worldwide)
- Visa ~20 million tpd
  - 400 million customers
  - 250K ATMs worldwide
  - 7 billion transactions (card+cheque) in 1994
- New York Stock Exchange
  - 600,000 tpd
- Bank of America
  - 20 million tpd checks cleared (more than any other bank)
  - 1.4 million tpd ATM transactions
- Worldwide Airlines Reservations: 250 Mtpd





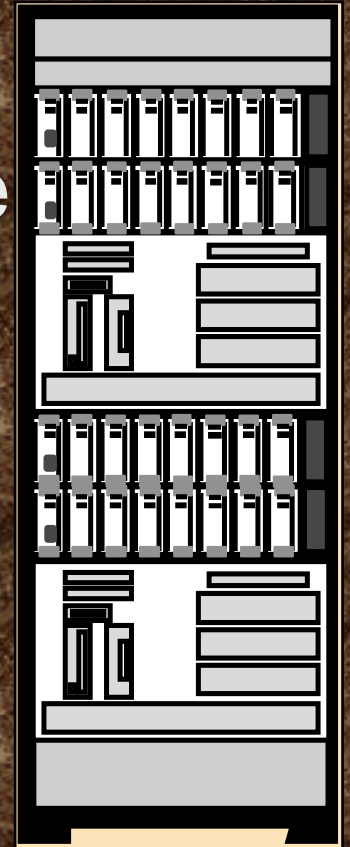
# 1 B tpd: So What?

- Shows what is possible, easy to build
  - Grows without limits
- Shows scaleup of DTC, MTS, SQL...
- Shows (again) that shared-nothing clusters scale
- Next task: make it easy.
  - auto partition data
  - auto partition application
  - auto manage & operate

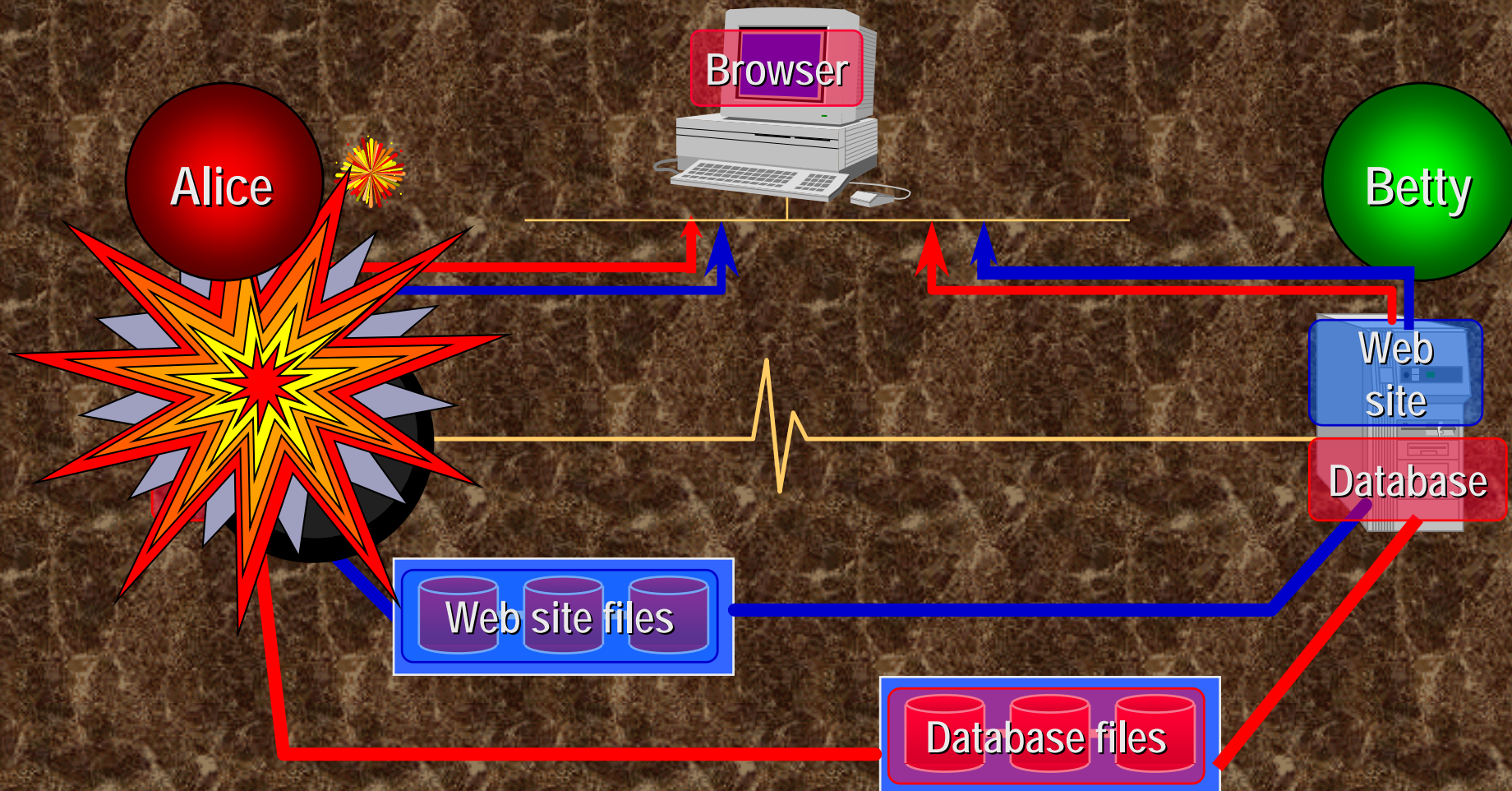


# Cluster Server: High Availability

- Multiple servers form one system
- Industry standard APIs and hardware
- Server application and tools support
  - IIS web server
  - File and Print servers
  - IP and NetName failover
  - Transaction and Queue Server failover
  - SQL Server, Enterprise edition
- Tight integration with Windows NT -- its easy!
- Two-Node clusters now (2 to 20 cpus)
- 16 node soon (2 to 192 cpus).



# WolfPack Cluster IIS & SQL Failover Demo





# Summary

Scale Up

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- SMP Scale UP: OK but limited
- Cluster Scale OUT: OK and unlimited
- Manageability:
  - fault tolerance OK & easy!
  - more needed
- CyberBricks work
- Manual Federation now
- Automatic in future

Scale Down



# Scalability Research Problems

- Automatic everything
- Scaleable applications
  - Parallel programming with clusters
  - Harvesting cluster resources
- Data and process placement
  - auto load balance
  - dealing with scale (thousands of nodes)
- High-performance DCOM
  - active messages meet ORBs?
- Process pairs, other FT concepts?
- Real time: instant failover
- Geographic (WAN) failover