

# Introduction to Aspera

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# Agenda

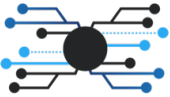
- Trends -> Challenges migrating large amounts of data
- IBM Aspera
- Challenges with TCP and alternative technologies
- IBM Aspera- Key capabilities
- Cloud challenges - IBM Aspera Direct-to-Cloud technology
- Use cases
- Aspera platform overview & product offerings

# Trends



## Big data explosion

- 90% of digital data today file-based or unstructured
- Mix of file sizes—but larger and larger files the norm



## Growth and diversity in IP networks – Media, bandwidth rates & conditions

- Variable bandwidth rates (slow to super-fast)
- Bandwidth rates increasing—costs decreasing
- Network media remains diverse (terrestrial, satellite, wireless)
- Conditions vary—all networks prone to degradation over distance



## Global workflows – real time experiences over WANs are expected

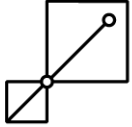
- Teams are geographically dispersed
- Over distance, network conditions degrade to majorly impact large transfers & streams
- Contemporary TCP acceleration solutions not designed for big data transfer and replication



## Cloud computing matures

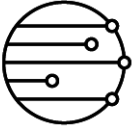
- More choices: IBM Cloud, AWS, Microsoft Azure, Google, Oracle, Alibaba, etc.
- No longer a niche – becoming prevalent across many industries including Media & Entertainment, Life Sciences, Manufacturing & Engineering, Financial Services, Oil & Gas, etc.

# Challenges of migrating large amounts of data



## Size & Volume

Can't reliably send, share, and sync large files and data sets over global internet connections



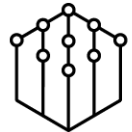
## Speed

Unable to move big data at high-speed with existing network bandwidth



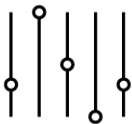
## Distance

Subject to slower times and more congestion for global file transfers across public internet, corporate MPLS, wireless and mobile networks



## Infrastructure

Limited options to access and store data to the cloud from on-premises infrastructures



## Control

Need greater security & more control in moving files & data sets to employees, collaborators, & external data centers, without impacting other traffic

Why **IBM Aspera**?

Securely move data at  
**high speed** to, from and  
across on-premises and  
hybrid cloud environments  
regardless of **size,**  
**distance, and network**  
**conditions**

# IBM Aspera's mission

IBM Aspera's next-generation transport technologies  
move the world's digital assets at maximum speed,  
regardless of file size, transfer distance and network conditions

## Markets Served

Media and Entertainment

Life Sciences & Pharmaceutical

Oil & Gas

Telecommunications

Federal Government

Healthcare

Enterprise IT

Cloud Computing

Engineering & Manufacturing

Software & Gaming

Advertising & Publishing

Consumer Products & Retail

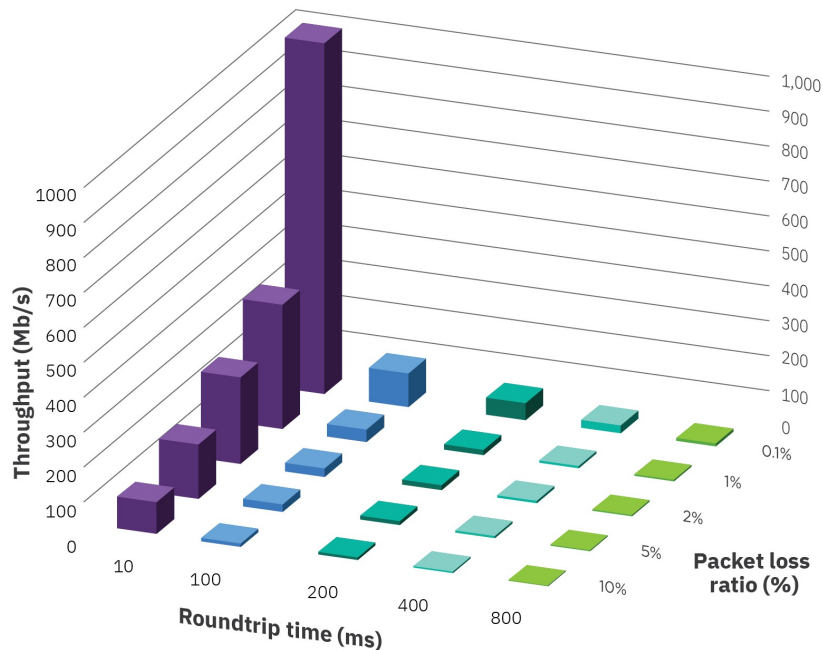
Architecture & Design

Financial Services

Legal & eDiscovery

Service Providers

# Challenges with TCP and alternative technologies



Note: The relative bandwidth utilization for FASP transfers over a 1 Gbps network are immune to latency (distance) with very little effect from packet loss.

## Distance degrades conditions on all networks

- Latency (or Round Trip Times) increases
- Packet loss increases
- Fast networks are just as prone to degradation

## TCP performance degrades severely with distance

- TCP was designed for LANs; doesn't perform well over distance
- Throughput bottlenecks are severe as latency & packet loss increase

## TCP does not scale with bandwidth

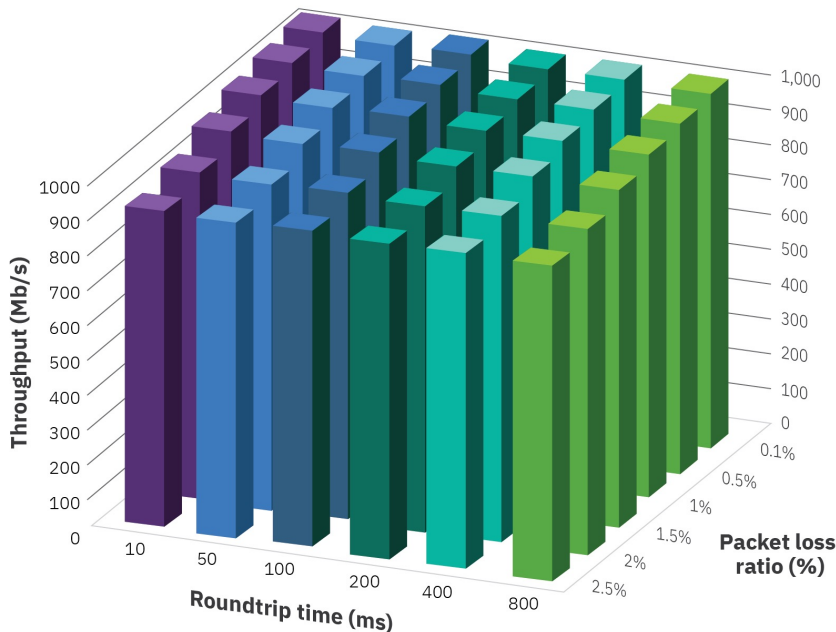
- TCP designed for low bandwidth
- Adding more bandwidth does not improve throughput

## Alternative technologies

- TCP-based - Network latency & packet loss must be low to work well
- UDP blasters - Inefficient use of bandwidth leads to congestion
- Modified TCP - Does not scale well on high-speed networks
- Data caching - Inappropriate for many large file transfer workflows
- Data compression - Time consuming & impractical for some file types

# FASP® – high performance data transport

Fast Adaptive and Secure Protocol (FASP)



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## Maximum transfer speed

- Optimal end-to-end throughput efficiency
- Transfer performance scales with bandwidth independent of transfer distance and resilient to packet loss

## Congestion avoidance and policy control

- Automatic, full utilization of available bandwidth (fair play)
- On-the-fly prioritization of transfers
- Set caps on bandwidth allocation for transfers

## Uncompromising security and reliability

- Secure, SSH user/endpoint authentication
- AES-128 to 256 cryptography of every packet in transit
- Encryption at rest uses an additional password
- FIPS 140-2 compliant, built on the open SSL libraries
- Automatic resume of partial or failed transfers

## Scalable management, monitoring and control

- Support highly concurrent transfers
- Real-time progress, performance and bandwidth utilization
- Detailed transfer history, logging, and manifest



# Key Aspera capabilities

## Performance at any distance

- Transfer up to 100s of times faster using built-in FASP® protocol
- Any size or volume
- Predictable and reliable
- Adaptive bandwidth control
- Achieve multi-Gbps speeds

High-speed data transfer across hybrid cloud infrastructures



MOVING A 10GB FILE		Across US	US - Europe	US - Asia
Legacy Transport	100 Mbps	10-20 Hours	15-20 Hours	Impractical
	1 Gbps			
	10 Gbps			
Aspera FASP®	100 Mbps	14 Min	14 Min	14 Min
	1 Gbps	1.4 Min	1.4 Min	1.4 Min
	10 Gbps	8.4 Sec	8.4 Sec	8.4 Sec

# FASP – maximum speed with no network saturation



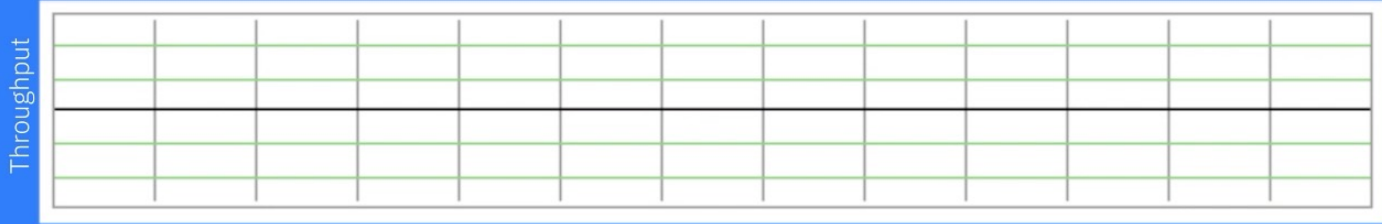
## Extraordinary bandwidth control that doesn't saturate the network

- Automatic detection & full utilization of available bandwidth with “fair” policy protection of other network traffic
- Allows “bursts” in TCP traffic and reclaims unused bandwidth as it becomes available

Adaptive rate control delivers high performance without impacting business-critical network traffic.

Other Network Traffic

FASP®



# FASP adaptive rate control



## Real-time prioritization of transfers

- On-the-fly, per flow, user and job prioritization of transfers
- Concurrent transfers adjust bandwidth on the fly, allocating available bandwidth based on transfer priority

## System-wide monitoring and reporting

- Real-time progress and performance analysis along with detailed transfer history, logging and manifest

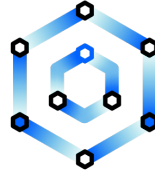
Cloud challenges

# Challenges of multicloud data transfer



## FTP & HTTP Timeouts

TCP-based transfers slow with distance and packet loss



## Automating Transfers

Manually scripting automated file processing is too complex



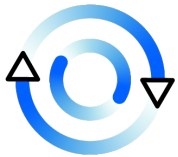
## Need Faster, More Secure Delivery

Shipping hard disks increases risk of data getting lost in transit



## Lack End-to-End Visibility

Activity tracking & reporting across hybrid infrastructures is difficult



## Accessing Data in a Hybrid Cloud

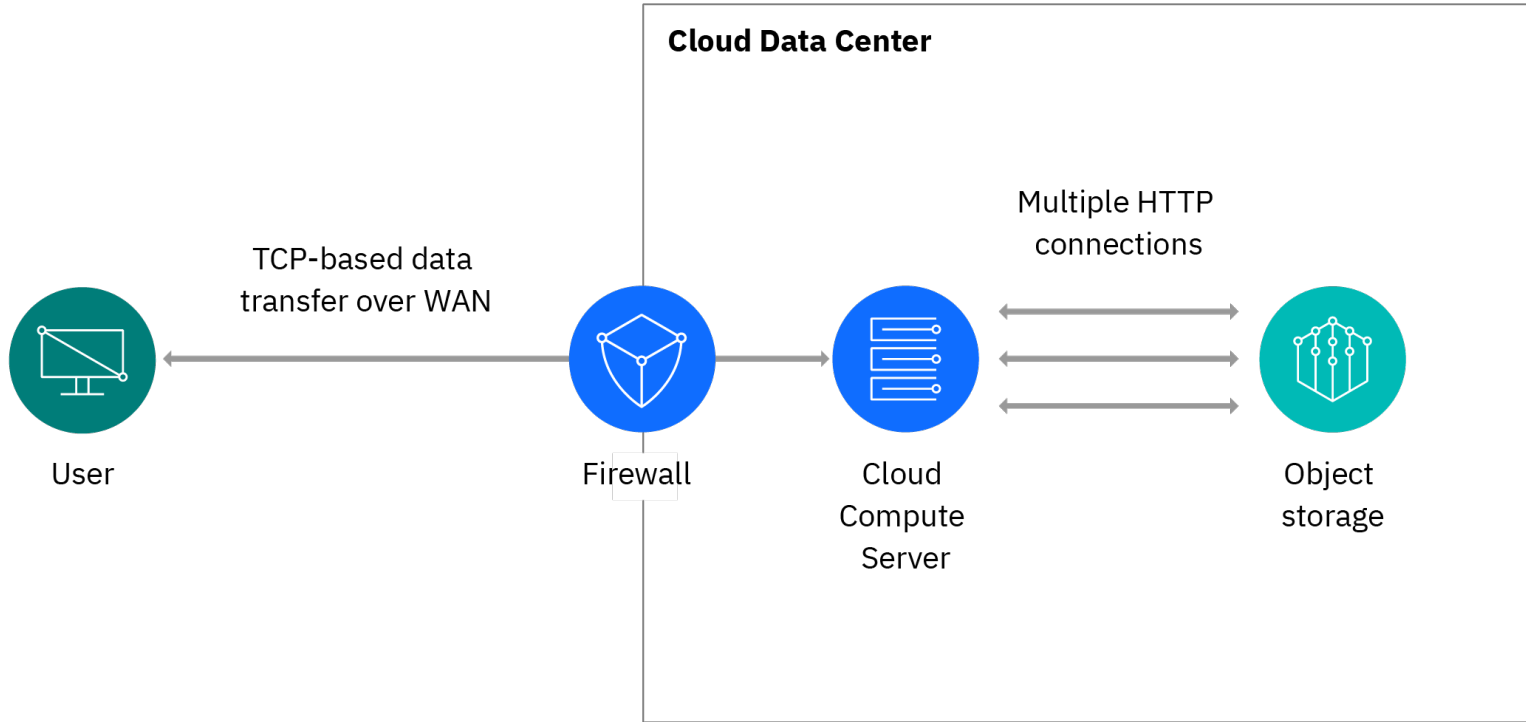
Data spread across storage locations can be difficult to access



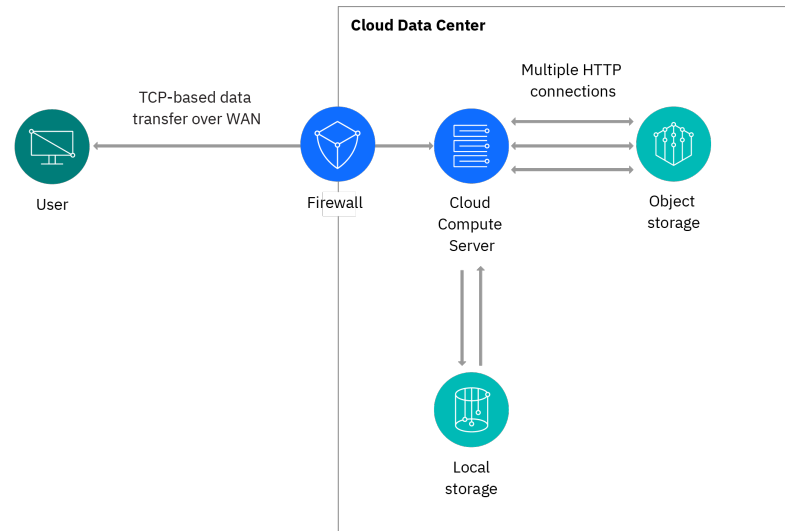
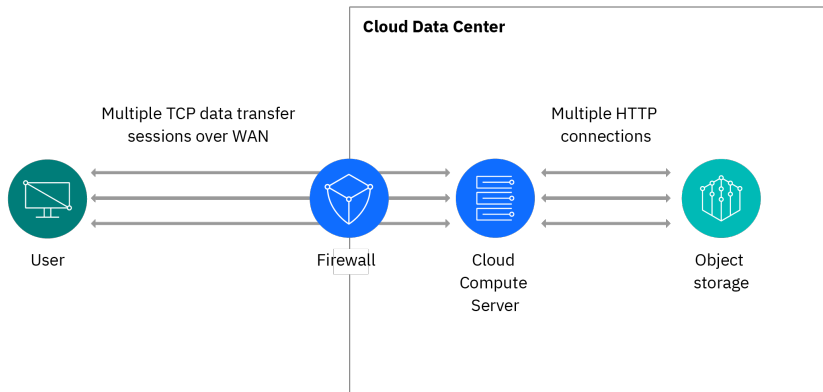
## Securing Your Transfer Environment

Enabling information exchange risks the exposure of your business' IP

# WAN transfer challenge is compounded in the cloud



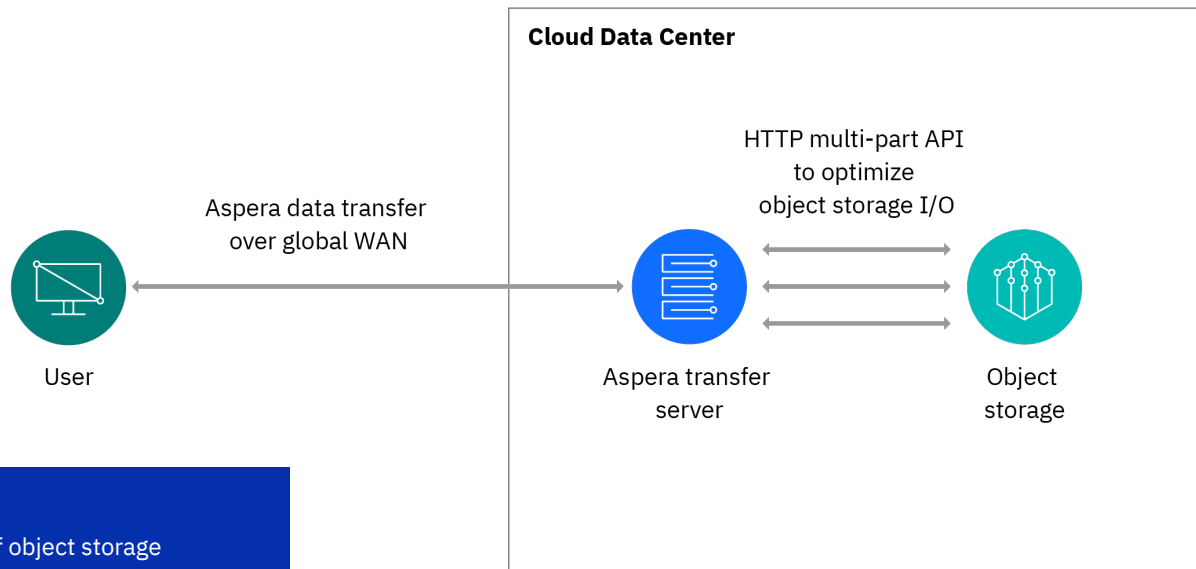
# Traditional cloud transfer options



Both methods for writing to cloud object storage create **bottlenecks and unnecessary delays**



# IBM Aspera Direct-to-Cloud technology



## The Solution

- Full client-side read/write of object storage
- Synchronous transfer from client to object storage
- FASP transfer speeds end-to-end
- Real-time optimization of chunk size for HTTP
- Up to 3.5Gbps over a single session (varies per cloud & instance type)
- Has achieved 100TB per 24 hours



IBM Cloud



Microsoft Azure



Google Cloud



AWS GovCloud (US)



NetApp



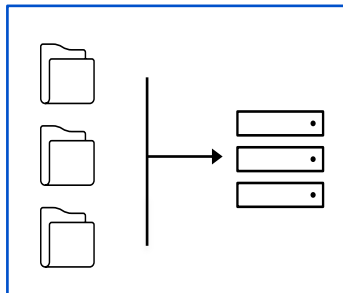
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IBM Cloud  
Object Storage



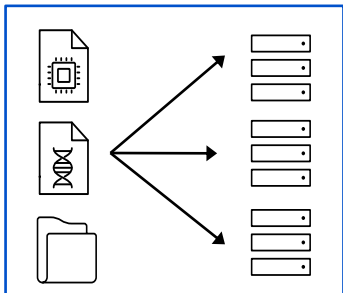
# Aspera use cases and product portfolio

# Key use cases



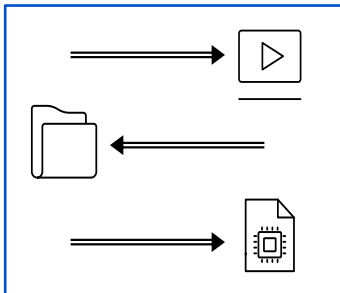
## Upload & Ingest Large Data Sets

Migrate/upload massive volumes of data to cloud to cut costs and scale faster, e.g. Migrate to Cloud



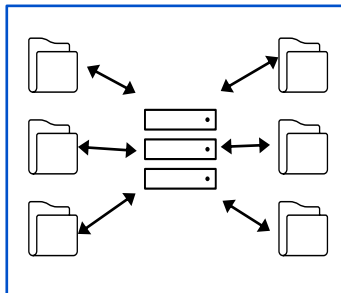
## Distribute Data Globally

Quickly distribute globally to many target sites to accelerate workflows & deliverables, e.g. Retail, Distribution



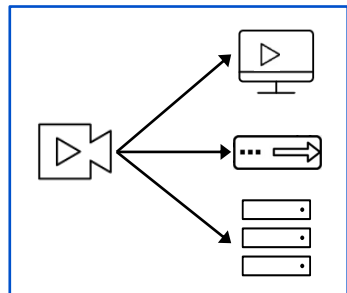
## Share & exchange files & folders

Allow teams to quickly collaborate with huge files and data sets to boost productivity, e.g. Manufacturing Design



## Replicate & Sync Datasets

Replicate data repositories. Decrease RTO/RPO to ensure business continuity and prevent data loss e.g. Devops Sync



## Stream high-quality video & data

Stream high-quality video and data feeds over public Internet without modification across all platforms (server, desktop browser and mobile)

**NETFLIX**



**JABIL**



# Aspera platform overview

## Access & APIs

Web, Desktop, Email,  
Mobile, CLI, Custom App,  
SDKs, REST, Java & more

## Delivery

## Collaboration

## Synchronization

## Automation & Integration

## Real-time visibility & control

Secure high-speed transfer clusters connecting  
public, private & hybrid clouds



Microsoft Azure



## FASP® Patented High-Speed Transport

Any Data Size, Distance, Network

Any Storage: Block, Object, On Premises, Cloud

Any Data: Files, Streams

# Aspera product offerings

## Flexible licensing models

### Software as a Service (SaaS)

- New Aspera on Cloud platform to transfer, exchange and automate the delivery of your data across public, private and hybrid clouds
- Includes monitoring, reporting, administration, and automation
- SaaS offering hosted on IBM Cloud

### Perpetual software license with annual support and maintenance

- Host license per server, point-to-point, and web application servers
- Based on aggregate bandwidth
- Add-ons for High-Availability

### On demand subscription service

- Monthly, Annual, Multi-year subscription services based on volume transferred
- Server On Demand, Application Platform On Demand, Shares On Demand, Faspex On Demand
- Add-on options: Clients, Sync, Autoscale
- Available on IBM Cloud, AWS, Azure, Google

### Aspera Developer Network

Subscription service to comprehensive SDK, tools, utilities, sample code



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