



OpenFabrics



Open Standards for Interoperability

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The OpenFabrics Alliance

- Alliance of InfiniBand and iWarp vendors
 - Produce a common driver stack
 - Interoperability between all vendors
- Open source drivers
 - Drivers in Linux kernel tree
 - Distributed in Red Hat and SuSE



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Open source development

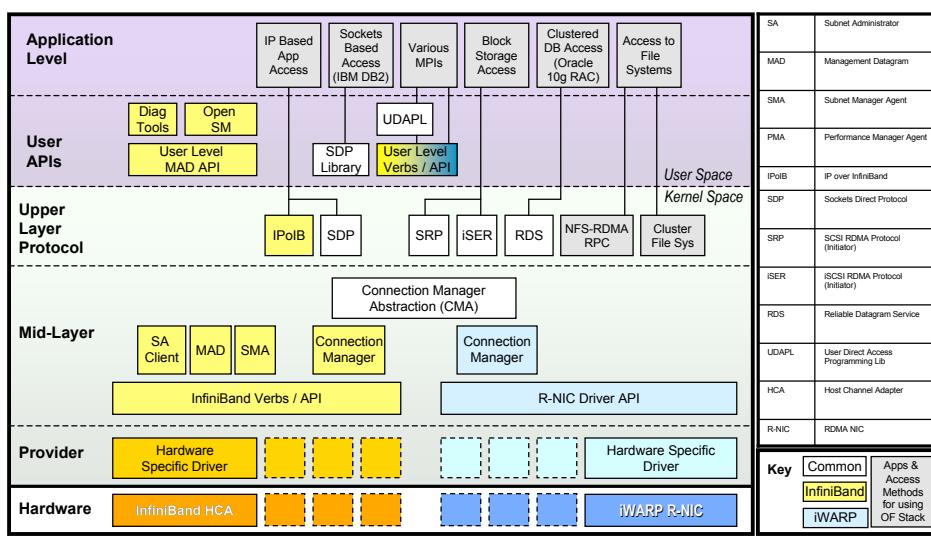
- All InfiniBand vendors participate in development
Source code in OpenFabrics Subversion and Git repositories publicly available
- Cisco drives the verbs development
Kernel and user layer APIs
Mellanox hardware drivers

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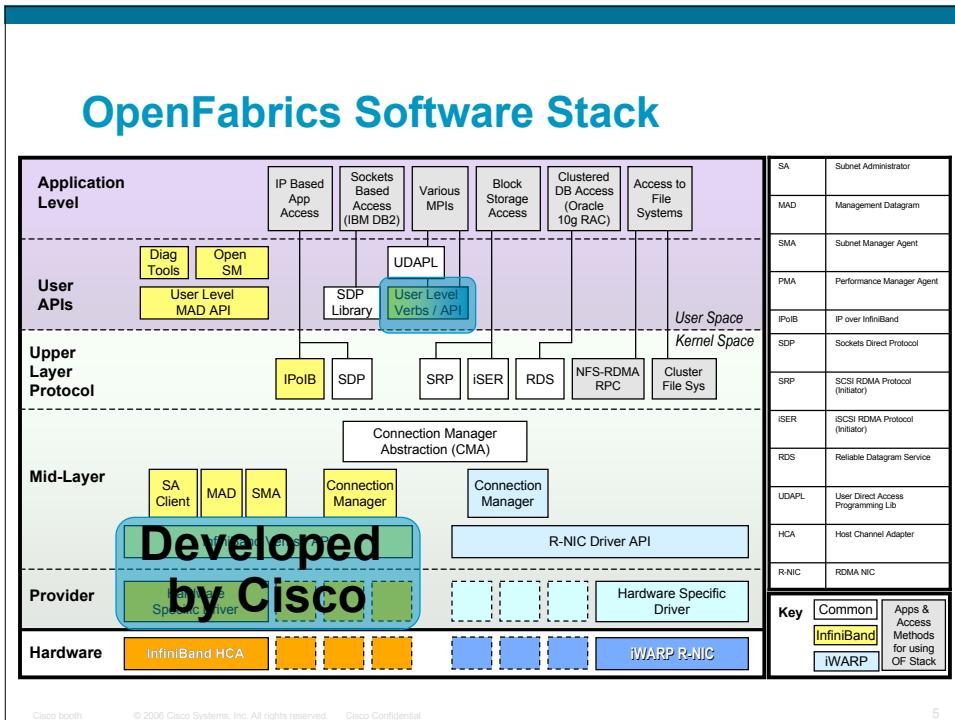
OpenFabrics Software Stack



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Software Availability

- Community source available
 - OFED releases available on www.openfabrics.com
- Cisco-packaged RPMs available on www.cisco.com
 - Thoroughly qualified and tested with Cisco hardware
- Full documentation available

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Open MPI



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MPI From Scratch!

- Developers of FT-MPI, LA-MPI, LAM/MPI
 - Kept meeting at conferences in 2003
 - Culminated at SC 2003: Let's start over
 - Open MPI was born
- Started serious design and coding work January 2004
 - All of MPI except one-sided operations
 - First release 1Q 2005

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MPI From Scratch: Why?

- Each prior project had different strong points
 - Could not easily combine into one code base
- New concepts could not easily be accommodated in old code bases
- Easier to start over
 - Start with a blank sheet of paper
 - Many years of collective implementation experience

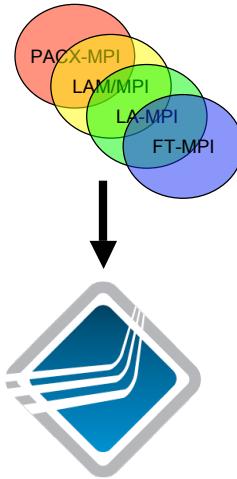
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MPI From Scratch: Why?

- Started as merger of ideas from
 - FT-MPI (U. of Tennessee)
 - LA-MPI (Los Alamos, Sandia)
 - LAM/MPI (Indiana U.)
 - PACX-MPI (HLRS, U. Stuttgart)
- Grew into much more than that



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Current Members

Academia / Research

- HLRS
- Indiana University
- Sandia National Laboratory
- Los Alamos National Laboratory
- University of Dresden
- University of Houston
- University of Tennessee

Industry

- Cisco
- IBM
- Mellanox
- Myricom
- QLogic
- Sun
- Voltaire

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Open MPI Project Goals

- All of MPI (i.e., MPI-1 and MPI-2)
- Open source
 - Vendor-friendly license (BSD)
- Prevent “forking” problem
 - Community / 3rd party involvement
 - Production-quality research platform (targeted)
 - Rapid deployment for new platforms
- Shared development effort

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Design Goals

- Extend / enhance previous ideas
- Message fragmentation / reassembly
- Design for heterogeneous environments
 - Multiple networks
 - Node architecture (data type representation)
- Automatic error detection / retransmission
- Process fault tolerance

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Design Goals

- Design for a changing environment
 - Hardware failure
 - Resource changes
 - Application demand (dynamic processes)
- Portable efficiency on any parallel resource
 - Small cluster
 - “Big iron” hardware
 - Grid
 - ...

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Implementation Goals

- All of MPI
- Low latency
 - E.g., minimize memory management traffic
- High bandwidth
 - E.g., stripe messages across multiple networks
- Production quality
- Thread safety and concurrency
(MPI_THREAD_MULTIPLE)

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Implementation Goals

- Based on a component architecture
- Flexible run-time tuning
- “Plug-ins” for different capabilities (e.g., different networks)
- Natively support commodity networks
- Myrinet GM / MX
- Infiniband OpenFabrics / VAPI
- InfiniPath
- Portals
- Shared memory
- TCP
- uDAPL

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Current Status

- Open MPI v1.1.2 current stable release
Included in OFED distributions
- Open MPI v1.2b1 available for preview
<http://www.open-mpi.org/>

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