

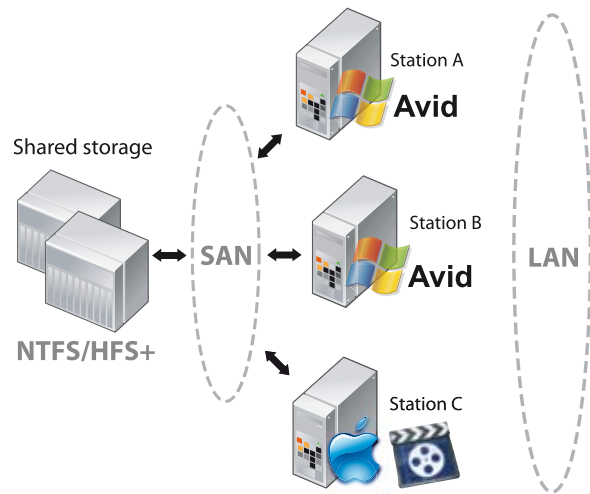
## Share rich media in a high-speed, cross-platform SAN

metaSAN\* is a high-speed file sharing Storage Area Network (SAN) management software that sets new standards for cross-platform workgroup collaboration. metaSAN enables multiple users to share access to common data files in workgroups where heavy bandwidth requirements are the norm. With metaSAN, film and video editors, digital artists, healthcare specialists, and corporate users can simultaneously access a common pool of data files such as video clips, databases, satellite imagery, medical archives, or CAD files – as easily and transparently as if the content was stored on their local drive.

Available for Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux, metaSAN innovates with true file sharing, native OS file system and access rights management, virtualization for Avid®, dynamic metadata master arbitration model, and seamless integration with LAN networks. These innovations ensure a perfectly transparent and reliable networked shared storage that can fuel the most creative environments in addition to greatly reducing the cost of managing mission-critical resources.

metaSAN's user-friendly file-level sharing capability offers far more flexibility than volume-level based sharing that imposes serious workflow restrictions.

With metaSAN, you manage accesses to your shared storage the same way you normally would for any other local drive.



There is no need for special disk formatting or management utilities, or for creating or managing special user accounts. Network administrators simply use standard OS account management tools to grant or deny access to the individual users.

For those in mission-critical environment, metaSAN's dynamic metadata master arbitration model provides the failover mechanism that ensures 24/7 operations by eliminating the risks of downtime associated with conventional metadata controller-based architecture.

metaSAN can seamlessly integrate SAN and LAN networks. With the addition of metaLAN, your metaSAN, metaSAN iSCSI or metaLAN Server workstations turn into a "cluster of servers". metaLAN eliminates hotspots and I/O bottlenecks in addition to aggregating the total bandwidth of the individual servers. It delivers substantial benefits over a regular LAN shares, including block-level access, automatic load balancing, transparent failover, client bandwidth usage control, and easy cross-platform integration between Mac, Windows, and Linux clients.

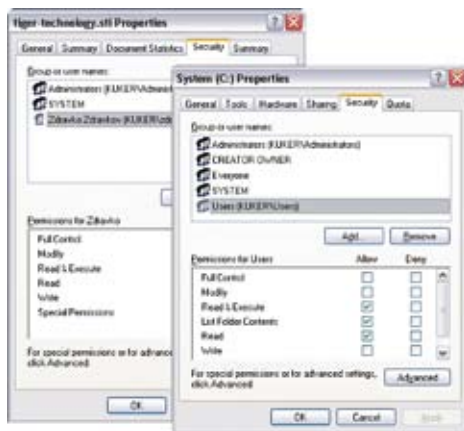
metaSAN represents a major shift from traditional SAN management software. You can choose the

network topology that best suits your needs – SAN for bandwidth and real scalability, LAN for lower cost and ease of deployment, or a combination of both! You then choose the building blocks that deliver the performance and scalability you need – Fibre Channel, InfiniBand, Gigabit Ethernet, and even iSCSI. metaSAN supports the leading vendors of storage and networking technology including Atto, Archion, Brocade, D-Link, Enhanced, Emulex, G-Tech, IBM, Infortrend, Promise, QLogic, Rorke, Seagate and Xyratex.

The Tiger Technology software turns these off-the-shelf storage and networking components into a high-performance workgroup. metaSAN is fully transparent and compatible with standard applications, including Adobe Production Studio and Apple Final Cut Pro. In addition, the unique virtualization for Avid® feature enables sharing of media files among multiple users of Avid® software on Windows platforms for efficient workgroup collaboration.

\* The description of metaSAN applies to metaSAN iSCSI and metaLAN Server as well, with the following differences:


- metaSAN iSCSI is a special version of metaSAN designed to work with iSCSI Targets only. It cannot manage other types of volumes.
- metaLAN Server is a special version of metaSAN designed to be used exclusively as a server for metaLAN clients. As such, it does not mount the SAN volume locally.





FEATURES	metaSAN	Other SAN management software
Heterogeneous operating system support	<b>Yes</b> – Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux users can share content and collaborate efficiently	<b>Ask</b>
Simultaneous high-speed file sharing	<b>Yes</b> – No volume-locking restrictions! All users can read AND write to the same volume	<b>Ask</b>
Hardware and software agnostic	<b>Yes</b> – compatible with all standard applications, storage, and network technologies - including InfiniBand, 4Gb FC, 10 GigE, and iSCSI. Supports stripe sets, trunking and multipathing.	<b>Ask</b>
Native OS file system support	<b>Yes</b> – preserves the integrity of NTFS and HFS+ file systems and simplifies SAN maintenance. Manage volumes up to 18 exabytes in size!	<b>Ask</b>
Native OS access rights management	<b>Yes</b> – no need to manage additional accounts and passwords for true file sharing	<b>Ask</b>
Per-node bandwidth usage control	<b>Yes</b> – Bandwidth reservation and bandwidth quota for each SAN member allows for a fair and optimal distribution of the available network bandwidth	<b>Ask</b>
Virtualization for Avid®	<b>Yes</b> – Enables sharing of media files among multiple users of Avid® software on Windows platforms for efficient workgroup collaboration.	<b>Ask</b>
Dedicated metadata controller optional	<b>Yes</b> – Floating master approach means there is no need to purchase extra licenses, dedicated computers and HBA in non-demanding environments. Tiger recommends a dedicated master for ultimate performance and availability.	<b>Ask</b>
Centralized management of SAN definitions	<b>Yes</b> – simplifies SAN management by allowing global, as well as local SAN settings to be controlled from a single workstation	<b>Ask</b>
Soft zoning	<b>Yes</b> – enables the shared storage to be partitioned in a number of zones that permit the compartmentalization of data for increased security	<b>Ask</b>
24/7 mission-critical ready	<b>Yes</b> – access to SAN is fully redundant with true real-time failover capability	<b>Ask</b>
Multi-point gateway for LAN	<b>Yes</b> – Turn selected SAN members into a cluster of servers so your LAN clients can benefit from increased availability, throughput, and load balancing.	<b>Ask</b>
Transfer your licenses between OS	<b>Yes</b> – metaSAN licenses are not tied to a specific OS. For example, you can easily deactivate a Mac machine to activate a Windows or Linux workstation instead.	<b>Ask</b>
Affordable, time tested, field proven technology	<b>Yes</b> – thousands of users worldwide are already relying on Tiger Technology for their daily operations	<b>Ask</b>

metaSAN's innovative approach results in increased efficiency, flexibility, scalability, and reliability. By overcoming the limitations of traditional SAN management software, metaSAN enables significant productivity gains and storage savings that are easily measurable. Contact us today to find out how you can benefit from Tiger Technology. Contact us today to find out how you can benefit from Tiger Technology.

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