

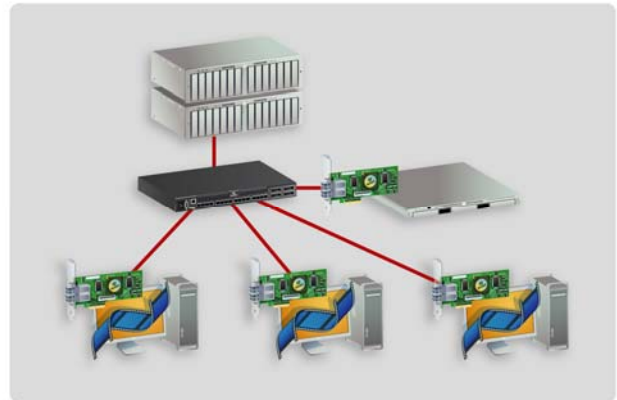


4Gb SANs for Mac

First 4Gbps End-to-End SAN Solution for Mac

Industry Challenges

The explosive demand for high bandwidth, rich media digital content is driving the need for Fibre Channel (FC) SANs utilizing the highest bandwidth available to meet ever-increasing technical requirements and ever-shrinking deadline needs. Creative professionals are increasingly looking for cost-effective, scalable, end-to-end SAN solutions that have proven interoperability across heterogeneous client workstations and operating systems including Mac OS X®, Windows®, Linux™, and Solaris™.



QLogic Advantage

QLogic is the only SAN vendor that delivers a true end-to-end solution for Mac OS X, allowing companies to lower their SAN deployment, configuration, and support costs. QLogic delivers the following advantages:

- High-performance 4Gbps FC HBAs and Switches that also feature 10Gbps Stacking Inter Switch Links (ISLs)
- Ultimate flexibility. One HBA that works across heterogeneous workstation clients
- Single interface for HBAs and Switches that minimizes SAN complexity
- High scalability and non-disruptive Fabric growth capabilities using 10Gbps Switch ISLs
- Lower deployment and support costs with increased interoperability

Competitive Shortfalls

Other HBA and Switch vendors offer only discrete storage solutions with no Mac OS X support. This lack of support complicates product implementation, extends deployment time, and increases support costs. These isolated solutions pose a host of challenges, including:

- No Mac OS X and Windows XP Pro support
- Increased deployment and administration costs due to discrete solutions
- Multiple-vendor platform implementation challenges
- SAN management complexity due to disparate solutions
- Unforeseen SAN configuration and interoperability issues and concerns