



## Podcast #2: 8Gb SSC and MSA2000fc

The HP StorageWorks 8Gb Simple SAN Connection portfolio is Simple, Powerful, Scalable, and Affordable. Combine it with the Modular Smart Array 2000fc—and you have an enterprise-class, yet simple-to-use, solution for businesses and budgets of any size.

HP simplifies enterprise-class SANs by combining an integrated end-to-end SAN management system with infrastructure that connects your servers and MSA2000fc storage—all at a low cost of entry!

The HP StorageWorks MSA2000fc combines high-performance 4Gb Fibre Channel with modular capacity and high availability options for your future needs. Paired with the Simple SAN Connection portfolio, common management and maintenance tasks are now accomplished in a few mouse clicks—saving time and reducing costs.

This solution is ideal for smaller companies with tight budgets and limited IT expertise, or larger companies that have perhaps hundreds of smaller departments and remote locations.

The 8Gb Simple SAN Connection portfolio includes the 8Gb Simple SAN Connection Kit, the 8/20q Fibre Channel Switch, the Simple SAN Connection Manager, and the 81Q and 82Q PCI-e Fibre Channel HBAs. The Simple SAN Connection Manager simplifies common management and maintenance tasks in a single tool and ships free of charge with both the Connection Kit and the 8/20q switch. The switch and HBAs are optimized to deliver the full 4Gb capabilities of the MSA2000fc storage array while providing 8Gb performance to attached servers.

SAN novices and seasoned experts alike will appreciate the simplicity and power of the included Simple SAN Connection Manager software that works seamlessly with the MSA2000fc storage array.

The fully integrated dashboard and wizards can quickly provision your MSA2000fc storage and automate the configuration and management of the HBA and switch hardware.

With the Microsoft® LUN wizard in Simple SAN Connection Manager, basic disk manager tasks like partitioning, drive letter assignment, and formatting can be performed from a single tool. LUNs can be deployed for immediate use without jumping between separate applications!

If you need to quickly deploy a Microsoft Exchange solution, simply use the included Exchange wizard to select the amount of storage and users you need—and the wizard will automatically provision your MSA2000fc array based on best practices for Microsoft Exchange operations.

Best of all, Simple SAN Connection Manager works seamlessly with the HP StorageWorks MSA Storage Management Utility (SMU). Simply launch the SMU utility with a single click to perform advanced management operations.

Combined with the price/performance, modular scalability, and high-availability options of the MSA2000fc storage array, the 8Gb Simple SAN Connection portfolio provides an enterprise-class solution for businesses and budgets of any size, providing a reliable SAN environment that can scale rapidly to deliver the capacity and performance you need as your business grows.

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