



# Trends in Storage and Data: New Directions for Industry Standards

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# About the Presenter



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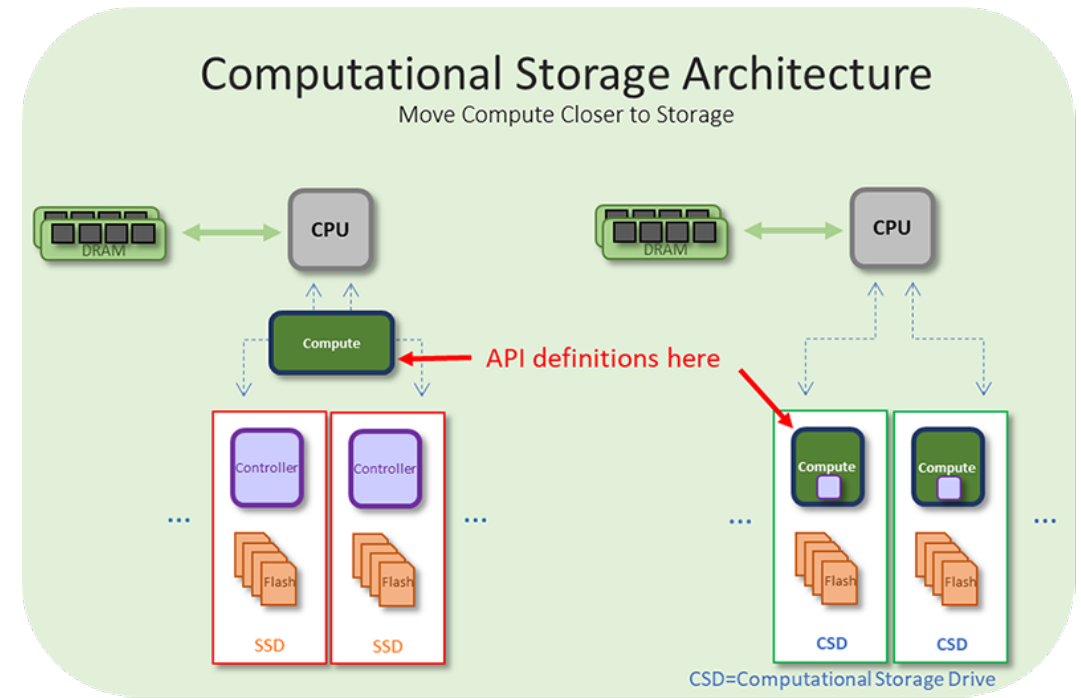
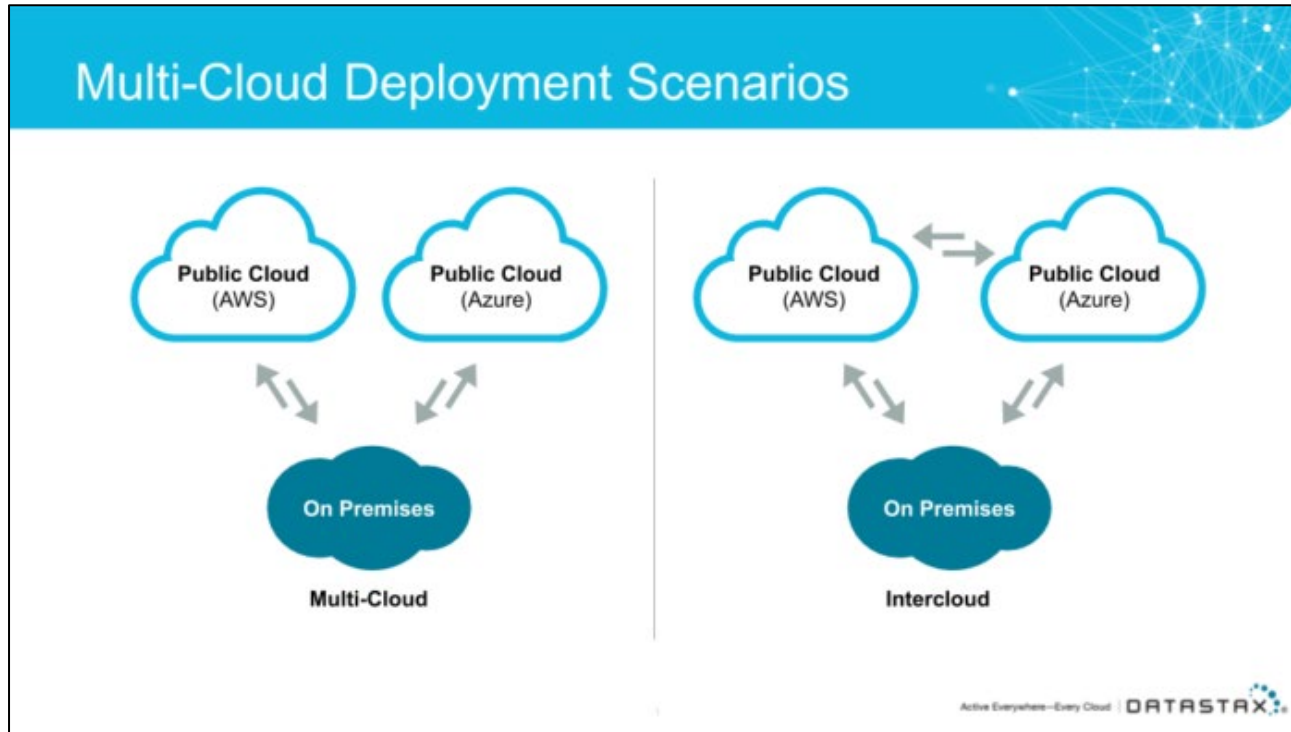
Storage Technology  
Enablement Architect, Intel

Richelle is a Storage Technology Enablement Architect at Intel, where she promotes and drives enablement of new technologies and standards strategies. Richelle has spent over 25 years in Enterprise R&D teams in a variety of technical roles, leading the architecture, design and development of storage array software, storage management software user experience projects including mobility, developing new storage industry categories including SAN management, storage grid and cloud, and storage technology portfolio solutions.

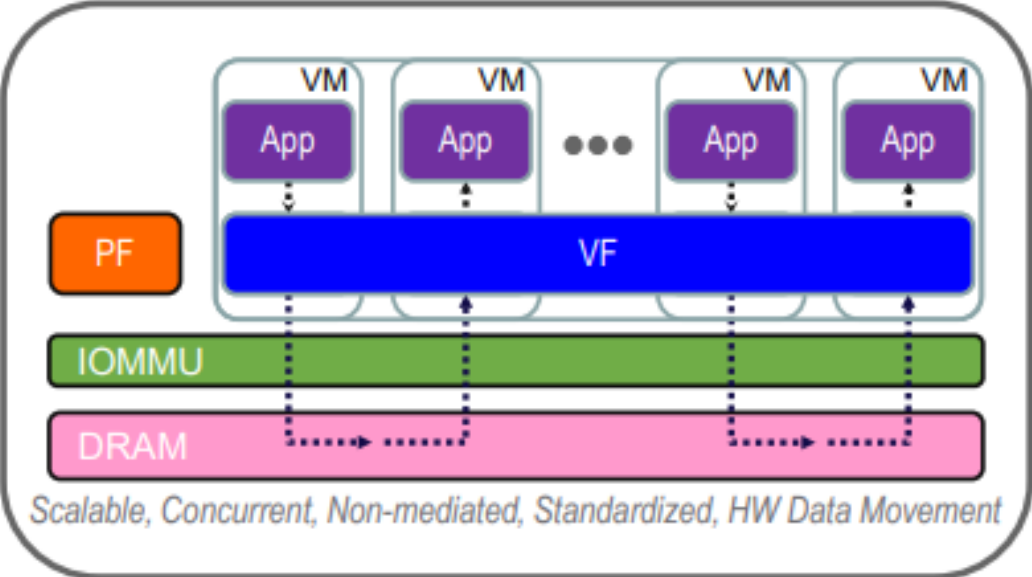
Richelle has been engaged with industry standards initiatives for many years and is actively engaged with many groups supporting manageability including SNIA, DMTF, NVMe, OFA and UClE. She is Vice-Chair of the SNIA Board of Directors, Chair of the Storage Management Initiative, leads the SSM Technical Work Group developing the Swordfish Scalable Storage Management API, and has also served as the SNIA Technical Council Chair and been engaged across a breadth of technologies ranging from storage management, to solid state storage, to cloud, to green storage. She also serves on the DMTF Board of Directors as the VP of Finance and Treasurer.

# Standards-based Technology Trends in Storage and Data

Cloud: Expanding from hybrid to multi-cloud

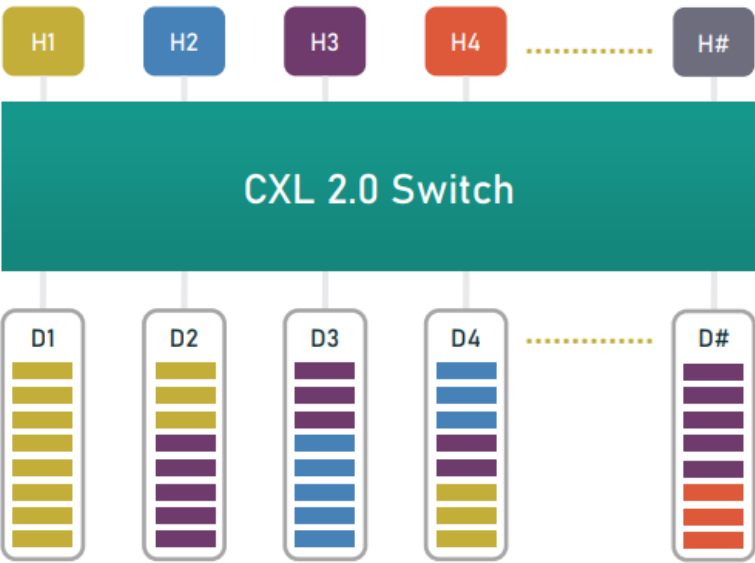


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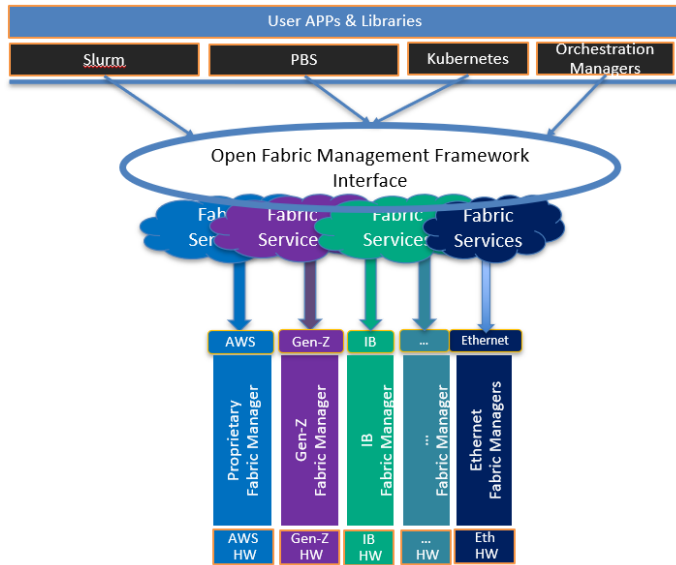
Data Accelerators

Memory Pooling with Multiple Logical Devices



Cache coherent disaggregation:  
Memory, Accelerators,  
memory-based storage

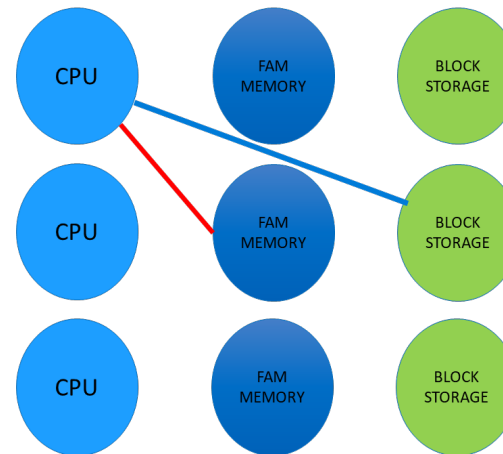
# Manageability Standards-based Technology Trends



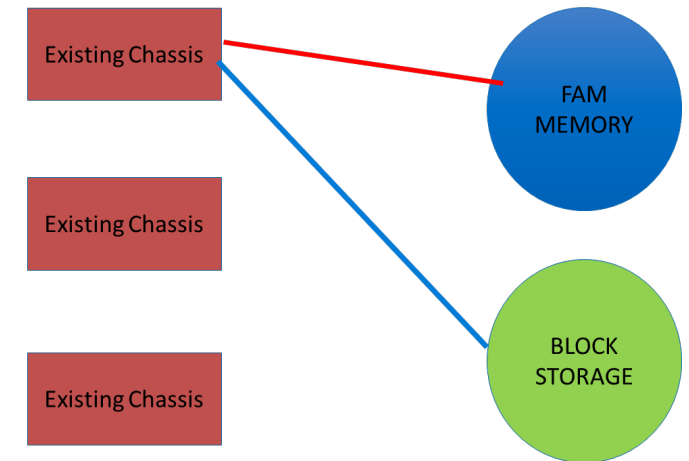
Expanding storage fabric technologies:  
Dedicated fabrics to shared fabrics  
AND  
Managing heterogeneous fabrics

Composable Disaggregated Infrastructures (CDI): Expanding pool-based resource management beyond storage

SPECIFIC OR CONSTRAINED COMPOSITION



EXPANDABLE COMPOSITION



# SNIA

- Founded 25 years ago with a focus on Storage Networking
- Evolved from Storage Networking to Storage
- DATA is now front and center
- Vision and mission reflects SNIA's expertise and technical work to:
  - Accelerate data
  - Format data
  - Transport data
  - Store data
  - Protect data
  - Optimize infrastructure for data



# SNIA's Vision and Mission Reflect a Data-Centric Focus

## VISION:

- Be the global experts and trusted authority for technologies related to handling and optimizing data.

## MISSION:

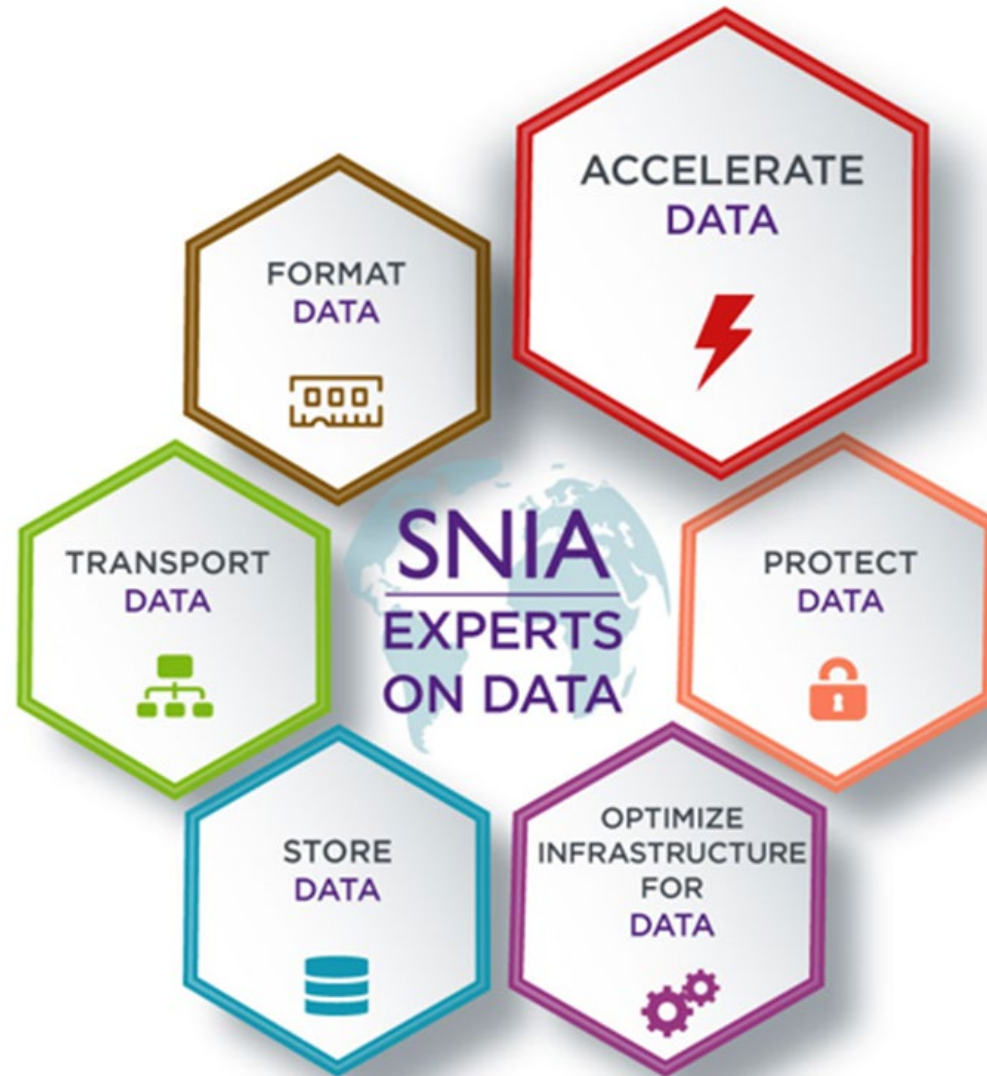
- Develop and promote architectures, standards, and education through vendor-neutral collaboration of experts on data technologies that lead the industry worldwide.

# Data-Centric Focus Areas





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**Accelerate: Move processing to the data**

**Areas of Interest:**

- Data Accelerator (SDXI)
- Computational Storage
- DPU

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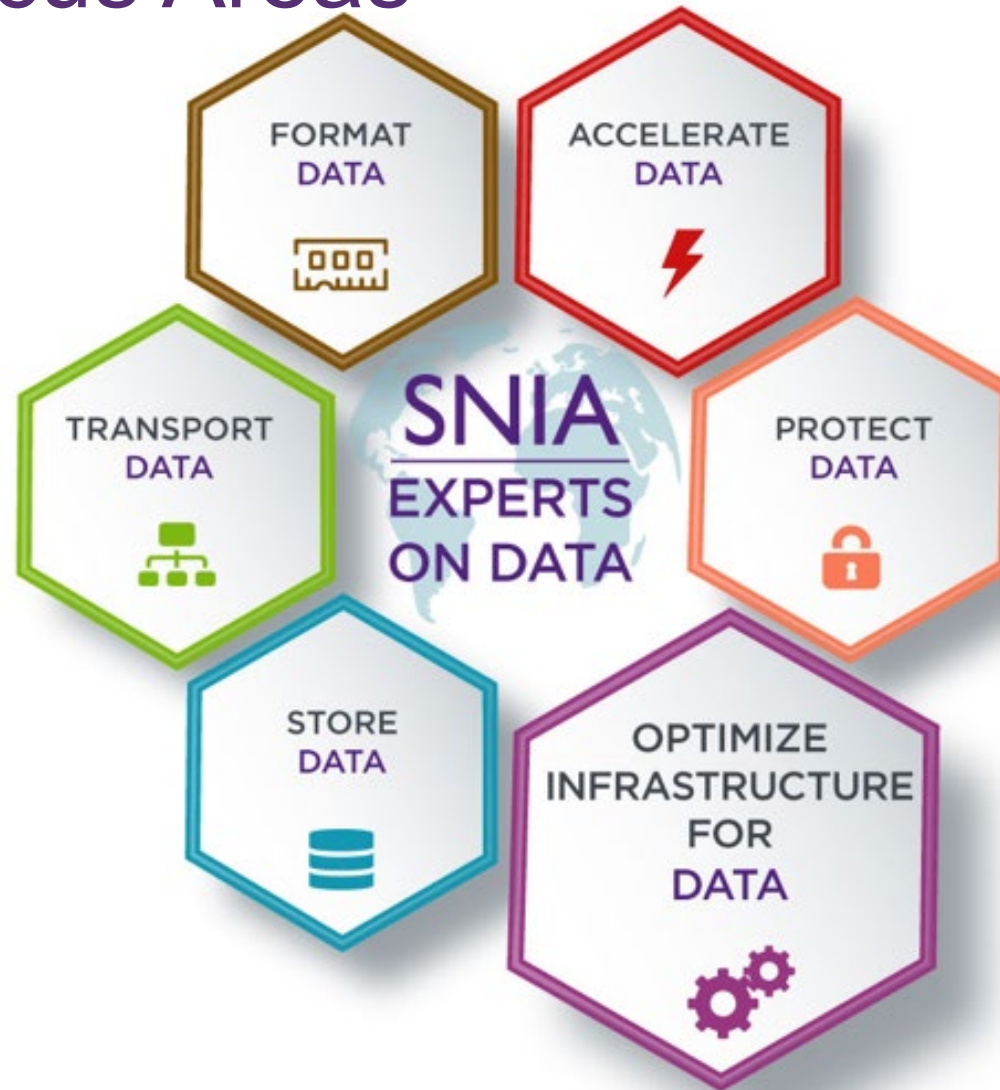


**Protect: Secure and protect data**

**Areas of Interest:**

- Storage Security
- TLS for Storage Systems
- Encryption and Key Management
- Sanitization
- Privacy
- Storage Management Security
- Fibre Channel Security

# Data-Centric Focus Areas



**Optimize Infrastructure:  
Optimize how data  
environments are  
configured and managed.**

## Storage Management

- SNIA Swordfish™
- iSCSI Management, SMI-S
- IP Based Drive & Management

## Green Storage

- SNIA Emerald™, Power Efficiency

## Containers

## Performance

- Real World Storage Workload, IO Capture and Test

## IoT

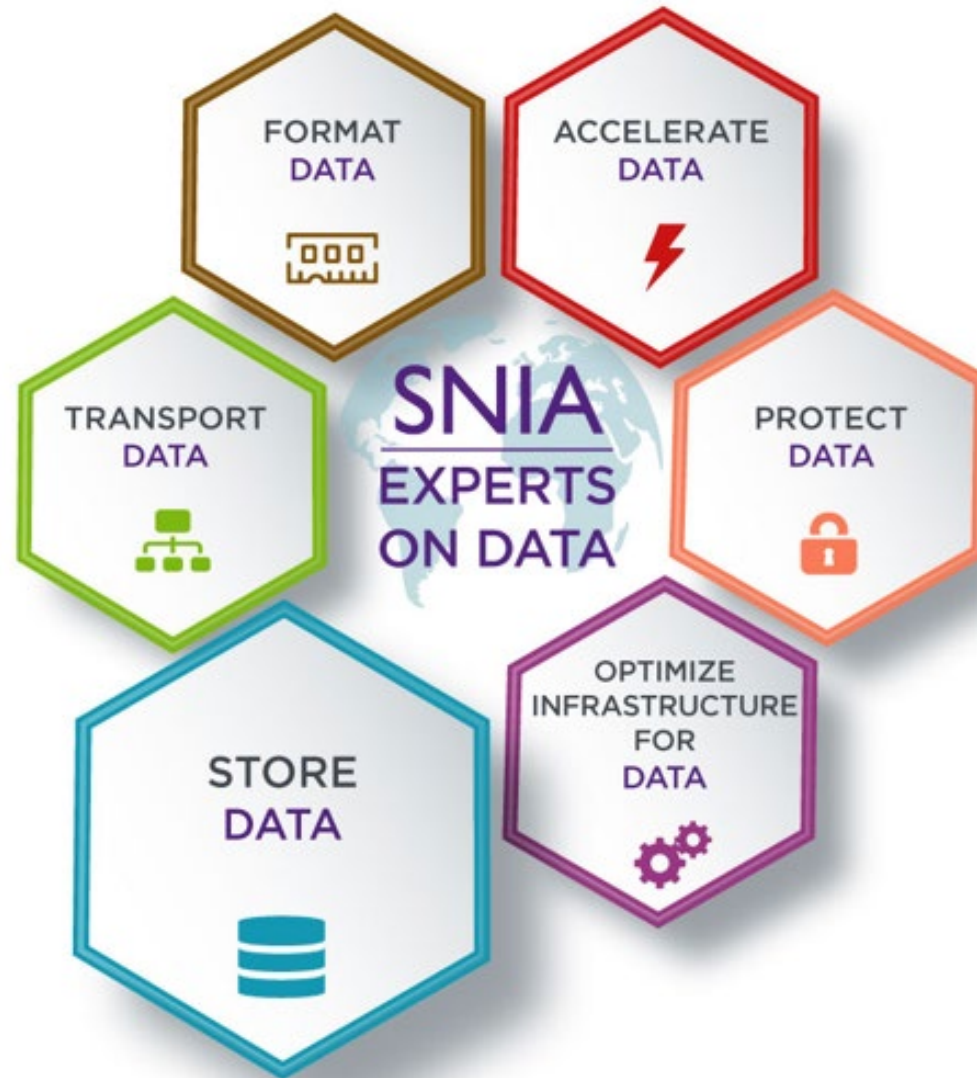
## Software Defined Storage

# Data-Centric Focus Areas

**Store: Representation of data on storage media.**

**Areas of Interest:**

- Non-Volatile Memory
- Zoned Storage
- Cloud / Hyperscaler Storage
- Key Value
- DNA Data Storage
- Persistent Memory
- Serial Attached SCSI
- Automotive



# Data-Centric Focus Areas

**Transport: Move data between physical locations.**

**Areas of Interest:**

- Physical Connections and Transceiver Standards
  - SFF and EDSFF
- Native NVMe-oF™
- Memory Fabrics
  - CXL®
- Networked Storage Technologies
  - FC, iSCSI, SMB3
- Serial Attached SCSI



# Data-Centric Focus Areas

**Format: Different formats to access stored data.**

**Areas of Interest:**

- Linear Tape Format Specification (LTFS)
- Filesystems
- Cloud Data Management Interface / Reference Implementation
- SIRF
- DDF – common RAID Disk Data Format



# Standards Development, Consortia, and Open Communities Work Together





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