

WEKA Data Platform

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Welcome to WEKA

• Founded in 2014

Engineering HQ in Tel Aviv Corporate HQ in California

Finance

300% growth in 2022

Investments from Nvidia, Mellanox, HPE, Seagate, Western Digital, Micron, Cisco

Partners

AMD, AWS, Hitachi Vantara, HPE, Lenovo, Nvidia, Supermicro, Dell, Quantum, Scality, and IBM

Goals

Address scalability & performance challenges of next-generation workloads

Customers

8 of the Fortune 50 (Finance, life sciences, manufacturing, retail, oil & gas, telco)

Government, defense, academia/research





For Those Who Solve Big Problems

WEKA has built a software-defined data platform that leverages NVMe storage, fast networks and a parallel file system to unleash the value of your data



WEKA Delivers Multi-Dimensional Performance

Data Platform designed for NVMe, and modern networks

Broad multi protocol access to data onpremises or in the cloud Performance for bandwidth, IOPS, low latency and meta data

Faster than local-disk for mixed workloads and small files with no tuning

Real World Example:

100 microsecond latency, 6.5m IOPs and 135 GiB/s



The Secret Sauce



Cloud Native, Datacenter Ready

Common software stack deployable across Core, Cloud or Edge
Datacenters



Unlimited Linear Scale

Seamless, non-disruptive scaling from Tb's to 10's Eb



Zero-tuning Mixed Workload Support

World's fastest filesystem, supports data pipelines with high I/O, low latency, small files, auto-tuning, mixed workloads & data portability



Class Leading Economics

Smart tiering between highperf/high-cost Flash and S3 deliver class leading economics

40+ granted patents, 95 pending patents



The Big Problems



Finance

Increasing profitability for financial trading

Reducing fraud

Reducing risk

Improving business performance through predictive / prescriptive analytics



Life Sciences

Accelerating drug & vaccine discovery

Accelerating precision medicine

More accurately detecting diseases



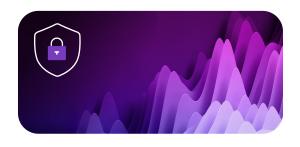
AI/ML

Winning the race to level 4 vehicle autonomy

More accurately detecting anomalies in medical images

Increasing sales & profitability with recommendation systems

Increasing manufacturing yields



HPC

Increasing national security

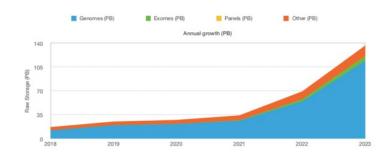
Discovering & maximising profitability from oil & gas reservoirs

Manufacturing safer, greener & more profitable products



Their Common Pain Points

It Budgets Are Being Squeezed



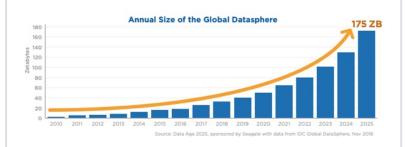
DO MORE WITH LESS!!!



Fewer Personnel



Data Is Growing Exponentially





Real-time

Analytics

HPC



Financial

Processing &

Analysis

Microscopy



Life Sciences





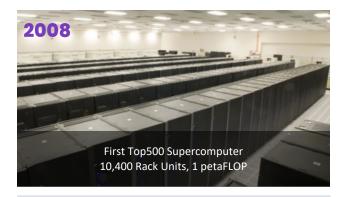
Geospatial Research





Imaging Device

Compute Densification



5X Performance 0.1% of the Space I/O per Client is off the charts

2020



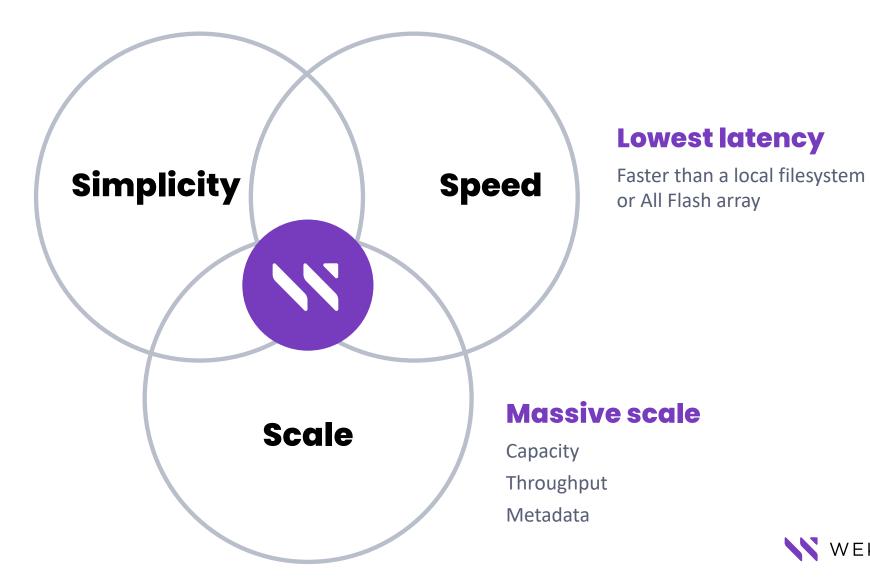
NVIDIA DGX-A100 6 Rack Units, 5 petaFLOP



One Architecture Delivers on Three Promises

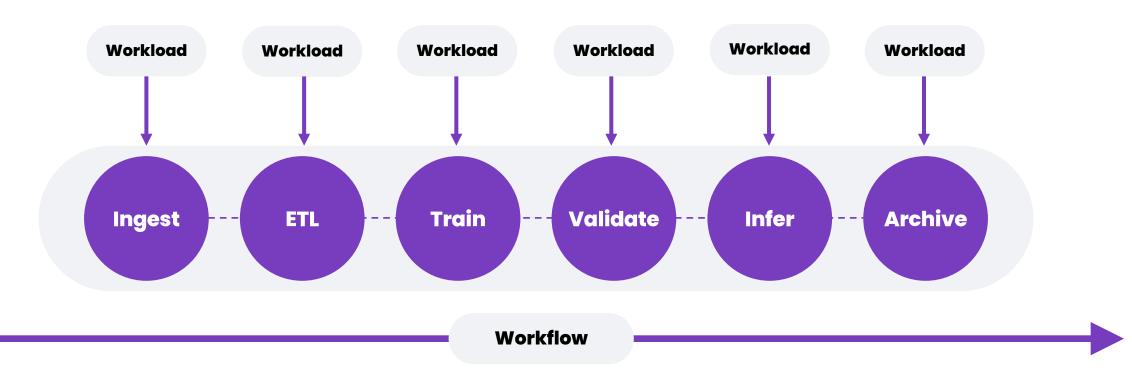
File semantics

Simple to install Simple to manage Cloud integration





Workload vs. Workflow







Weka FS Architecture

Shared File System Myths that Weka Breaks

Myth 1

Local File Systems are faster than shared FS

We can deliver 3x the performance of NVMe local disk

Myth 2

File Systems Do Not Scale Well

100's of Petabytes of NVME and Exabytes of OBJ storage in a namespace

Myth 3

It takes a PhD to manage a parallel file system

Simple, intuitive software with minimal setup and tuning















Clients With data access Via POSIX, NFS, SMB, S3, and GPU Direct



WekaFS Hosts



Automatic Tiering and Data Protection via S3 to On- Prem or Public Cloud Object Store



OBJECT STORE DATA LAKE



PUBLIC

WEKA Client



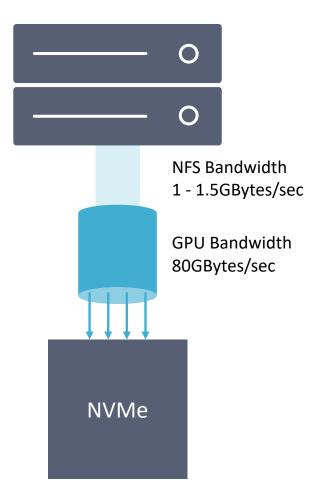
NFS = Not For Speed

A protocol invented in 1984 trying to solve a 2020 problem

pNFS tried to fix NFS but failed when metadata workloads exploded

Legacy parallel file systems like Lustre and GPFS cannot handle billions of small files

And they require a PhD to operate





POSIX Filesystem

Enabling "local FS" Use Cases

The Challenge with NFS

- Protocol was defined when networking was the bottleneck (10 MbE)!
- We are now 3-4 ORDERS of magnitude faster with 10GbE- 100 GbE networking
- Not suitable for low latency operations or metadata heavy workloads
- Does not include file locking as part of the protocol

Before WekalO, the only way to achieve good FS performance was to local SSD on a single server (not shared) or overlaid on an All-Flash SAN.

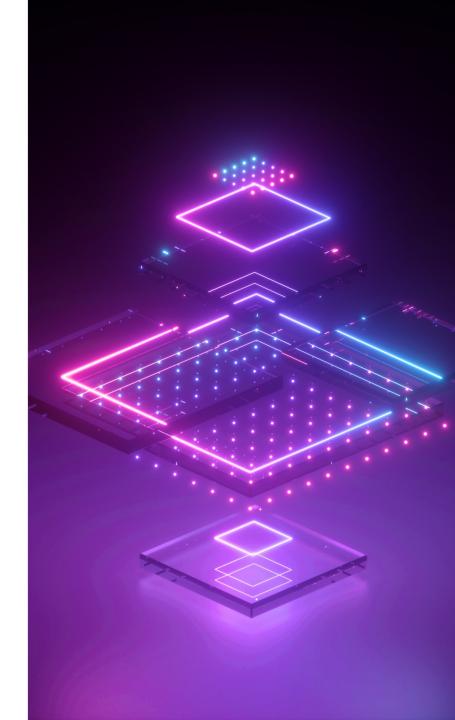
WekalO's networking stack and native VFS POSIX binding into the OS enable shareable filesystem with performance comparable to a local FS

with coherency across the cluster



Networking Stack

- Low latency is critical in order to waive "locality" concerns away enabling us to use distributed coding for protection
- Architected for standard Ethernet or IB, runs on AWS
- Utilizes SR-IOV and DPDK to run stack from user-space
- Optimized for virtualized environments
- Reduces load and dependency on Linux kernel
- RDMA-like semantics from user space providing high performance
- Fully featured stack, traffic shaping supported



Fully Distributed Metadata Scaling

A must for

- Linear performance scalability
- Huge directories, with many concurrent metadata operations
- Unlimited 4k random IO that scales out at consistent latency

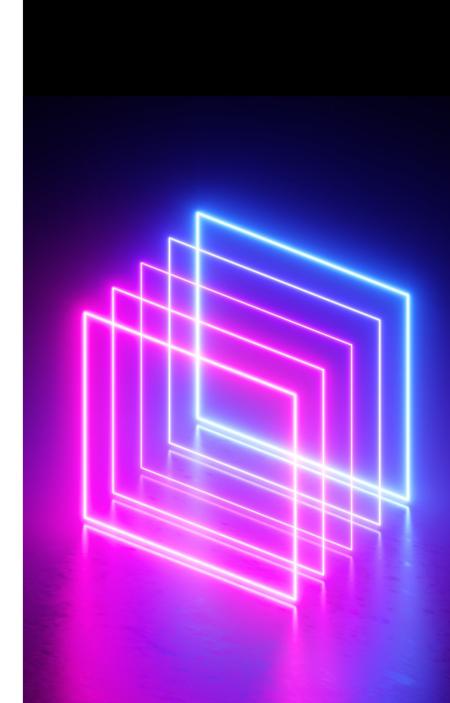
Metadata plane is sharded into small "buckets" The FEs can talk directly to the correct bucket for each operation,

All I/O is parallelized for highest performance

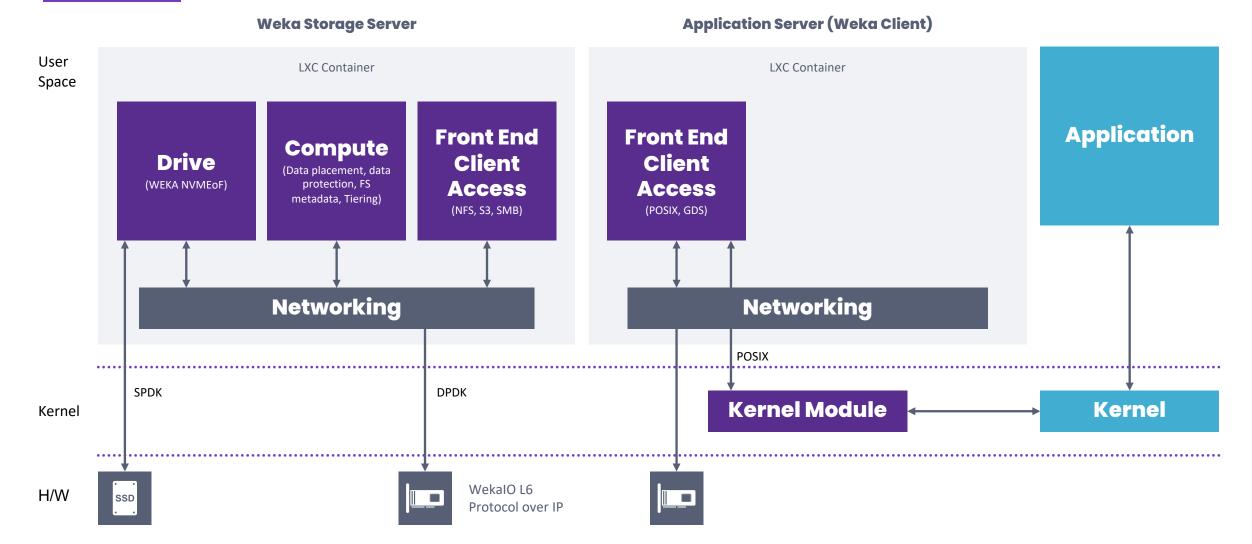
Load balancing across nodes prevents hot spots

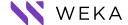
A must have when considering "noisy neighbor" metadata issues

Supports very large clusters – up to 64K nodes



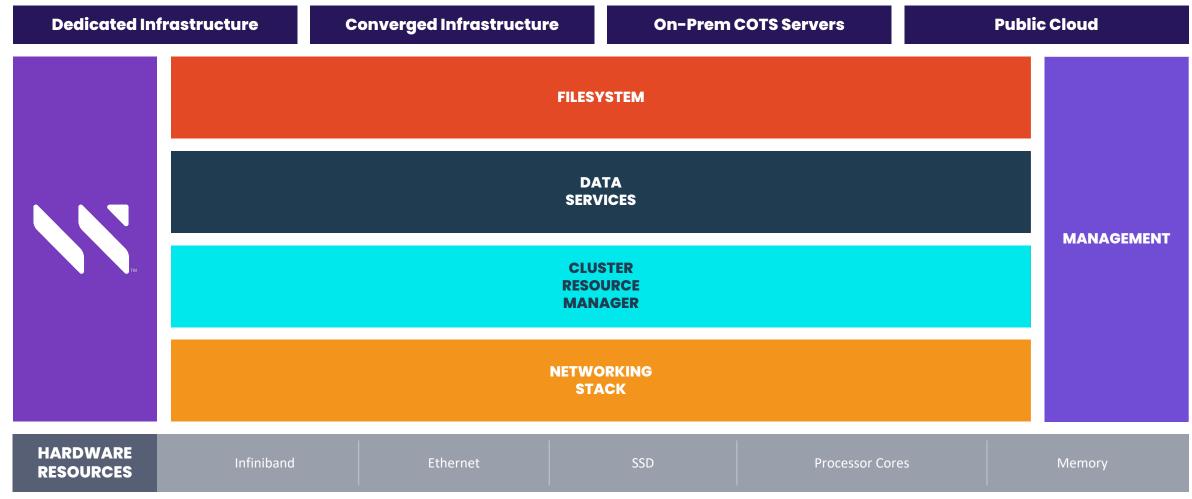
Software Architecture - Dedicated





WekaFSTM

Full Featured And Flexible



WekalO Scaling (v4.2)

Single name space Up to 6.4 trillion(T) files/directories Up to 14EB with up to 512PB on SSD Up to 6.4B files in a single directory Single files up to 4PB in size **Up to 1024 Filesystems** Up to 4096 snapshots



File System Scales Linearly with Cluster Size

WekaFS performance in AWS

6.6GB/sec

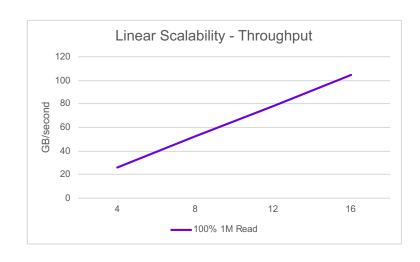
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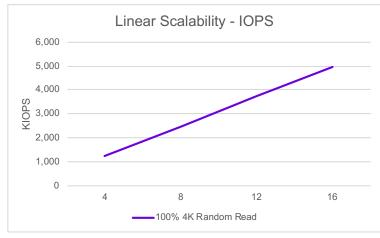
308K

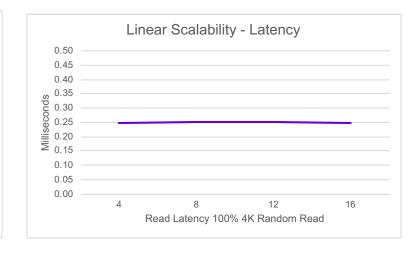
OPS/AWS i Instance

<250

microsecond i latency





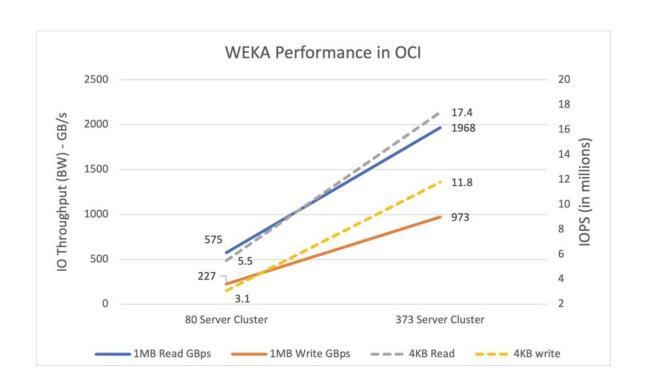




WEKA on OCI Delivers 2 TB per Second Performance

Maximum performance at cloud scale

- Run at petabyte scale in a highperformance file system
- NVMe SSDs for hot data and object storage for warm or cold data
- High-performance computing (HPC) bare metal Compute shape (BM.Optimized3.36)
- 100-Gbps RDMA over converged ethernet (RoCEv2) and 3.8 TB of local NVMe SSD



https://blogs.oracle.com/cloud-infrastructure/post/weka-on-oracle-cloud-infrastructure-delivers-2-terabytes-per-second-performance



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