



Storage Networking

How Cisco Uses a SAN to Automate the Legal Discovery Process



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Overview

- Challenge

 - Manage a huge volume of documents stored across the network to support the legal discovery process

- Solution

 - Create a SAN based on Cisco MDS 9000 Family switch

- Results

 - Reduced costs and improved data access

- Next Steps

 - Automate more tasks and simplify information sharing

Challenge

Manage huge, dispersed data volume

- Legal discovery requires storing, organizing, and managing huge volumes of data at Cisco
- Data must be retrieved quickly and easily for specific legal cases
- Cisco must control storage and legal discovery costs and support growing data volumes and legal case loads



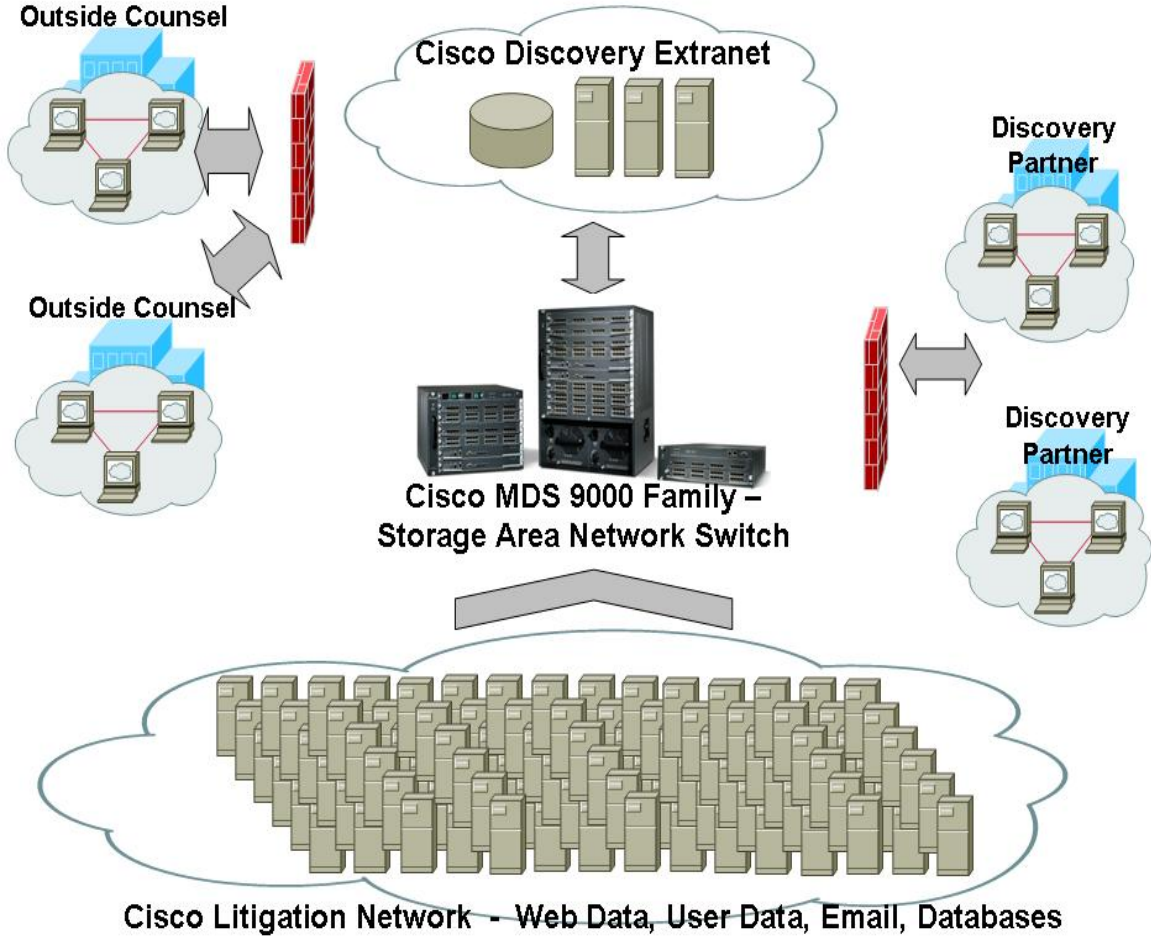
Solution

Implement a SAN Architecture

- Create a SANbased on a Cisco MDS 9000 family switch and a low-cost storage system
- Provide secure access for outside counsel and legal discovery contractors
- Support a flexible “e-discovery” architecture to accommodate data growth
- Use the Cisco Fabric Manager application for SAN management



Solution



Results

Lower Costs, Better Data Management

- Cost reduction of 64% in total litigation expenses, and 30% in outside legal reviews
- Improved utilization of storage resources
- Ability to handle growing data volumes without hiring additional employees
- Ability to securely share information with outside counsel and contractors



Next Steps

Improve Information Sharing

- Automate more tasks for legal discovery
- Improve data access for outside counsel
- Share information more easily across Cisco



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