

# Overview of RDMA on Windows

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# Agenda

- Microsoft's Commitments to HPC
- RDMA for HPC Server
- RDMA for Storage in Windows 8
- Microsoft Talks in OFA Theatre

# Microsoft's Commitments to HPC



2004年 Beginning of  
HPC Journey

2006 V1

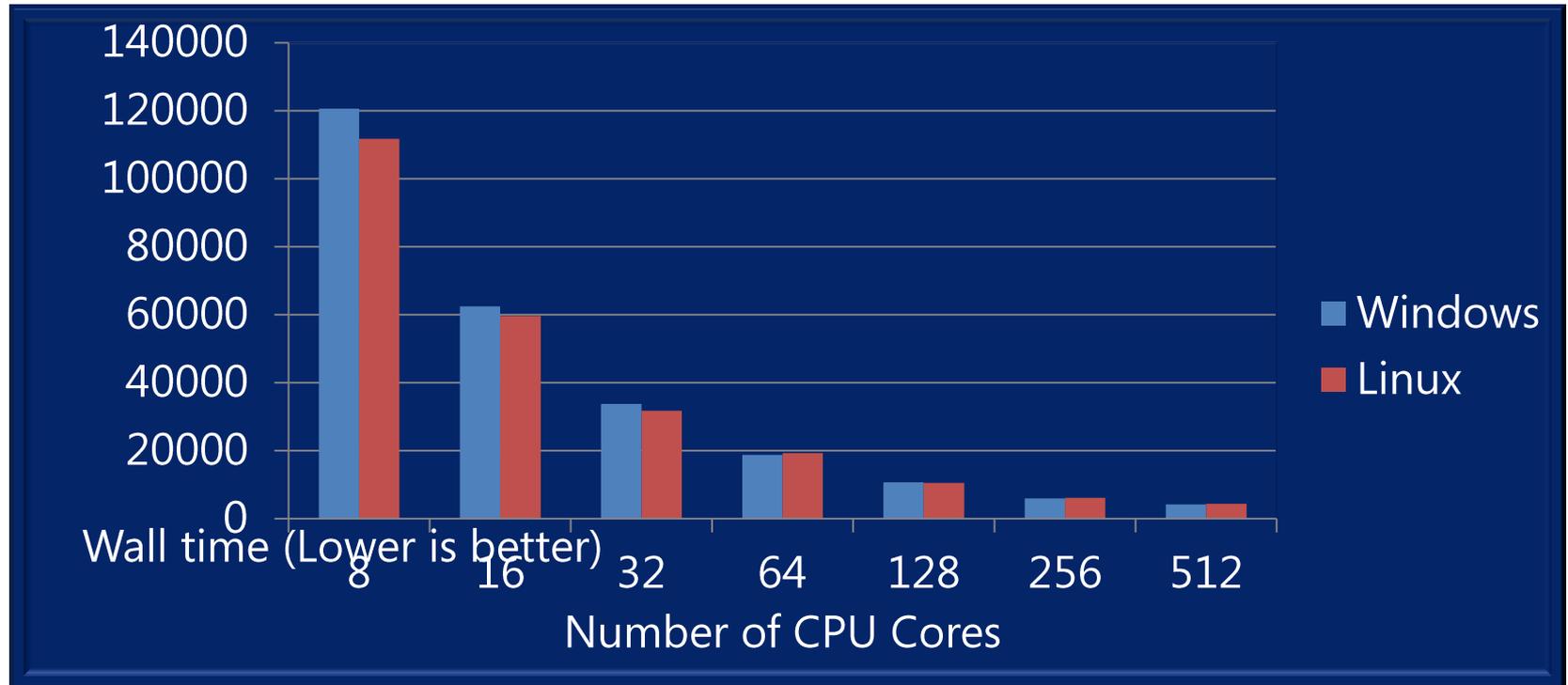
2008 HPC Server 2008

2010 HPC Server 2008 R2

2010-10 SP1 和 SP2

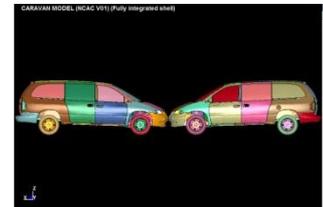
# Performance and Scale

Windows Matches Linux Performance on LSTC LS-DYNA®



## Reference:

- Dataset is car2car, public benchmark. LSTC LS-DYNA data to be posted at <http://www.topcrunch.org>. LS-DYNA version mpp971.R3.2.1.
- Similar hardware configuration was used for both Windows HPC Server 2008 and Linux runs: Windows HPC: 2.66GHz Intel® Xeon® Processor X5550, 24GB DDR3 memory per node, QDR InfiniBand Linux: 2.8GHz Intel® Xeon® Processor X5560, 18GB DDR3 memory per node, QDR InfiniBand



# Windows HPC capture #3 and #5 spots on Green500

- Little Green500 strives to raise awareness in the energy efficiency of supercomputing
- Smaller TSUBAME 2.0 running Windows improves the efficiency from 958.35 Mflops/Watt on the Green500 to 1,031.92 on Little Green500
- CASPUR running Windows become the 1st European system on Little Green500



## Little Green500 List - November 2010\*

Rank	System Description	Vendor	OS	MFLOPS/ Watt	Total (kw)
1	NNSA/SC Blue Gene/Q Prototype	IBM	LINUX	1684.20	39
2	GRAPE-DR accelerator Cluster	NAOJ	LINUX	1448.03	25
3	TSUBAME 2.0 - HP ProLiant GP/GPU	NEC/HP	Windows	1031.92	26
4	EcoG	NCSA	LINUX	1031.92	37
5	CASPUR-Jazz Cluster GP/GPU	Clustervision/HP	Windows	933.06	26

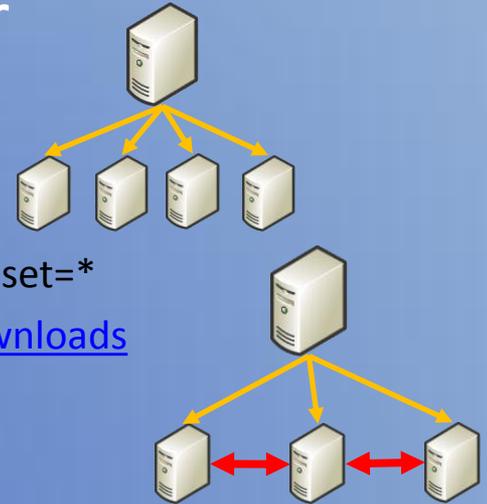
\* Source: <http://www.green500.org/lists/2010/11/little/list.php>

# Parallel Applications patterns on HPC Server

- Embarrassingly Parallel

- Parametric Sweep Jobs

- CLI\*\*: job submit /parametric:1-1000:5 MyApp.exe /MyDataset=\*
- Search: hpc job scheduler @ <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads>



- Message Passing

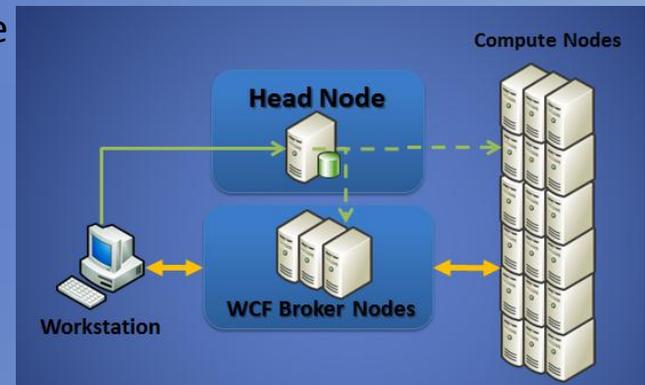
- MPI Jobs

- CLI\*\*: job submit /numcores:64 mpiexec MyApp.exe
- Search: hpc mpi

- Interactive Applications

- Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA) Jobs

- .NET call to a Windows Communications Foundation (WCF) endpoint
- Search: hpc soa



- Big Data

- LINQ-To-HPC (L2H) Jobs

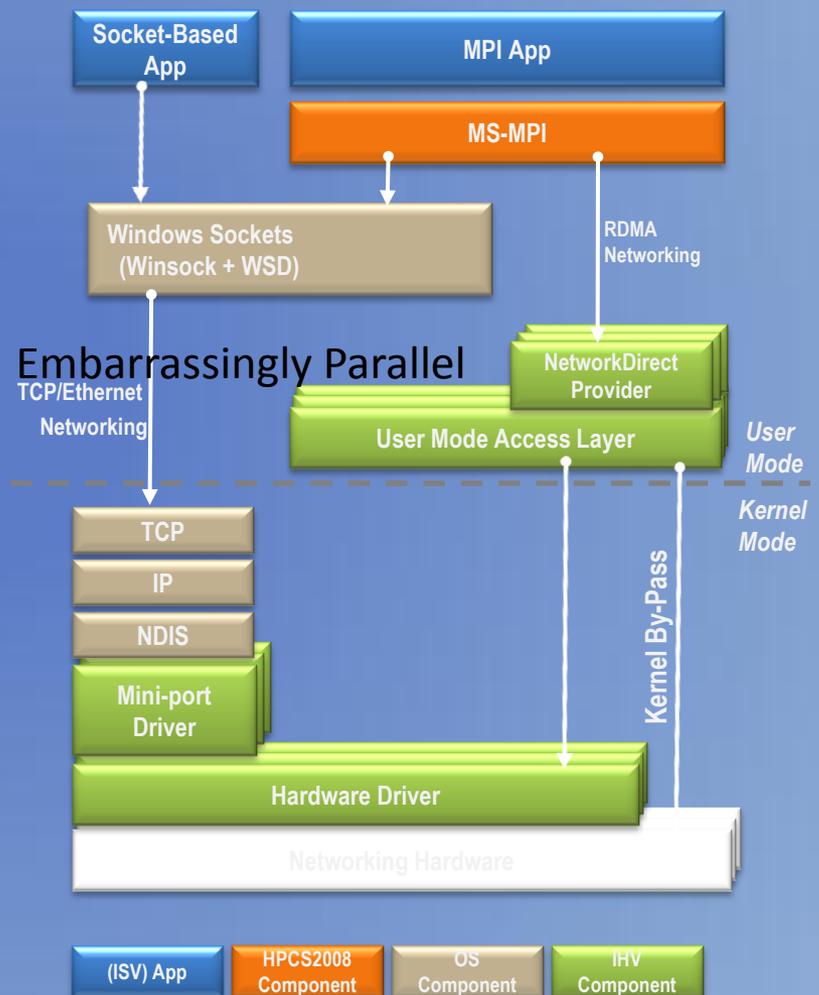
- HPC application calls L2H .Net APIs
- Search: hpc dryad



\*\* CLI = HPC Server 2008 Command Line Interface

# NetworkDirect

- **Verbs-based design** for native, high-perf networking interfaces
- **Equal to Hardware-Optimized stacks** for MPI
- **NetworkDirect drivers** for key high-performance fabrics:
  - Infiniband
  - 10 Gigabit Ethernet (iWARP-enabled)

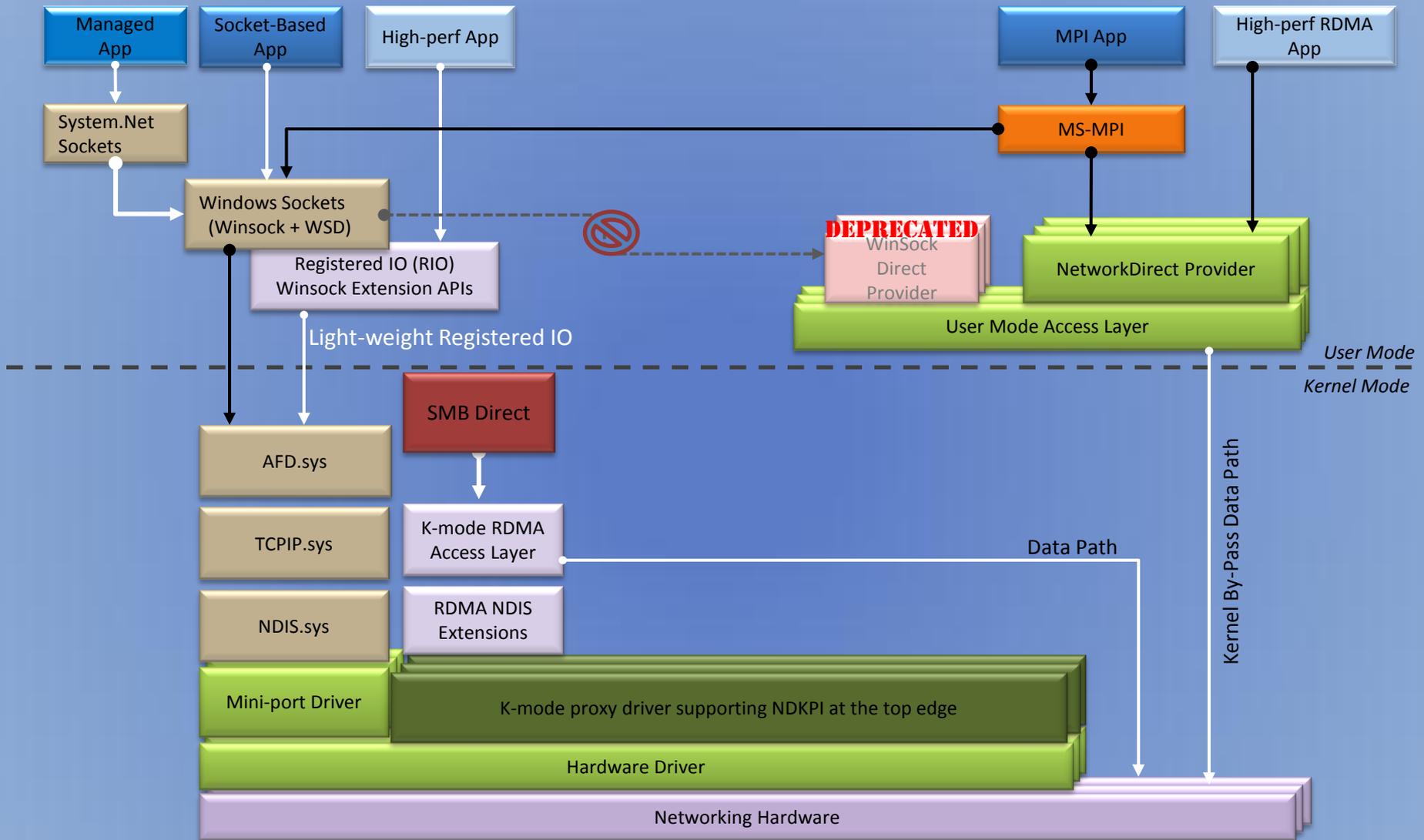


# Scaling the network traffic

- What is left to solve?
  - CPU Utilization and throughput concerns
    - Large I/Os – CPU utilization at high data rates (throughput is great)
    - Small I/Os – CPU utilization and network throughput at high data rates
- Solution: Remote Direct Memory Access (RDMA)

**RDMA** is “Remote Direct Memory Access” – a secure way to enable a DMA engine to transfer buffers

# Windows 8 RDMA Networking Architecture

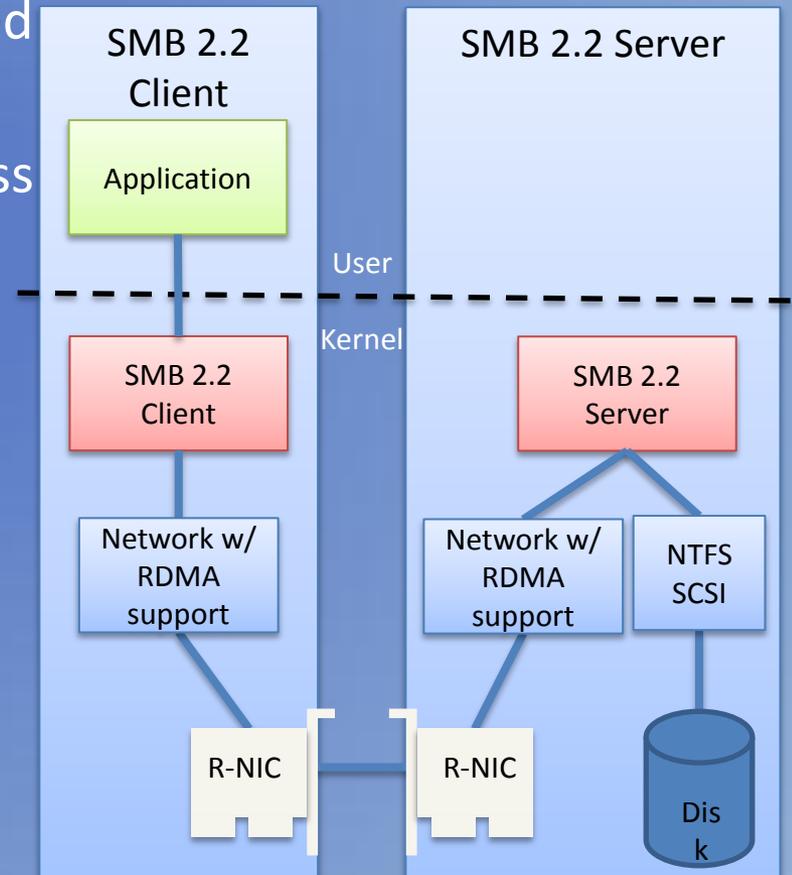


## Legend



# SMB2 Direct (SMB2 over RDMA)

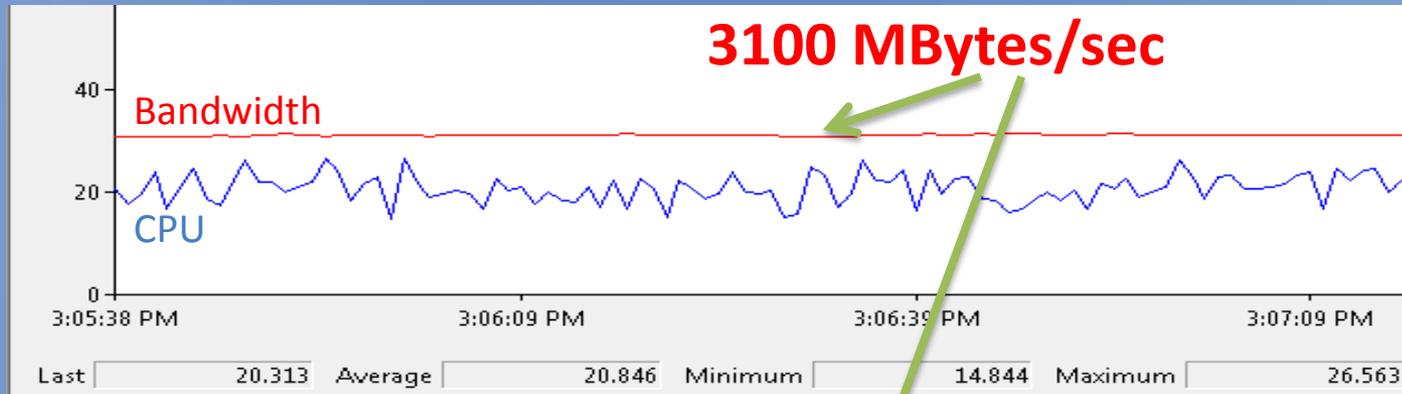
- Used by File Server and Clustered Shared Volumes
- Scalable, fast and efficient storage access
- Minimal CPU utilization for I/O
- High throughput with low latency
- Required hardware
  - InfiniBand
  - 10G Ethernet w/ RDMA
    - iWARP – RDMA on top of TCP
    - ROCE (RDMA Over Ethernet)



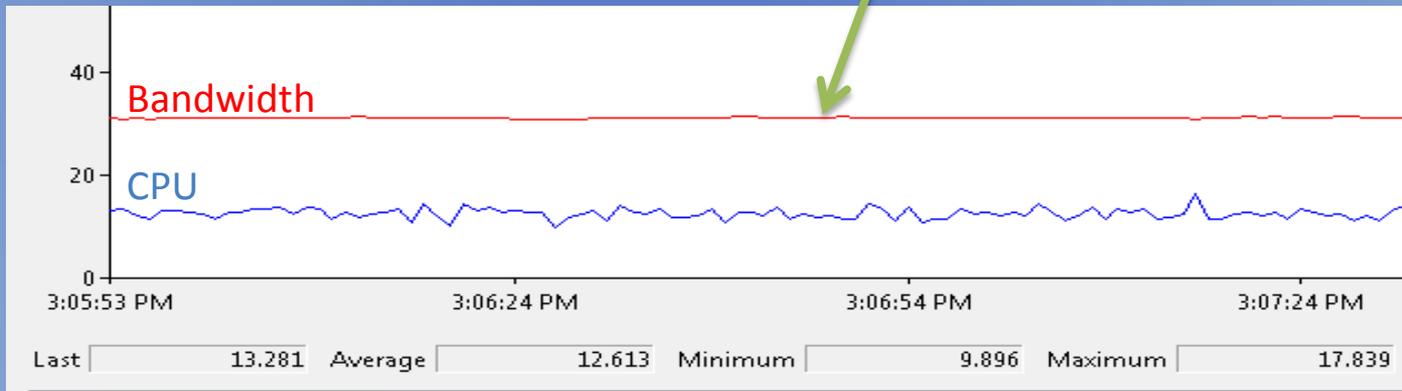
# SMB Direct 2.2 over RDMA

## Preliminary 512 KB I/O Results:

Client: ~20% of 4 cores, or 80% of one core



Server: ~12% of 12 cores, or 140% of one core



# Microsoft Talks in OFA Theatre

Time	Topic	Presenter	Title
Tue 1:15-1:45 pm	Overview of RDMA on Windows	Wenhao Wu	Program Manager
Tue 2:15 - 2:45 pm	Windows HPC Update	Greg Burgess	Development Manager
Wed 2:15-2:45 pm	SMB 2.2 Over RDMA	Dan Lovinger	Program Manger