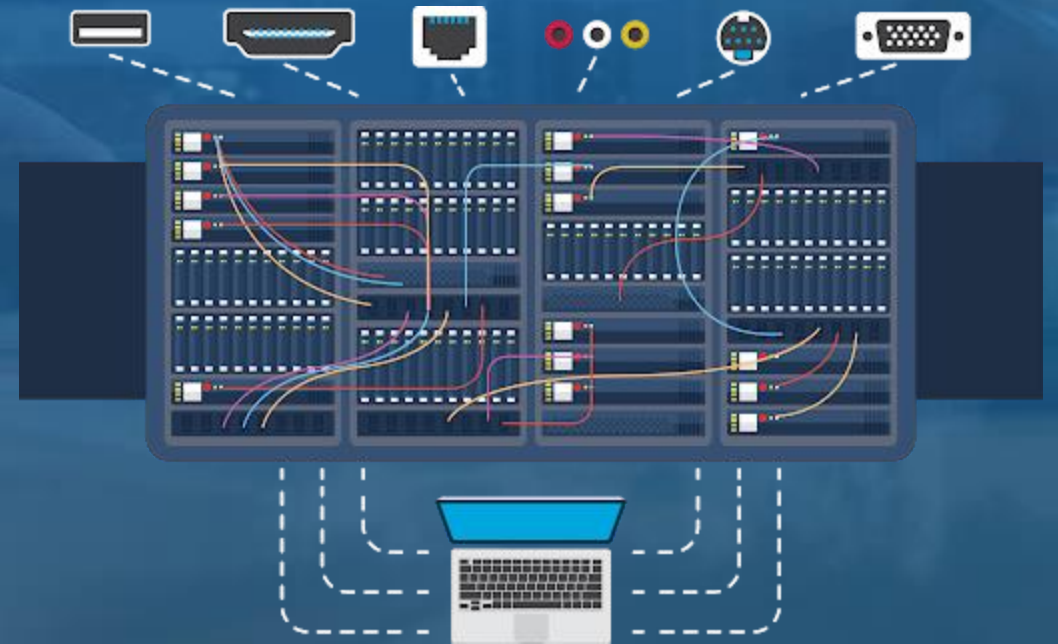# 4 ways to overcome data storage compatibility issues

Step - 1

Collect the following information from the servers :

- OS
- Multipathing
- Cluster Software
- Volume Group
- HBA Type and Speed
- Software Versions

Step - 2

Compile your switch info:

- Modal

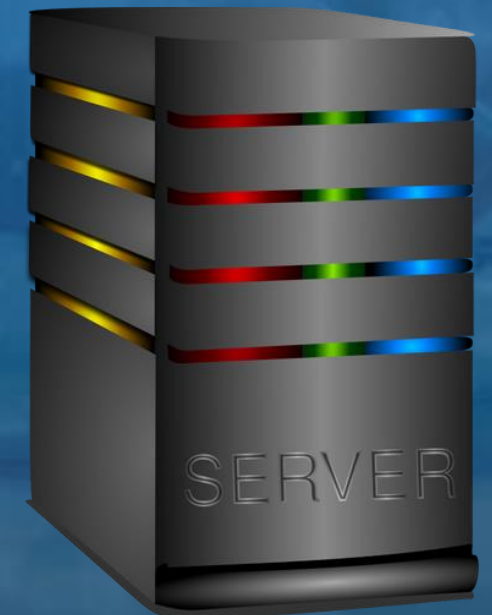- Firmware

- GBIC Types

- Speeds

Step - 3

Check compatibility against the future hardware

Step - 4

Identify/evaluate your unsupported servers/applications

- Check for upgrade options for OS, HBA's and Applications/ Databases

- Do not forget 3rd party software, especially clustering and volume management

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