"It's The I_T Nexus, Stupid"

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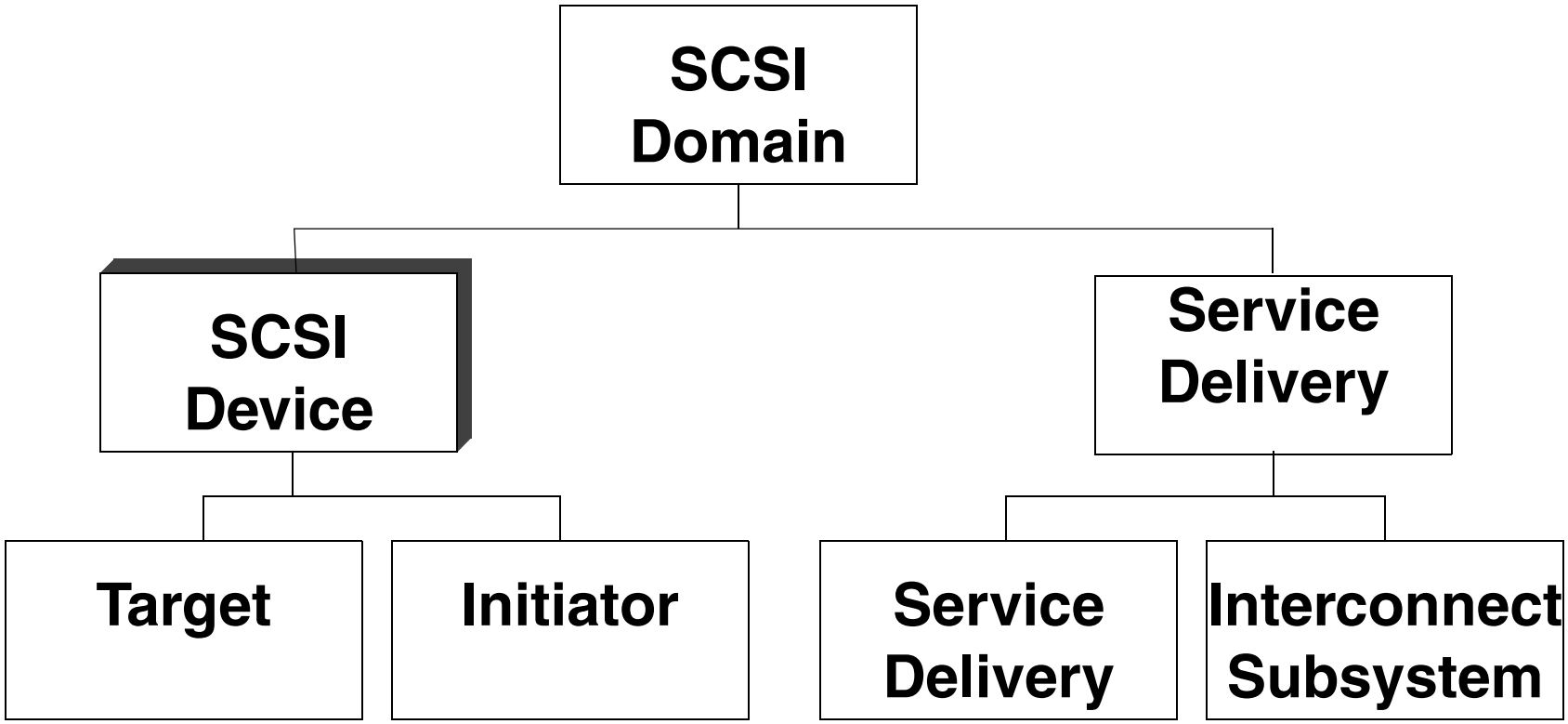
The Central Concept in SAM-2 is the I_T Nexus

- ✔ This quixotic adventure started with a claim that the I_T Nexus is the central concept in SAM-2
- ✘ In fact, however, it's not
  - 🕮 The central concept in SAM-2 is the SCSI Domain
  - 🕮 From which devolves the SCSI Device and the Service Delivery Subsystem

Look at the SAM-2 Hierarchy Diagram



It's Really Worse Than That

- ✘ The SCSI Domain contains SCSI Devices
- ✘ The SCSI Devices contain Initiator Ports and/or Target Ports
- ✘ Initiator Ports and Target Ports Have Identifiers
- ✔ An I_T Nexus is a pairing of
  - → 1 Initiator Identifier &
  - → 1 Target Identifier

What If The I_T Nexus Were the Central Concept?

The hierarchy diagram would be

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- ☆ Initiator and Target Identifiers
  - ✔ Belong to an I_T Nexus
  - ✔ Don’t belong to a port

What If The I_T Nexus Were the Central Concept?

- ☆ A Protocol Could Map an I_T Nexus
  - ✔ To a Login
  - ✔ Making Initiator/Target Identifiers
    - ✚ Arbitrary 8-byte Numbers
    - ✚ Unique Only In The Target
- ☆ Protocols Stop Using Identifiers as Globally Unique Addresses in the SCSI Domain

But If Identifiers Are Not Addresses Then What Are?

- ✔ Names
- ✔ Names Become Addresses for SCSI Domain
- ✔ Names Used to Effect Login
- ☆ After Login
  - ✺ Identifiers Function Like Today
  - ✺ Name Based Identifier Assignment

Will It Work?

- ✘ Can't be sure
- ✔ Consistent with SRP and iSCSI
- ✔ SPI-4
  - ✺ Name = Identifier
  - ✺ Arbitration = Login
  - ✺ the legacy case
- ✔ FCP-2
  - ✺ Login already exists
  - ✺ ADISC & PDISC support

  Name Based Identifier Assignment

But Wait! There's More!

- ☆If This Is An I_T Nexus

- ☆Then What's In The Middle Doesn't Have To Be Just One Protocol
- ☆Login Goes FCP → iSCSI → SRP
- ☆After That, It's The I_T Nexus, Stupid

What About Bridging in the I_T Nexus?

- ✔ It's Possible
- → Definitions In Protocol Documents
- → Or, in Bridging Documents
  - → SCSI Transport Protocol layer

- ☆ Bridging NOT Constrained By SAM