SAS Asynchronous Event Reporting

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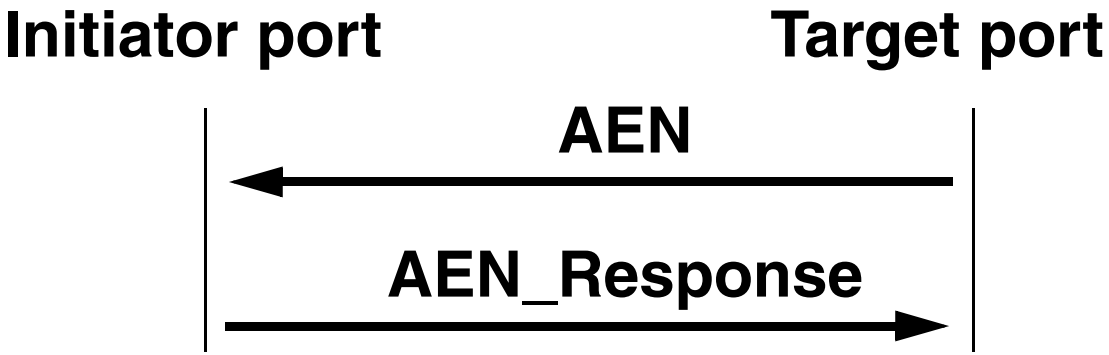

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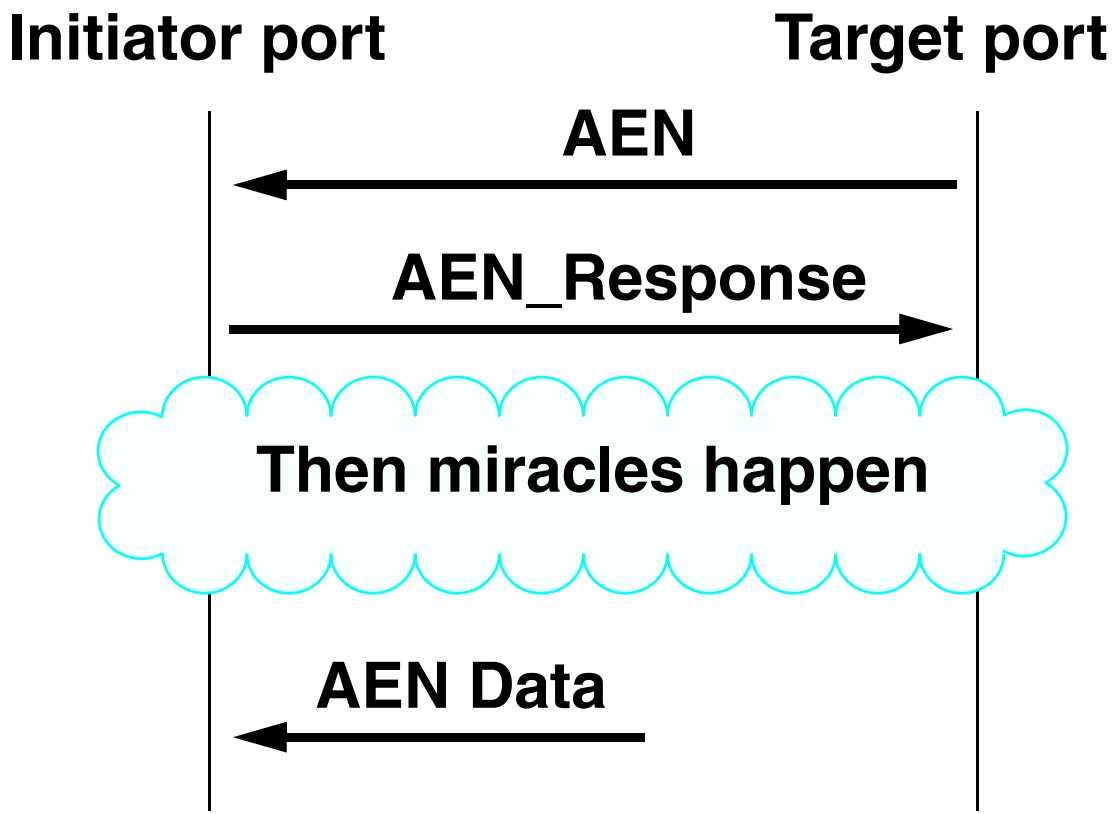
the way it sounded to me



Miracle 1

- **The SAS protocol engine sends REPORT LUNS and REQUEST SENSE commands to obtain the AER sense data**

~~Miracle~~ Abomination 1

- The SAS protocol engine sends REPORT LUNS and REQUEST SENSE commands to obtain the AER sense data
- There is history for this …
  very very bad history
- This absolutely breaks the layering between protocols and application clients

Miracle 1 — Option A

- If the desire is to transfer the AER data completely within the SAS protocol…
- Then, define SAS protocol commands to do the job

Miracle 1 — Option B

- If the desire is to transfer the AER data using SCSI commands…
- Then, define a Transport Attention that notifies the application client that AER data is available

Miracle 2

- REPORT LUNS and REQUEST SENSE stay in synchronization regarding which logical units have AER data to be retrieved

- This is a very big assumption
- It is far better to have only one command that both
  - Decides if AER data is there, &
  - Retrieves the AER data

Miracle 2 — Proposed Solution

- Add a descriptor format sense data descriptor to contain the LUN to which the sense data applies
- Add a well known LUN to which AER retrieval REQUEST SENSE commands are sent

- Only REQUEST SENSE needed to retrieve AER data