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1 Scope

This Technical Report covers the roadmap of optical circuit boards, and its related packaging technologies including optical circuit board connectors and optical modules on boards.

2 General

2.1 Background of optical packaging technology roadmap

The volume of network traffic is dramatically increasing due to the amount of data being captured, processed, conveyed and stored as digital information. This information is generated from many sources, including critical business applications, email communications, the Internet and multimedia applications which have collectively fuelled an increase in demand for data networking and storage capacity. In addition, the proliferation of media rich applications, such as digital music and video sharing services is fuelling a concurrent increase in data processing in data centres [1]. The growth in network traffic attributed to personalized content is 20 % per month, giving rise to a doubling of network traffic every 1.5 years. However, this is out of step with the input/output (I/O) performance or I/O throughput of servers, which doubles every 2 years. Therefore, there is an increasing gap between the performance evolution of network equipment such as servers, and the growth in network traffic (Figure 1) [2].

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