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   Sommario/riassunto   In this IBM Redbooks publication, we visit some of the core components
                         and technologies that underpin a storage area network (SAN). We cover
                         some of the latest additions to the IBM SAN portfolio, discuss general
                         SAN design considerations, and build these considerations into a
                         selection of real-world case studies. We realize that there are many
                         ways to design a SAN and put all the components together. In our
                         examples, we have incorporated the major considerations that you
                         need to think about, but still left room to maneuver on the SAN field of
                         play. This book focuses on the SAN products that are generally
                         considered to form the backbone of the SAN fabric today: switches and
                         directors. With this backbone, development has prompted discrete
                         approaches to the design of a SAN fabric. The bespoke vendor
                         implementation of technology that is characteristic in the design
                         footprint of switches and directors means that we have an opportunity
                         to answer challenges in different ways. We will show examples where
                         strength can be built into the SAN using the network and the features
                         of the components themselves. Our aim is to show that you can
                         customize your SAN fabric according to your preferences.