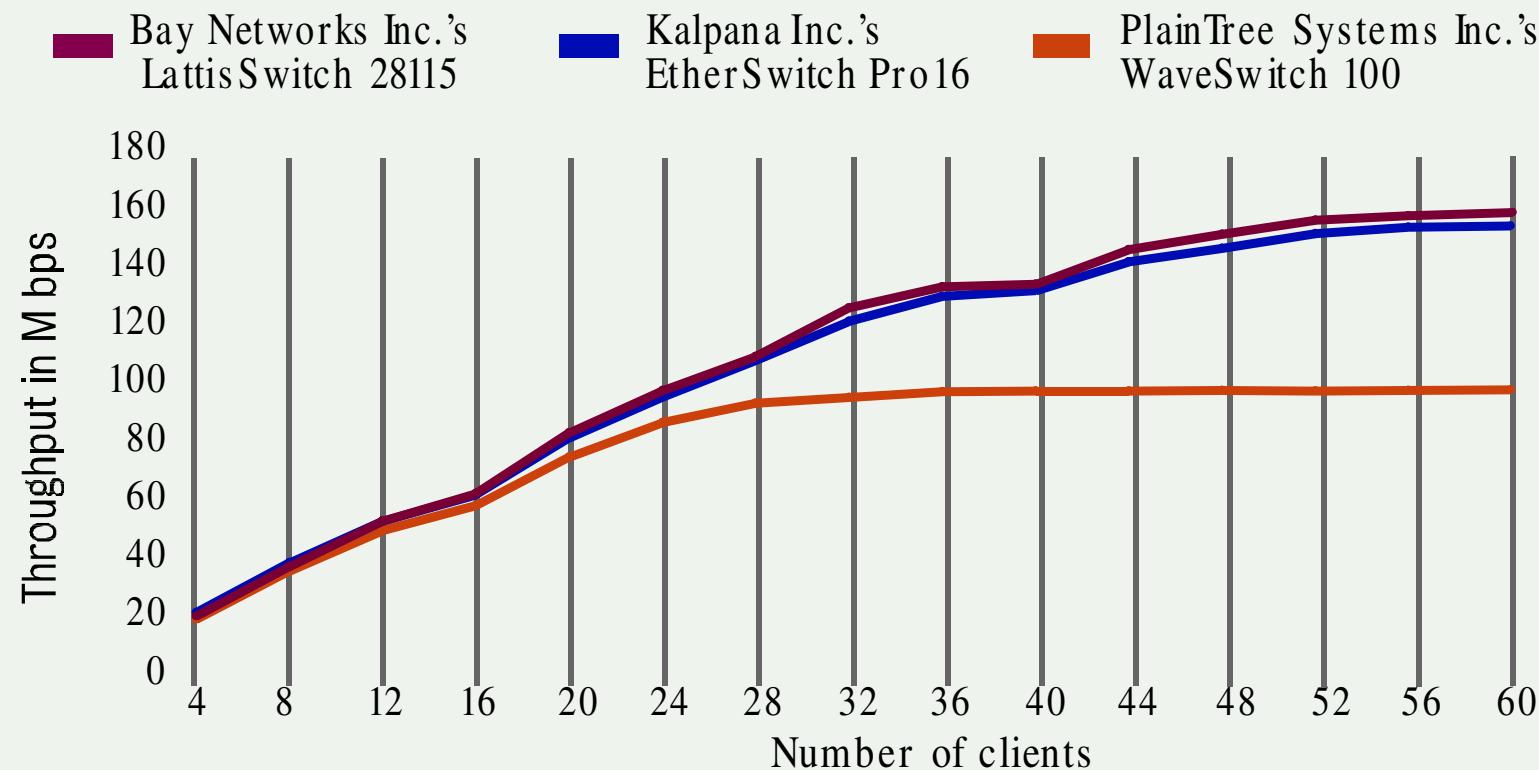


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To mimic a real-world network, we configured a 60-node Novell Inc. NetWare 3.12 network implementing IPX/SPX protocols and used the I/O throughput test section of Ziff-Davis Benchmark Operation's NetBench 3.01 to generate traffic and measure the results.