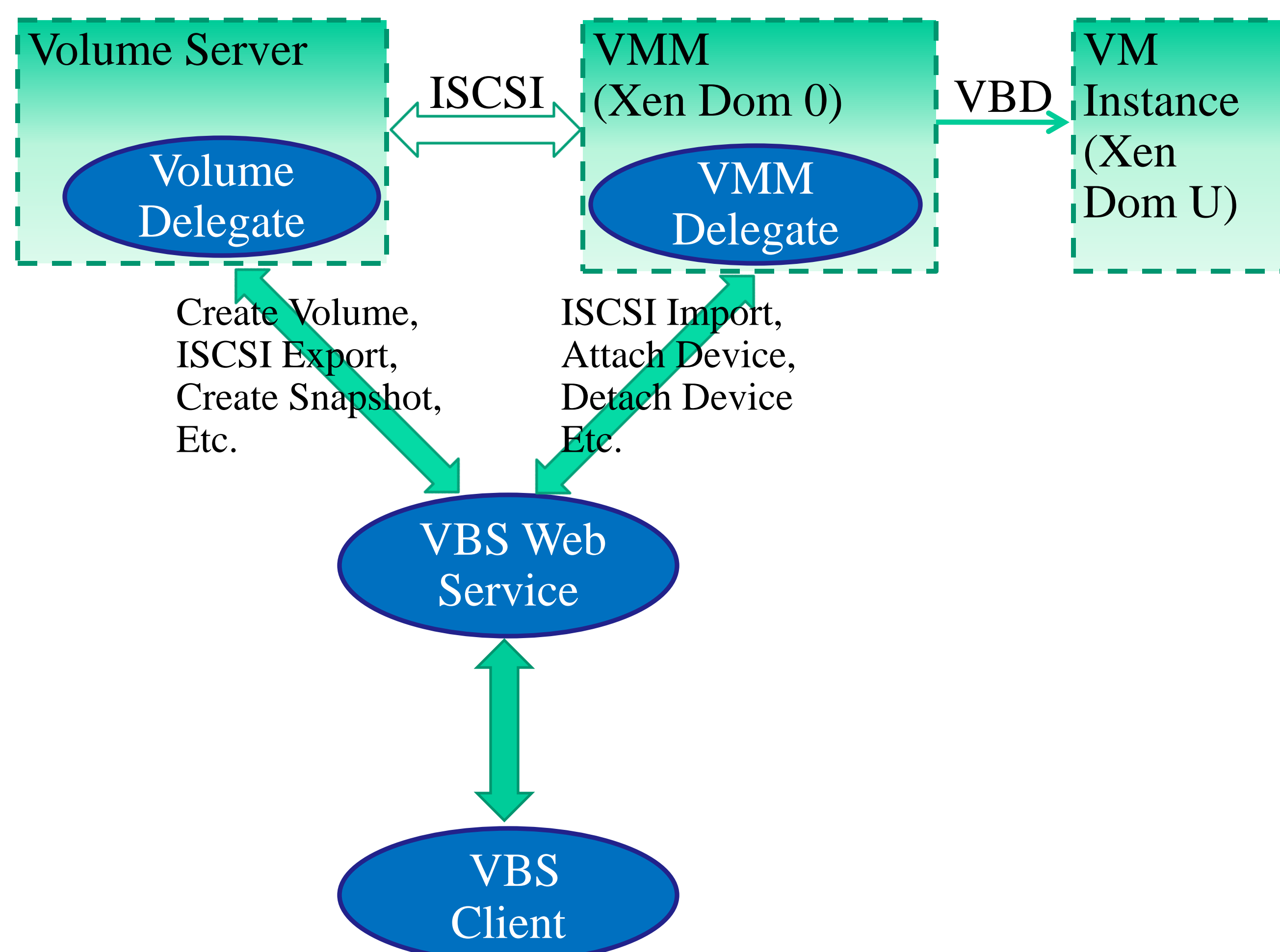


Motivation

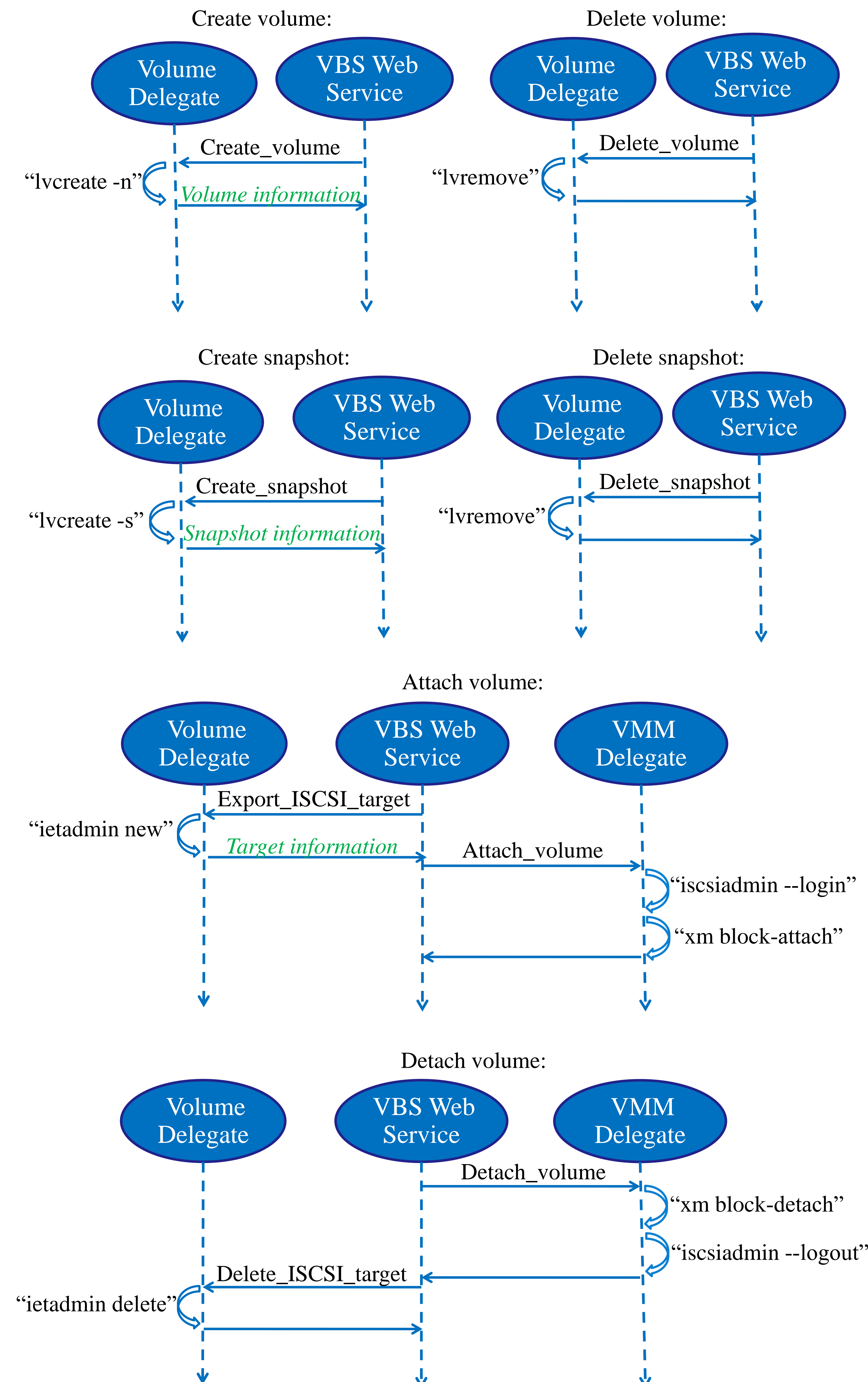
- Similar functionalities to Amazon's Elastic Block Store (EBS)
- More flexibility
- Interfaces:
 - create-volume <size> <comment>
 - delete-volume <volume id>
 - describe-volumes
 - describe-volume <volume id>
 - create-snapshot <volume id> <comment>
 - delete-snapshot <snapshot id>
 - describe-snapshots
 - describe-snapshot <snapshot id>
 - attach-volume <volume id> <VMM Hostname> <VM Id> <VM Device>
 - detach-volume <volume id>

Web service architecture



- VMM: Virtual Machine Manager
- VBD: Virtual Block Device

Workflows



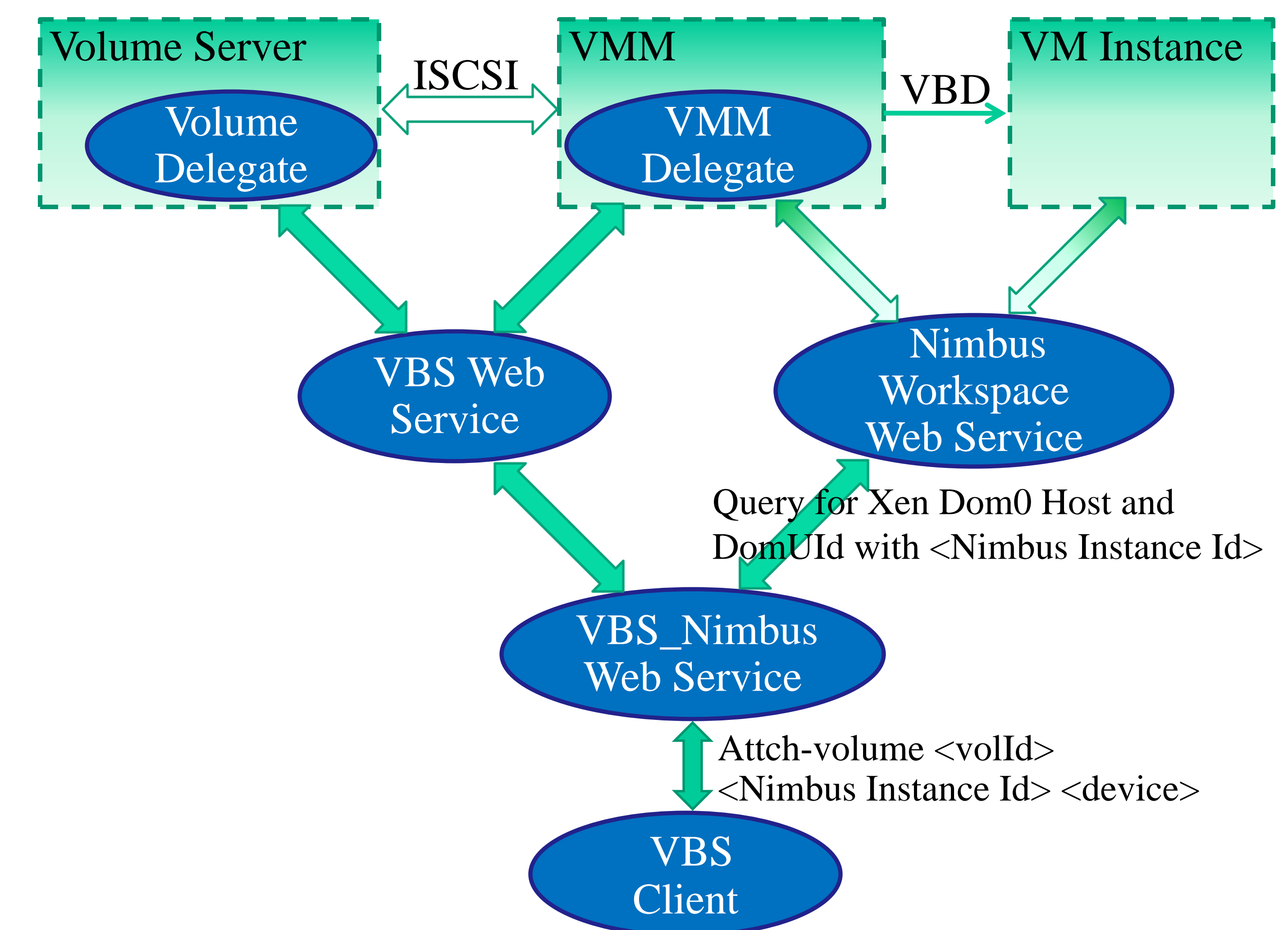
Support other volume servers and VMMs

- Build new Volume Delegate Service
- Build new VMM Delegate Service
- Command line extraction:

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Java source code:
String program = "xm";
String[] args = {"block-attach", domUID, "phy:"+dom0Dev, domUDev, "w"};
UtilSet.antExecute(program, args, ...);
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Property file:
blockAttachCmd=xm block-attach <domUID> phy:<dom0Dev> <domUDev> w
blockDetachCmd=xm block-detach <domUID> <domUDev>
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Integration with Nimbus



Challenges and Future Work

- Consistency
 - metadata maintenance, volume id generation
- Performance
 - multiple service instances, asynchronous snapshot creation
- Fault tolerance
 - roll-back in case of failure, large volume creation