

# Top 10 reasons why SAN-optimized FlexPod

The industry-leading FlexPod® converged infrastructure has vigorously verified an increasing portfolio of enterprise, modern, and hybrid block workloads to meet your application needs. SAN-optimized FlexPod is built on this powerful foundation of rigorous testing, and it brings that benefit to block workloads with NetApp® ASA, an all-flash SAN array. ASA is block storage with best-in-class speed, reliability, efficiency, security, sustainability, and cloud integration to accelerate your VMs and databases.

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Use the gold-standard Block Protocol, including verification with more than 240 full-stack reference architectures across all major data center workloads, extending to healthcare, artificial intelligence and machine learning (AI/ML), and the hybrid cloud.



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Get one-call support from a FlexPod partner, Cisco or NetApp, to deal with root-cause issues anywhere in the FlexPod stack.



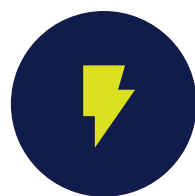
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Obtain innovative, [secure-by-design](#) reference architectures that incorporate the Zero Trust philosophy (trust no one, verify all) into all FlexPod solutions and versions and across the full stack (compute, networking, virtualization, and storage).



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Gain immediate hybrid cloud choice with the first and only converged infrastructure that is natively integrated into three (AWS, Azure, GCP) of the major hyperscalers.



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Accelerate performance with [lightning-fast response time and millions of IOPS](#).



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Be confident that your data will remain available to your mission-critical applications with the [Six Nines Data Availability Guarantee](#).



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Accommodate data and compute growth with nondisruptive scalability and Cisco service profiles without having to replace your existing systems or rewire your networks.



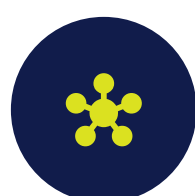
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Safeguard data with integrated data protection and leading data security, backed by the [Ransomware Recovery Guarantee](#).



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Simplify storage management and optimize costs with unified management across the hybrid cloud and with a [4:1 Storage Efficiency Guarantee](#).



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Optimize VMware deployments to accelerate applications, to modernize your data center with virtualization, and to evolve to a hybrid multicloud environment with more than 60 VMware reference architectures. FlexPod enables you to optimize and to lower your VMware vSphere costs across your compute, network, and storage.

#### About NetApp

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