

NETAPP AIPOD MINI WITH INTEL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION



Affordable, simple, and secure AI anywhere you need it. Unlock high-performing, flexible AI solutions that grow with your organization and drive transformation.

Breaking through barriers

Implementing AI at the departmental and team level poses unique challenges for higher education institutions. Teams often require AI solutions tailored to specific use cases, such as summarizing transcripts, automating grading feedback, simplifying research, and managing compliance. These solutions must be cost-effective, easy to implement, and scalable. However, enterprise AI infrastructures are often oversized and unnecessarily complex for these needs. This mismatch leads to wasted resources and slowed innovation.

To address these challenges, NetApp and Intel have collaborated to deliver NetApp® AIPOD™ Mini, a purpose-built runtime AI solution for departments and remote offices. This streamlined, easy-to-deploy solution removes barriers to AI adoption. By combining Intel® Xeon® processors with NetApp's trusted storage and data management capabilities, it empowers teams with precise, context-aware AI insights, seamlessly integrating into workflows to drive impactful outcomes while optimizing costs.

Harnessing the power of AI inferencing

NetApp AIPOD Mini with Intel makes AI more accessible, empowering departments across the institution to achieve meaningful outcomes. From optimizing operations to generating actionable insights, this solution is built for practical, scalable innovation. Its simplified approach helps meet your goals while avoiding the common complexities of AI adoption. Seamlessly integrating into existing workflows, NetApp AIPOD Mini delivers a powerful combination of affordability, efficiency, and high performance.

An integral part of the solution is the Open Platform for Enterprise AI (OPEA), an open-source framework that simplifies deploying enterprise-grade generative AI solutions. OPEA ensures compatibility with current workflows and provides a modular approach to configuring and optimizing AI workloads for specific department needs. By removing technical barriers and enhancing workflow integration, OPEA accelerates results and boosts efficiency.

The solution

NetApp AIpod Mini with Intel is a fully integrated solution designed for department-level efficiency and flexibility. Key components include:

- Intel Xeon 6 processors with Intel® Advanced Matrix Extensions (AMX)
- NetApp AFF A-Series high-performance storage systems
- Open Platform for Enterprise AI (OPEA) framework

This solution is ideal for hosting departmental AI workloads, such as Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) workflows, predictive analytics, and advanced inferencing models. Whether summarizing long documents or automating complex tasks like policy management or Q&A building, NetApp AIpod Mini drives measurable results from day one.

NetApp AIpod Mini is designed with security at its core. NetApp ONTAP® robust access control lists (ACLs) and metadata-driven governance ensure that sensitive data remains safe, preventing it from being shared inadvertently across teams or outside the institution. NetApp's unparalleled certifications, including FIPS 140-3 and NSA Commercial Solutions for Classified (CSfC), guarantee data protection at every level.

Achieve the full potential of AI inferencing

NetApp AIpod Mini combines the raw power of Intel Xeon 6 processors with Intel AMX, OPEA (an open-source AI software stack) and NetApp's trusted data management capabilities to deliver high-performance departmental AI. It avoids unnecessary complexity and costs, giving departments the power of cutting-edge inferencing without overspending.

Pretrained large language models (LLMs) LLama-13B or DeepSeek-8B and access to proprietary data repositories mean NetApp AIpod Mini can deliver precise, context-aware insights. Even subtle differences in interpretation or language are handled effectively, enabling AI models to adapt uniquely to your organization. Leveraging RAG knowledge graphs reduces computational loads, optimizing costs, and performance.

Enable simpler, faster AI implementation

NetApp AIpod Mini tackles traditional challenges of AI implementation head-on. The intuitive OPEA framework accelerates deployment and ensures compatibility with existing infrastructures. Flexible configuration options make it easy to tailor the platform to specific workflows without adding overhead or complexity.

Automated processes powered by OPEA foster seamless scalability and adaptability, making NetApp AIpod Mini the go-to solution for evolving workflows. Easily update departmental models and ensure adaptive, dependable performance over time.

KEY FEATURES

Contextual accuracy and precision

- Uses pretrained LLMs such as LLama-13B or DeepSeek-8B to understand key departmental nuances, providing more precise results—even subtle differences in wording or interpretation are handled effectively.

Instant access to local knowledge

- Integrates with local and proprietary data repositories to tailor AI models to specific departmental needs.

Proven security

- NetApp is the only enterprise storage vendor validated to store top-secret data. Our certifications include:
 - FIPS 140-2 and FIPS 140-3
 - Department of Defense Information Network (DoDIN) Approved Products List (APL)
 - Common Criteria
 - U.S. National Security Agency (NSA) Commercial Solutions for Classified (CSfC) Components List

Cost savings

- Optimized processing power through use of a RAG knowledge graph reduces computational load and operating costs.
- Efficient data handling minimizes errors and the workload on staff, significantly reducing costs.

Optimize to achieve success

NetApp AIpod Mini delivers tangible, high-impact results tailored to the unique needs of teams like admissions, student resources, library services, or faculty support. By automating and enhancing key processes such as document processing, policy interpretation, or teaching preparation, it allows departments to focus on their core priorities and strategic goals.

This cost-effective AI solution reduces resource consumption while increasing operational productivity. By processing workloads closer to data sources, it ensures stronger data privacy, enhances governance, and lowers operational expenses. NetApp AIpod Mini empowers teams to harness the full potential of AI, driving actionable insights and meaningful outcomes while staying agile and efficient at scale.

KEY USE CASES FOR SECURE AI INFERENCE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

STUDENT SUPPORT

- Get fast answers to common advising questions
- Make access to information easier with capabilities such as voice-based Q&A for students with disabilities
- Simplify navigation of campus resources
- Recommend resources based on specific student needs

FACULTY PRODUCTIVITY

- Automate grading feedback
- Summarize research papers
- Translate code for computer science courses
- Build course assistants that answer student questions using lecture materials
- Enable cross-departmental knowledge sharing for more effective collaboration

ADMINISTRATIVE EFFICIENCY

- Automate FAQs
- Summarize transcripts, meeting notes, and lengthy documents
- Assist with policy interpretation, flag inconsistencies in policy documents, and improve audit readiness
- Answer staff questions based on internal guidelines to keep staff aligned with policies

Get started today

NetApp AIPOd Mini with Intel is your key to unlocking AI's full potential for every department in your education institution. Contact your local NetApp sales representative or visit www.netapp.com.



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