

DATASHEET

# NetApp FAS storage arrays

The #1 customer-trusted,  
cloud-optimized unified  
storage platform



## The challenge

### **Simplifying data management on premises and in the public cloud**

Organizations of all sizes are increasingly challenged with streamlining their storage operations. They need to store and back up their ever-growing volume of data while their budgets are shrinking. They need to find a solution that enables them to meet their on-premises requirements while incorporating their public cloud strategy.

## The solution

### **Ideal balance of capacity and performance storage that also simplifies your operations with best-in-class data management**

NetApp® FAS storage arrays, powered by NetApp ONTAP® data management software, help you build a storage infrastructure that is simple, smart, and trusted. FAS systems provide the optimal balance of capacity and performance for easy deployment and operations while also having the flexibility to handle future growth and cloud integration. With their highly available hardware and powerful software, FAS systems cost effectively deliver the data protection, security, and scalability to safeguard your data and help your staff be more efficient. Whether you're running a small business, a remote office, or a large enterprise, the FAS family's leading range of unified capabilities for SAN, NAS, and object workloads make it an ideal solution for your general-purpose business applications as well as for backup and retention.

### **Simple**

#### **Streamline your storage operations**

When it comes to long-term investments in storage infrastructure, it's crucial to focus on simplifying your storage environment and reducing total cost of ownership. The FAS family offers significant advantages:

- Go from initial power-on to serving data in less than 10 minutes with simple application provisioning.
- Reduce costs and minimize your storage footprint with proven efficiency technologies such as inline deduplication, compression, compaction, and thin provisioning.

### **Key benefits**

#### **Secure and protect your data across the hybrid cloud**

- On your premises and in public clouds, we have you covered. Start small and scale nondisruptively as your data requirements grow.
- NetApp cloud integration lets you connect effortlessly to the cloud with leading integration to Amazon AWS, Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud, and others.

#### **Flexibly adapt to your evolving business needs**

- Scale capacity and performance nondisruptively.
- Effortlessly integrate with public clouds.
- Optimize your storage infrastructure with predictive analytics and proactive care

#### **Cost effective and proven for diverse workloads**

- High volume of unstructured data (media and entertainment, medical imaging, EDA).
- Distributed enterprise business applications, NAS and SAN consolidation.
- Disaster recovery target and backup consolidation.

- Simplify ongoing management by upgrading software or servicing storage with zero downtime during regular business hours.
- Eliminate silos by supporting NAS, SAN, and object workloads on one unified system.
- Accelerate business operations by leveraging NetApp Snapshot™ copies to instantly create writeable clones for use in DevTest, report generation, and analytics.
- Increase the efficiency of your staff by using the deep integration of ONTAP with key business applications.

## **Smart**

### **Scale and adapt to meet changing needs**

The FAS family has the flexibility to keep up with your growing business as your capacity and performance requirements change. Scale up by adding capacity or by upgrading controllers. Scale out by growing from 2 nodes up to a 24-node cluster with 176PB of capacity. Plus, you can cluster different combinations of FAS and AFF models to build out your environment by adding new generations of storage with the latest technologies.

The FAS family also supports massive NAS containers, which are easy to manage. With the NetApp FlexGroup feature of ONTAP 9, a single namespace can grow to 20PB and 400 billion files while maintaining consistently high performance and resilience.

With nondisruptive addition and replacement of storage systems and components, scaling occurs without maintenance windows or the challenge of coordinating downtime across teams. And you can perform your updates during regular work hours.

### **Integrate with the cloud**

FAS systems running ONTAP are optimized for private and hybrid cloud by providing secure multitenancy, quality of service, nondisruptive operations, and easily defined tiers of service. Plus, NetApp offers a number of options for extending your FAS system to the hybrid cloud with Amazon Web Services, Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud, and other leading cloud providers. Easily move your data between your on-premises FAS system and cloud environments by using NetApp SnapMirror® data replication software.

### **Optimize your storage with smart management**

You don't need to be a storage expert to use the broad range of capabilities in the NetApp storage management portfolio.

- Simplify and speed up day-to-day management activities with ONTAP System Manager. The new GUI provides quick insights into capacity, system health, networking, and performance history.

- Streamline your management of multiple storage clusters with NetApp Active IQ® Unified Manager. Boost the efficiency of your staff by monitoring petabytes of data from a single dashboard, and receive notifications to quickly resolve issues before they affect data services. The latest version of Active IQ Unified Manager provides insights and advice on security risks and compliance.

Use the insights and recommendations derived from predictive analytics and community wisdom to optimize and protect your storage investments with Active IQ. Expose risk factors and prevent problems before they affect your business. Benefit from insights and best-practice recommendations derived from the collective wisdom of NetApp's large user base. Implement this actionable intelligence to prevent problems, save time, and make smarter decisions when managing your infrastructure with ONTAP System Manager and Active IQ Unified Manager.

## **Trusted**

### **Secure company and customer data across your hybrid cloud**

- Easily and efficiently protect your data with automatic ransomware protection.
- Protect against weak administrative passwords, the leading cause of system compromises, by using multifactor authentication.
- Designate and validate authorized users with role-based access control.
- Use storage-level file security to prevent unauthorized administrators from accessing or deleting crucial intellectual property.
- Meet privacy standards, including GDPR, by cryptographically shredding and sanitizing individual files.

### **Protect against data loss and accelerate recovery**

FAS systems running ONTAP provide comprehensive, integrated data protection to safeguard your data. Meet your requirements for local backup with near-instant recovery by using space-efficient NetApp Snapshot copies. Achieve remote backup/recovery and disaster recovery with NetApp SnapMirror asynchronous replication. Plus, deep integration with leading backup applications makes management easier.

### **Achieve unparalleled availability and nondisruptive operations**

NetApp MetroCluster, SnapMirror Business Continuity, and SnapMirror Synchronous technologies expand data protection to eliminate risk of data loss by synchronously mirroring data between locations for continuous availability of information. Storage arrays can exist in a single data center or in two different data centers that are located across a campus, across a metropolitan area, or in different cities. No matter what happens, your data can be protected from loss and, with MetroCluster and SnapMirror Business Continuity, it is continuously available to meet business-critical needs.

FAS systems are engineered to meet demanding availability requirements. All models are designed

to deliver 99.9999% availability or even higher through a comprehensive approach that combines highly reliable hardware, innovative software, and sophisticated service analytics.

The new NetApp FAS9500 storage system comes with faster network connectivity and a 50% performance increase over its predecessor. This array has an intelligent modular design that enhances reliability, availability, and serviceability. Service operations are greatly simplified, I/O cards are easily serviced, and controllers can be replaced without disturbing I/O cabling. Additionally, this design enables nondisruptive, in-chassis upgrades, which simplifies and speeds up servicing and minimizes the risk of errors. The design also increases flexibility, streamlines maintenance, and extends the life of the platform, reducing the disruption and expense that come with tech refreshes.

#### **NetApp FAS Storage Arrays:**

- **FAS500f.** For customers looking to reduce storage footprint with an all-flash system, for their capacity-intensive use cases such as workload consolidation, back-up and archiving, as well as applications in media and entertainment, and EDA.
- **FAS9500.** Designed with a modular architecture that is optimized for serviceability and availability. Ideal for large, consolidated environments.

### **Harness the Power of ONTAP to Simplify and Accelerate Your Storage Environment:**

<b>Storage efficiency</b>	Reduce costs with leading data reduction technologies and built-in configuration efficiencies.
<b>Business continuity</b>	Make sure that your critical applications stay online with continuous data availability.
<b>Nondisruptive operations</b>	Eliminate business disruptions during maintenance and upgrades.
<b>Performance and scalability</b>	Improve performance for consolidated workloads, and scale up or scale out capacity and performance.
<b>Cloud Integration</b>	Easily move your data between your on-premises FAS system and cloud environments.
<b>Security</b>	Avoid unauthorized data access and secure your data at rest and in transit across your hybrid cloud.
<b>Compliance</b>	Meet strict governance and data retention policies.

- **FAS8700.** High-end system that is optimized for high capacity and performance to consolidate multiple business workloads.
- **FAS8300.** Designed for a wide range of midrange deployments that need a balance of capacity, performance, and price.
- **FAS2750.** Optimized for small and midsize enterprises that require simple deployment and operations. Supports up to 24 SFF internal drives plus external storage shelves.
- **FAS2720.** Optimized for small and midsize enterprises that require simple deployment and operations. Optimized for high-capacity use cases.

### Get it right from the start by using NetApp expertise and tools

Realize the most from your investment by engaging professional services experts from NetApp or our Services Certified partners. When moving data into your new environment,

smooth the transition and mitigate risks by using proven NetApp methodologies, tools, and best practices. Learn more at [netapp.com/services](http://netapp.com/services).

### About NetApp

In a world full of generalists, NetApp is a specialist. We're focused on one thing, helping your business get the most out of your data. NetApp brings the enterprise-grade data services you rely on into the cloud, and the simple flexibility of cloud into the data center. Our industry-leading solutions work across diverse customer environments and the world's biggest public clouds.

As a cloud-led, data-centric software company, only NetApp can help build your unique data fabric, simplify and connect your cloud, and securely deliver the right data, services, and applications to the right people—anytime, anywhere.

	FAS9500	FAS8700	FAS8300	FAS2750	FAS2720	FAS500f
<b>Maximum raw capacity per HA pair</b>	14.7PB	14.7PB	7.3PB	1243TB	1440TB	734TB
<b>Maximum drives per HA pair</b>	1440	1440	720	144	144	48
<b>NAS scale-out</b>	1-24 nodes (12 HA pairs)	1-24 nodes (12 HA pairs)	1-24 nodes (12 HA pairs)	1-24 nodes (12 HA pairs)	1-24 nodes (12 HA pairs)	1-24 nodes (12 HA Pairs)
<b>SAN scale-out</b>	1-12 nodes (6 HA pairs)	1-12 nodes (6 HA pairs)	1-12 nodes (6 HA pairs)	1-12 nodes (6 HA pairs)	1-12 nodes (6 HA pairs)	1-12 nodes (6 HA pairs)
<b>Maximum raw capacity for cluster</b>	176PB	176PB	88PB	15PB	17PB	8.8PB
<b>Controller chassis form factor</b>	8U	4U	4U	2U / 24 internal drives	2U / 12 internal drives	2U
<b>OS version</b>	ONTAP 9.10.1P3 and later	ONTAP 9.7 RC1 and later	ONTAP 9.7 RC1 and later	ONTAP 9.4 RC1 and later	ONTAP 9.4 RC1 and later	ONTAP 9.8 RC1 and later
<b>Storage protocols supported</b>	FC, FCoE, iSCSI, NFS, pNFS, CIFS/SMB	FC, iSCSI, NFS, pNFS, CIFS/SMB	FC, iSCSI, NFS, pNFS, CIFS/SMB	FC, FCoE, iSCSI, NFS, pNFS, CIFS/SMB	FC, FCoE, iSCSI, NFS, pNFS, CIFS/SMB	NVMe-oF, FC, FCoE, iSCSI, NFS, pNFS, CIFS/SMB
<b>Shelves and media</b>	<a href="http://netapp.com">See NetApp.com</a> for current information.					

Table 1) NetApp FAS technical specifications

**Note:** All HA pair specifications are for dual controller, active-active configurations.



<sup>1</sup> Maximum raw capacity depends on the drive offerings. See the Shelves and Media page on [NetApp.com](http://netapp.com) for current information.