



# Virtual Storage Tier and Beyond

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### Trends

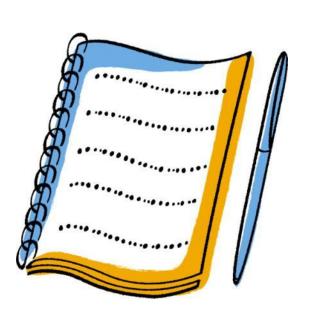
- Other Storage Trends and Flash
- "5 Min" Rule
- Issues for Flash
- Dedupe and Flash

# Caching Architectural Choices

- NetApp's Criteria for Effective Tiering
- Performance and Caching "Tiers"
- Comparison of Cache Location Choices
- Implication of Trends / Choices

# NetApp Virtual Storage Tier

- Portfolio of Products
- Performance Results
- Flash in a Shared Virtual Infrastructure





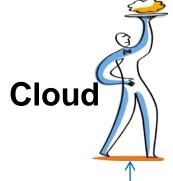


# **Trends**



# Storage Trends and Flash





- Performance bursts
- **QOS** and Cache partitioning

Consolidate performance Flash

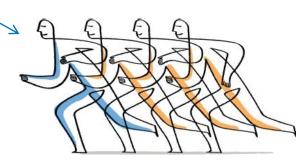
Need for shared cache



Enabling new applications



**Big Data** 



**Virtualization** 

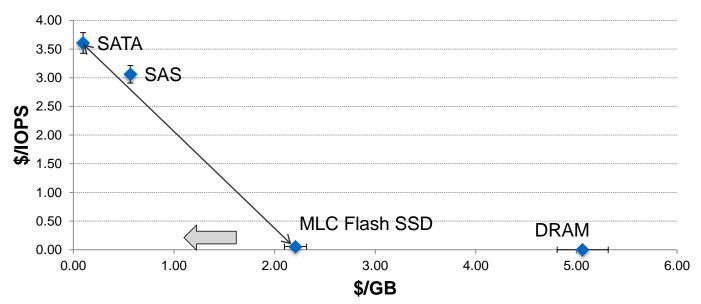


# Flash Vs HDD Gray's "5 min rule" becomes 30 hrs



- 16K random access re-reference interval < 30h</li>
  - Use Flash instead of HDD
- For 2 MiB sequential, breakeven is 1/4 hour

#### \$/IOPS vs. \$/GB for IO Devices





### Issues for Flash to Overcome



### Wear Life

- Cache is the worst case for wear life
- NetApp's Write-Anywhere layout minimizes write amplification

	SLC	eMLC	MLC	TLC
P/E Cycles (K)	100K	30K	5-10K	1-3K

## Cost (\$/GB compared to SATA)

	RAM	SAS	SLC	eMLC	MLC
Cost compared to SATA	200x	6x	80x	40x	20x

### Management Overhead

Data Migration Or Caching



### Meant for Each Other









# Caching Architecture Choices



# Storage Tiering





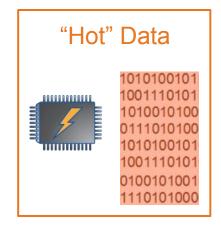
### Primary Storage Pool:

All data - hot and cold

### Objective:

Intelligently
place "hot" data
on the highest
performing media



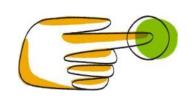


Data should be fast when hot, and low cost when it's cold



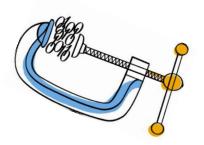
# NetApp's Criteria for Effective Tiering





**Simple** 

- Work out of the box with default settings
- Low management overhead



**Efficient** 

- Use high cost media (Flash) efficiently
- Enable high capacity drives as primary tier



Real-Time

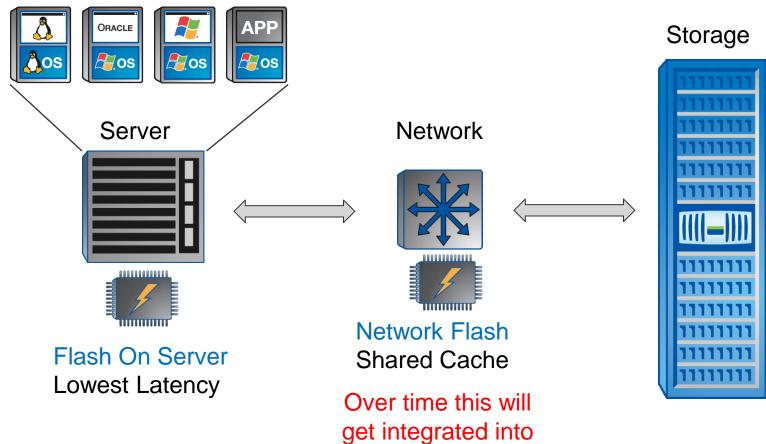
Serve data when it's hot



# Caching Architectures







host or storage





Flash on Storage Controller Shared, resilient Cache



# Memory Summary: Implications of Trends



- Over time Networked cache will merge into the host or the backend controller
- Tiering architectures will evolve to 2-tier architectures
- Cache on the host and the cache on the controller will co-exist
- Emergence of the performance and capacity "tiers"
- Over time Flash will be replaced by other SCM alternatives





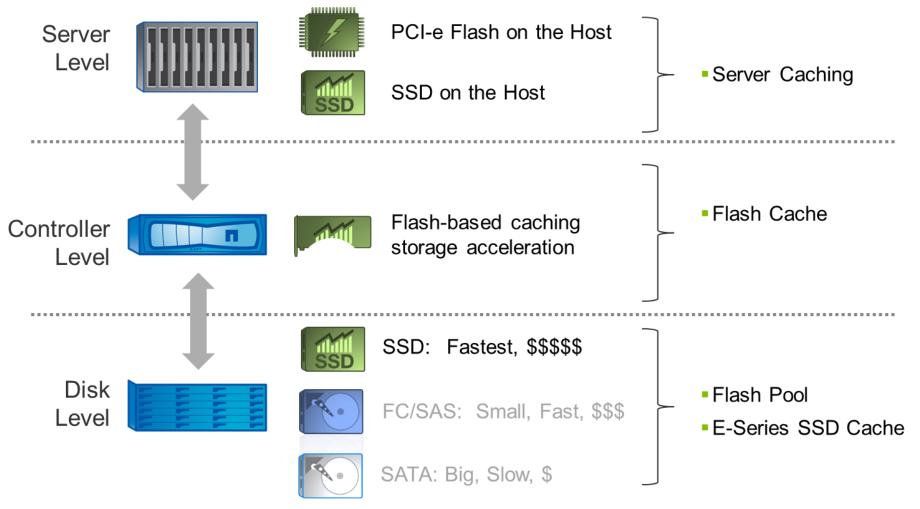
# Virtual Storage Tier



# NetApp Flash as Cache Portfolio



Includes only caching options

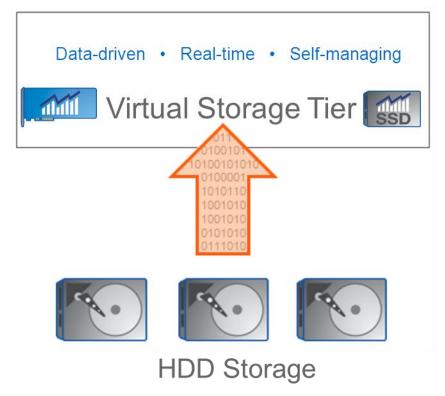




# Memory Virtual Storage Tier







- Efficient Use of Flash
- Simple to install
- Self Managing
- Non Disruptive Operations
- Caching vs. Data Migration
- Minimal HDD I/O's
- Highly Granular (4KB)
- Real Time Responsiveness



# Memory VST: Flash Cache (File Services)



#### Before:

FAS 6210 HA Pair with 144TB



240 SAS 600GB10K RPM Disks

#### After:

FAS 6210 HA Pair with 168TB



168 1TB 7.2K RPM SATA Disks



1TB Flash Cache

### Cost/Efficiency Impact

- Entire workload moved from SAS to SATA (file services workload)
- 34.1% lower cost per TB
- 40.2 % lower \$/IOPS
- 40.5% less power

### Flexibility Impact

- 16.7% more storage capacity
- 28.5% more IOPS
- 18.5% improvement in average response time



# Memory VST: Flash Pool (OLTP)



#### Before:

FAS 6210 HA Pair with 144TB



240 SAS 600GB10K RPM Disks

#### After:

FAS 6210 HA Pair with 216TB





216 1TB 7.2K RPM SATA Disks



24 100GB SSDs

### Cost/Efficiency Impact

- Entire workload moved from SAS to SATA (OLTP workload)
- 46.3% lower cost per TB
- 18% lower \$/IOPS
- 26.5% less power

### Flexibility Impact

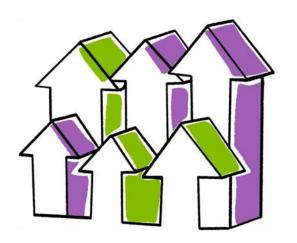
- 50% more storage capacity
- Similar IOPS (± 2%)
- Significant improvement in average response time



### Memory Where to use VST

### VST has been effective in these environments

- Databases
- File services
- VMware®, Hyper-V,™ and Citrix
- Microsoft® Exchange and SharePoint®
- Engineering and software development



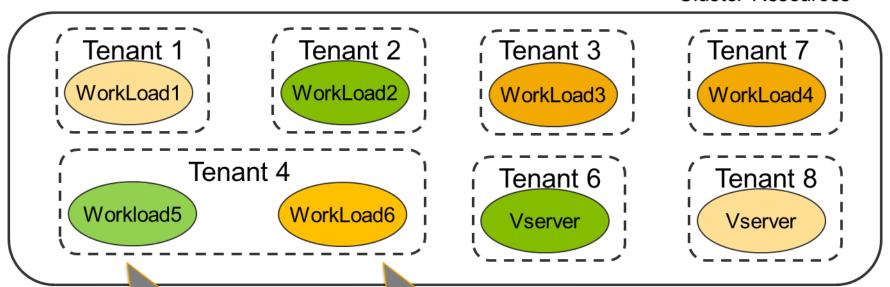


# Shared Virtual Infrastructure



### **Logical View**

#### Cluster Resources



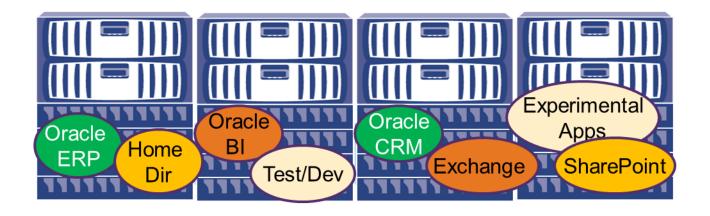
IOPS Reserve: 20,000 IOPS Limit: 40,000

IOPS Reserve: 10,000 IOPS Limit: 20,000



# Shared Virtual Infrastructure Physical View



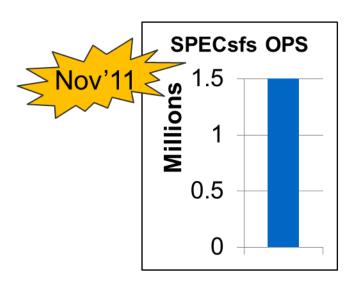


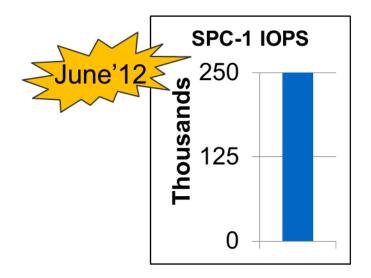
- Automated provisioning via Service Catalogs
- Dynamic placement based on SLO
- Intelligent cache partitioning
- Non-disruptive operations
- Seamless scaling



## Performance, Sc

NetApp Data ONTAP 8 and FAS Systems deliver scalability, efficiency, and non-disruptive operations





- Leading performance for NAS
- Scaling to 24 nodes
- Consistently fast response time
- High performance for SAN
- NetApp storage efficiency drives price/perf value (\$6.69/SPC-1 IOPS)
- Scaling to 6 nodes

For more information, visit <a href="http://www.storageperformance.org/results/benchmark\_results\_spc1#a00115">http://www.storageperformance.org/results/benchmark\_results\_spc1#a00115</a> SPC-1® is a trademark of the Standard Performance Evaluation Corp.





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# NetApp Flash as Cache Offering



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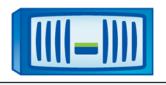
Flash Cache	Flash Pool		
Performance Capacity PCI-e Cache HDD	Performance Capacity + HDD		
<ul><li>What is it?</li><li>Controller based PCIe card</li><li>Plug and play</li></ul>	<ul> <li>What is it?</li> <li>Storage level RAID protected read &amp; write cache</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>What does it do?</li> <li>Per controller cache – hot volumes on multiple aggrs</li> <li>Caches random reads</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>What does it do?</li> <li>Specific to aggregates</li> <li>Caches random reads &amp; writes</li> <li>Cached data persistence through failovers</li> </ul>		



## NetApp Flash Cache









Flash Cache

Standard with all FAS/V 6240 and 6280 systems

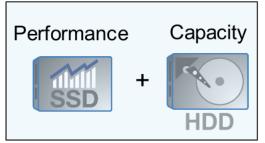
- Improves average latency for random reads
  - PCI-e Controller based Flash
- Increase I/O throughput
- Reduce costs by using fewer, less expensive disk drives
- No management required
- Effective for file services, tech apps, web apps



# NetApp Flash Pool







Flash Pool

- SSD-like performance for hot reads and writes data
  - Aggregate-level, read and write cache
- Enables capacity optimized HDDs as primary disk Tier
  - All Workloads
- Consistent performance during takeover and reboot events
- Works out of the box with default settings
- Effective for biz apps, OLTP, VDI