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2015 Enterprise Flash Storage Who's Adopting Them and Why

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"[We] offer [TLC 3D NAND] SSDs at approximately the <u>same price per gigabyte as high-end 15K HDDs</u> and with up to 24 times performance improvement, up to six times the density, lower latency and lower power consumption". – Dell, 7/21/15

Software Defined [Flash] Storage



Flash reliability breaks out



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Enterprise IT OEM public clouds rolled back out as fast as they rolled in

I believe the hottest storage company over the last year was:



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The Symbols for IT Brand Leadership

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2015 Flash Storage Brand Leader Survey Results



Brand Leaders				RELIABILITY RELIABILITY LOUGUIT from		
All Flash Converged System	НР	НР	HP	НР	HP	НР
All Flash Fibre Channel Array	EMC	Dell	НР	IBM	EMC	IBM
All Flash Hyperconverged System	Nutanix	HP	Nutanix	HP	HP	Nutanix
All Flash InfiniBand Array	NetApp	IBM	NetApp	IBM	IBM	NetApp
All Flash iSCSI Array	Dell	Dell	Dell	Dell	Dell	Dell
All Flash NAS Array	NetApp	NetApp	NetApp	NetApp	NetApp	NetApp
All Flash PCIe Adapter	SanDisk	SanDisk	SanDisk	SanDisk	SanDisk	SanDisk
All Flash Unified SAN/NAS Array	NetApp	NetApp	NetApp	NetApp	EMC	NetApp
Flash Caching Software	SanDisk	SanDisk	SanDisk	SanDisk	SanDisk	SanDisk
Hybrid HDD/SSD Array	EMC	НР	EMC	EMC	EMC	Nimble Storage
Memory Channel Storage	SanDisk	SanDisk	SanDisk	SanDisk	SanDisk	SanDisk
SAS/SATA SSD Module	Samsung	Seagate	Samsung	Samsung	Seagate	Samsung
SSD Controller Chip	Intel	Intel	Intel	Intel	Intel	Intel

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IT Strategy

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My company's storage strategy for frequentlyaccessed data from our core business applications is:

All data is stored in our own data center(s), managed by our IT organization

Some data is stored in our own data center(s), managed by our IT organization -- some is stored in the cloud.

Some data is stored in our own data center(s), managed by a managed service provider -- some is stored in the cloud.

All data is stored in our own data center(s), managed by a managed service provider.



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My organization uses the following SSD strategies (select all that apply):

Add SSD to disk arrays because we trust our disk array products and vendors, and we are familiar with how to deploy and manage them

Use SAN based SSD arrays because the performance is much better than disk-based SAN arrays and it can be shared by all servers

Use disk-based storage because SSD is too expensive

Use server based SSD because it is closest to the processor thus offering the absolute best performance

Server-based flash because our software defined storage software uses only server-based storage.

Other (don't know)



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My organization plans to completely replace HDDs and deploy SSD as primary storage:

When SSDs are within 50% of the \$/GB of HDDs

When SSDs are within 40% of the \$/GB of HDDs

When SSDs are within 30% of the \$/GB of HDDs

When SSDs are within 20% of the \$/GB of HDDs

When SSDs are within 10% of the \$/GB of HDDs

When SSDs are the same \$/GB of HDDs

Never. It will always be more expensive than HDD and be used only for applications which can justify the added cost

Not sure/don't know

Other



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Percent of servers in my environment accessing some type of SSD storage:



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SSD will comprise approximately this percentage of my organization's combined SSD and HDD disk capacity:



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IT Purchases

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My organization has deployed the following types of SSD products (select all that apply):



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I purchased the following brands of flash storage in the last year:



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I purchased the following brands of enterprise flash storage in the last year (select all that apply):



2012		2013		2014		2015		
1	Intel	_%	Dell	_%	EMC	_%	EMC	_%
2	SanDisk	_%	Western Digital	_%	Samsung	_%	SanDisk	_%
3	НР	_%	Samsung	_%	NetApp	_%	NetApp	_%
4	Toshiba	_%	Intel	_%	HP	_%	HP	_%
5	EMC	_%	НР	_%	SanDisk	_%	Seagate	_%
6	IBM	_%	SanDisk	_%	Seagate	_%	IBM	_%
7	Seagate	_%	Toshiba	_%	Western Digital	_%	Dell	_%
8	Dell	_%	Seagate	_%	Dell	_%	Pure Storage	_%
9	Western Digital	_%	NetApp	_%	Intel	_%	Intel	_%
10	Samsung	_%	EMC	_%	IBM	_%	Samsung	_%
	Did not purchase SSD product	_%	Did not purchase SSD product	_%	Did not purchase SSD product	_%	Did not purchase SSD product	_%

I will purchase the following brands of flash storage in the next 12 months:



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IT Preferences



The most strategic (irreplaceable) component of a complete SSD storage solution is the:

2015 2014 2013 Other

System availability applications such as snap-shot, replication and path management (failover).

SSD hardware system

Storage management applications such as auto-tiering, de-duplication and thin provisioning.

The SSD controller within the hardware system.

SSD driver and device management software

The following type of server most driving the adoption of SSD in my environment is:



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When I purchase HDD and SSD storage, I factor in compression, de-duplication and thin-provisioning to calculate my price per "usable" gigabyte:



The most important feature of an SSD for my environment is:



My organization's strategy for SSDs vs. **High RPM Drives:**

Replace high RPM drives with SSD for select workloads

Completely replace high RPM drives with SSD for I/O intensive workloads

> Continue to use high RPM drives for I/O intensive workloads



РШ

SSDs with the following type of NAND Flash are best suited for my environment:



Multi-Level Cell (MLC) for lower cost 2015 2014 Single-Level Cell (SLC) for highest 2013 performance and write endurance 2012 Don't know Triple-level Cell (TLC) 3D NAND for higher capacity and lowest cost Other

Other

My experience with SSD so far (all that apply):

My SSD performs just like they said it would.

- So far my SSD systems have been as reliable or more reliable than my HDD-based storage.
 - I estimate the total cost of ownership of my SSD is more than my HDD-based storage.
 - Managing an SSD is less hassle than managing HDD-based storage I've had in the past.
 - I estimate the total cost of ownership of my SSD is actually less than my HDD-based storage.

I have no experience with SSD

My SSD has not performed as well as they said it would.

Managing an SSD is just as much hassle, if not more, than managing HDD-based storage I've had in the past.

So far my SSD systems have been less reliable than my HDD-based storage.



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What I value most from SSDs is:





A substantially longer warranty period for SSD storage systems is a strong indicator that SSD technology is more reliable than HDD storage systems. I believe this is:



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I believe the warranty periods for all-flash arrays are:





New Technology

This best describes where I'm at with adoption of these new flash storage related technologies:

	Memory Channel	3D NAND/TLC	DSSD	Hyperconverged systems	Software defined storage	NVM Express (NVMe)
I have not heard of it.	_%	_%	_%	_%	_%	_%
I am aware of it, but I have no interest.	_%	_%	_%	_%	_%	_%
I have heard of it, but I have not investigated.	_%	_%	_%	_%	_%	_%
I plan on evaluating it / products using it.	_%	_%	_%	_%	_%	_%
I am evaluating it / products using it.	_%	_%	_%	_%	_%	_%

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I see Software Defined Storage as a technology that:

Will emerge as a class of storage virtualization software separate from the storage hardware--and more important than the commodity storage hardware.

Not sure/don't know

Is an inseparable feature of an enterprise storage "solution"



Other

Some SSD products are "programmable" so they fit into a software defined storage environment. Other SSD products have most functions embedded in the controller hardware. What is best for my organization in the future is:

Controller hardware based SSD for a more plug-andplay storage.

Programmable SSD for flexible software defined storage -- but we want vendors to do the programming in their apps

> Programmable SSD for flexible software defined storage -- and we will do the programming



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There are different types of Flash Memory (MLC, SLC, TLC, etc.) with new characteristics that define how it works in the data center (wear leveling, write endurance, etc.):

I want to know about flash memory technology and intend to do a deep dive into the technology.

- I have already done a deep dive into flash memory technology and am very familiar with it.
- I don't want to know that much about flash memory technology -- and I will rely on my storage vendor to have a deep understanding of the technology.

I don't want to know that much about flash memory technology -- but I feel I need to do a deep dive to understand what I'm buying in the future



Other

There are different types of Flash Storage systems (All Flash Arrays, Hybrid Arrays, PCIe cards, etc.) with new characteristics that define how they work in the data center (software defined vs. plug-and-play SSD, captive PCIe vs. shared PCIe SSD, permanent storage vs. cache, etc.). storage vs. cache, etc.). I:



Want to know about flash storage systems and intend to do a deep dive into their architectures.

Have already done a deep dive into flash storage systems and am very familiar with them.

Don't want to know that much about flash storage systems -- but I feel I need to do a deep dive to understand what I'm buying in the future.

Don't want to know that much about flash storage systems -- and I will rely on my storage vendor to have a deep understanding of the right system for the application.

Other



Percent of my overall storage that is in the cloud:



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My organization's strategy for enterprise-class SSD-backed cloud storage is best described as:

We are planning to use enterprise-class cloud...

We have no plans to use enterprise-class cloud...

Not sure/don't know

Other

We are using use enterpriseclass cloud storage with SSD.



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I would expect the AVAILABILITY of SSD storage in my data center to be:



I would expect the PERFORMANCE of SSD storage in my data center to be:



I would expect the COST of SSD storage in my data center to be:



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I would expect the CONTROL of SSD storage in my data center to be:



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My Thoughts

Enterprise HDD Units Flat-to-Down





OEMs fully armed for air, sea & land flash assault





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Enterprise Flash Market

Growing profitably was tough

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Violin Memory Inc NYSE: VMEM - Aug 7 4:02 PM EDT

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Nimble Storage Inc NYSE: NMBL - Aug 7 4:02 PM EDT

26.06 + (0.00%)



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No big acquisitions or IPOs

STORAGE \$450M VC \$3B Valuation

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IT as a Service Market







Traditional IT Market

Software Define Storage Ascends over 10 Years





Past: Enterprise HW Defined Ecosystem





Future: Enterprise SW Defined Ecosystem





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