NetApp ASA

Simple, powerful, affordable block-optimized storage.

The challenge

Organizations have long had to choose between operational simplicity and high-end capabilities like scale-out and advanced data management in block storage. IT decision makers have been forced to compromise, and that has impeded infrastructure modernization efforts.

The solution

With the block-optimized NetApp® ASA series, NetApp eliminates that trade-off — via simple, powerful, scale-out all-flash storage with advanced data management and protection features at an extremely affordable price. NetApp ASA enables storage modernization for every organization.

The ASA systems deliver a simplified and consistent experience for VMware apps, mission-critical databases, and other SAN workloads. Built on a scale-out, end-to-end NVMe architecture, NetApp ASA systems offer industry-leading availability and performance and simplified data management across your hybrid cloud.

All-flash block storage powered by ONTAP

NetApp ASA systems modernize your SAN infrastructure, accelerating business-critical applications, making data always available, and simplifying storage management. The ASA family includes A-Series models designed for your most performance-demanding and mission-critical applications, and C-Series models optimized for cost-effective deployment of large-capacity and general-purpose applications. Together, the ASA systems:

- Deliver exceptional performance that improves customers' experience and reduces time to results.

- Slash operational risk and enhance business continuity by keeping business-critical data available, protected, and secure.

- Transform your SAN environment with modern, affordable block storage that costs up to 50% less than the competition, with far better TCO.

Keep critical data available, protected, and secure

As organizations become more data driven, the business impact of data loss can be increasingly dramatic—and costly. IT must protect data from both internal and external threats, ensure data availability, eliminate maintenance disruptions, and quickly recover from failures.

Access your data with continuous availability
ASA systems provide continuous access to data during unplanned outages by using symmetric, active-active multipathing. With both active controllers capable of communicating to a LUN, multipathing gives you uninterrupted access to your data with rapid failover recovery.

NetApp business continuity solutions help you maintain constant data availability with zero data loss and zero downtime in the event of a human-made or natural disaster. NetApp SnapMirror® active sync provides application-level protection with automatic failover, enabling mission-critical business services to keep operating, even during a complete site failure. NetApp MetroCluster® software protects your entire system by replicating data synchronously to a separate location at a greater distance. If something goes wrong at one site, your applications switch over to the other site, automatically and instantaneously.

Integrated data protection
ASA systems come with a full suite of acclaimed NetApp integrated and application-consistent data protection software. Key capabilities include:

- Native space efficiency with cloning and NetApp Snapshot™ copies that reduce storage costs and minimize performance impact.
- NetApp SnapCenter® software that provides application-consistent data protection and clone management to simplify application management.
- NetApp SnapMirror technology that simplifies operations with built-in data protection across the hybrid cloud.

NetApp Ransomware Recovery Guarantee

NetApp will warrant Snapshot data recovery in the event of a ransomware attack. If you can't recover your data copies with help from NetApp or partner assistance, NetApp will offer compensation.

Find details here

KEY BENEFITS

Simple

- Leverage a storage solution so simple that anyone can deploy it, manage it, and upgrade it.
- Get up and running in minutes, provision in seconds, and protect in one click; manage directly from vCenter.

Powerful

- Accelerate VMware and database apps with market-leading performance, proven reliability, and intelligent data management.
- Run worry-free with built-in business continuity, a 99.9999% data availability guarantee, and a ransomware recovery guarantee.

Affordable

- Drive unmatched value with an up to 50% upfront price advantage versus the competition, up to 25% lower VMware costs, and better overall ROI.
- Gain leading raw-to-effective capacity and an always-on 4:1 storage efficiency guarantee.

Security everywhere
Encryption and key management help guard your sensitive data on your premises, in the cloud, and in transit. Market-leading anti-ransomware protection for post-attack recovery safeguards your critical data from ransomware attacks and can prevent catastrophic financial consequences. With NetApp's proven and efficient security solutions, you can:

- Protect against threats with multifactor authentication, role-based access control, and multi-admin verification.
- Achieve FIPS 140-2 compliance (Level 1 and Level 2) with self-encrypting drives and use any type of drives with software-based encryption.
- Meet governance, risk, and compliance requirements with security features such as disk sanitization, logging and auditing monitors, and secure multitenancy.

Power your applications with abundant performance

NetApp ASA arrays are primed to take on any SAN workloads. Multitasking is not a problem. These systems maintain consistent high performance even while encrypting, compressing, deduplicating, and protecting your data.

Build a trusted SAN environment with powerful ASA systems that:

- Support both NVMe/FC and NVMe/TCP, providing latency as low as 100 microseconds and millions of IOPS in a cluster.
- Accelerate your VMware infrastructure and your Oracle, SAP, and Microsoft SQL Server applications.
- Meet performance objectives for all your applications even while efficiently encrypting, replicating, and storing data.

Simplify operations and reduce TCO

Managing your infrastructure shouldn't be complex. As seasoned veterans in this industry, we know a thing or two about what works and what doesn't. The new NetApp ASA offers an intuitive user experience. And feature-rich, SAN-specific NetApp ONTAP® data management capabilities are built in, enabling your staff to:

- Quickly provision storage and simplify ongoing management of dedicated SAN workloads—VMware, Oracle, SAP, Microsoft SQL Server.
- Streamline data management for your SAN workloads with simple, purpose-built block storage powered by ONTAP.
- Significantly reduce your storage footprint, power consumption, and carbon footprint with high-density, highly efficient all-flash storage.
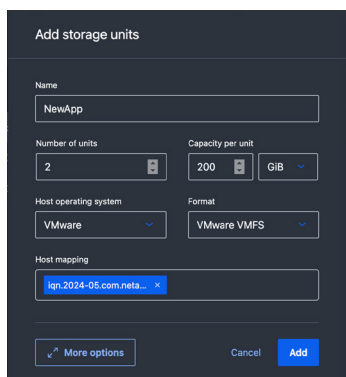
Figure 1) Provision new storage in seconds for ASA A1K, ASA A90, and ASA A70.
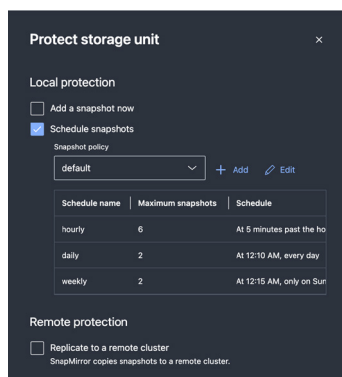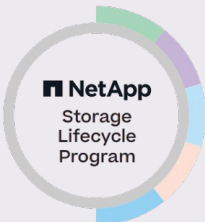
Figure 2) Protect storage unit with one click for ASA A1K, ASA A90, and ASA A70.

Future-proof your infrastructure

When you purchase NetApp ASA storage, you can future-proof your investment with our industry-leading storage ownership program. Make the smart choice today and stay current with technological innovations.

- Eliminate the headache of tech refreshes with the Storage Lifecycle Program: Get a new controller every 3 years with support-managed updates included, or move to the cloud, whichever best meets your needs.
- Achieve high performance while minimizing storage cost with the Storage Efficiency Guarantee[1]: If we don't meet your workload goals, we'll make it right at no cost to you (4:1 for SAN workloads).
- Enjoy a Six Nines (99.9999%) Data Availability Guarantee[1]: If you have unplanned downtime in excess of 31.56 seconds per year, we provide remediation.
- Recover data with the Ransomware Recovery Guarantee[1]: If you can't recover your data copies with help from NetApp or partner assistance, NetApp will offer compensation.

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Learn more

Flexibly consume storage resources

Like the rest of the NetApp portfolio, ASA systems are available via traditional capex or as a service with NetApp Keystone.® Gain financial flexibility as you modernize, and better align IT expenditure to business needs.

Leverage ONTAP One for SAN

Take advantage of ONTAP One for SAN, a comprehensive software suite that includes SAN protocols as well as ONTAP technologies applicable to SAN workloads, such as SnapRestore®, SnapMirror, SnapCenter, FlexClone®, FlexCache®, FPolicy, encryption[2], SnapLock®, and multitenant key management.

Footnote:

[1] Terms and conditions will apply.

[2] Encryption availability subject to Global Trade Compliance.

Table 1. ASA A-Series technical specifications

	ASA A1K	ASA A90	ASA A70	ASA A900	ASA A800	ASA A400	ASA A250	ASA A150
Maximum scale-out	2-12 nodes (6 HA pairs[1])	2-12 nodes (6 HA pairs[1])	2-12 nodes (6 HA pairs[1])	2–12 nodes (6 HA pairs)	2–12 nodes (6 HA pairs)	2–12 nodes (6 HA pairs)	2–12 nodes (6 HA pairs)	2–12 nodes (6 HA pairs)
Maximum SSDs	1440	1440	1440	2880	1440	2880	288	432
Maximum effective capacity[2]	67PB	67PB	67PB	351PB	158PB	351PB	26PB	13PB
Controller chassis form factor	2×2U	4U; 48 internal SSD slots	4U; 48 internal SSD slots	8U	4U; 48 internal SSD slots	4U	2U; 24 internal SSD slots	2U; 24 internal SSD slots
Power consumption (median)	2718W (with NS224)	1950W	1232W	2450W (with NS224)	1463W	890W (with DS224C) 1240W (with NS224)	491W	300W[3]
PCIe expansion slots	18	18	18	20	8	10	4	n/a
FC target ports (64Gb autoranging)	48	56	56	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
FC target ports (32Gb autoranging)	48	56	56	64	32	24	16	n/a
FC target ports (16Gb autoranging)	48	56	56	64	32	32 (with FC mezzanine card)	n/a	n/a
FCoE target ports, UTA2	n/a	n/a	n/a	64	n/a	n/a	n/a	8
200GbE ports (100GbE/40GbE autoranging)	24	24	24	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
100GbE ports (40GbE autoranging)	36	36	36	32	20	16	8[4]	n/a
25GbE ports (10GbE autoranging)	48	56	56	64	16	16	16	n/a
10GbE ports	48	56	56	64	32	32	n/a	4
10GBASE-T (1GbE autoranging)	48	56	56	64	n/a	16	4	8 (10GBASE-T models only)
12Gb/6Gb SAS ports	n/a	n/a	n/a	64	n/a	32	4	4
Storage networking supported	NVMe/TCP, NVMe/FC, FC, iSCSI			NVMe/TCP, NVMe/FC, FC, iSCSI				NVMe/TCP, FC, iSCSI
OS version	ONTAP 9.16.0 GA or later			ONTAP 9.13.1 GA or later				
Shelves and media	NS224 (2U, 24 drives, SFF NVMe)	NS224 (2U, 24 drives, SFF NVMe);	NS224 (2U, 24 drives, SFF NVMe)	NS224 (2U, 24 drives, SFF NVMe); DS224C (2U, 24 drives, 2.5" SFF); DS2246 (2U, 24 drives, 2.5", SFF)	NS224 (2U, 24 drives, SFF NVMe); DS224C (2U, 24 drives, 2.5" SFF); DS2246 (2U, 24 drives, 2.5", SFF)	NS224 (2U, 24 drives, SFF NVMe); DS224C (2U, 24 drives, 2.5" SFF); DS2246 (2U, 24 drives, 2.5", SFF)	NS224 (2U, 24 drives, SFF NVMe); DS224C (2U, 24 drives, 2.5" SFF)	DS224C (2U, 24 drives, 2.5" SFF), DS2246 (2U, 24 drives, 2.5", SFF)
Host/client OS supported	Windows Server, Linux, Oracle Solaris, AIX, HP-UX, VMware							

Footnote:

[1] This capability is planned for NetApp® ONTAP® 9.16.1. NetApp is sharing this information solely for informational purposes, and this information should not be relied upon in making purchasing decisions. The development, release, and timing of any features or functionality for NetApp products and services remains at the sole discretion of NetApp.

[2] Effective capacity based on 5:1 storage efficiency ratios with the maximum number of SSDs installed; space savings will vary depending on workload and use cases.

[3] Estimate under typical conditions; awaiting field data for new product.

[4] The ASA A250 supports 8 100GbE ports for ONTAP 9.13.1 or later, and 4 ports for earlier ONTAP releases.

Table 2. ASA C-Series technical specifications

	ASA C800	ASA C400	ASA C250
Maximum scale-out	12 nodes (6 HA pairs)	12 nodes (6 HA pairs)	12 nodes (6 HA pairs)
Maximum SSD	1440	576	288
Maximum effective capacity[1]	176.8PB	70.7PB	35.4PB
Controller chassis form factor	4U; 48 internal SSD slots	4U	2U; 24 internal SSD slots
Power consumption (median)	1463W	1240W (with NS224)	491W
PCIe expansion slots	8	10	4
FC target ports (32Gb autoranging to 16Gb/8Gb)	32	40	16
FC target ports (16Gb autoranging to 8Gb/4Gb)	n/a	8 FC bundle option	n/a
100GbE ports (40GbE autoranging)	20	20	8
40GbE ports (can be 4× 10GbE)	n/a	n/a	n/a
25GbE ports (10GbE autoranging)	16	32 Ethernet bundle option 16 FC bundle option	16
10GbE ports	32	32	n/a
10GBASE-T (1GbE autoranging)	n/a	16	4
Storage networking supported	NVMe/TCP, NVMe/FC, FC, iSCSI		
OS version	ONTAP 9.13.1 P1 or later		
Shelves and media	NS224 (2U, 24 drives, NVMe QLC SSDs)		
Host/client OS supported	Windows Server, Linux, Oracle Solaris, AIX, HP-UX, macOS, VMware, ESX		

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Table 3. ASA software

Data access protocols	• FC, iSCSI, NVMe/FC, NVMe/TCP
High availability	• Active-active controller architecture • Symmetric active-active FCP and iSCSI multipathing • Nondisruptive maintenance, upgrade, and scale-out clustering[1] • Multisite resilience for continuous data access
Storage efficiency	• Inline data compression, deduplication, and compaction • Space-efficient cloning • Automatic data tiering[1]
Data management	• Intuitive on-board GUI, REST APIs, and automation integration • AI-informed predictive analytics and corrective action • Quality of service (QoS) workload control • Easy provisioning and data management from market-leading host operating systems, hypervisors, and application software
Data protection	• Application-consistent NetApp® Snapshot™ copies for backup and restore • Integrated remote backup and disaster recovery • Synchronous zero-data-loss replication • Tamperproof Snapshot copies • Symmetric active-active multisite replication for business continuity
Security and compliance	• Multifactor admin access • In-flight and data-at-rest encryption • Regulatory-compliant data retention • Multi-admin verification before executing sensitive commands
Cloud integration[1]	• Seamlessly tier, back up, replicate, and cache data to private and public clouds

Footnote:

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Get more business value with services
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