# Discover Storage Spaces Direct in Windows Server 2019 with Dell EMC Ready Solutions

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## Hyper-Converged Infrastructure powered by Windows Server



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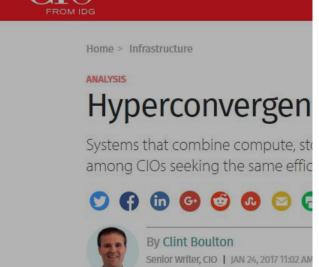


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## There is a revolution happening in the server market.







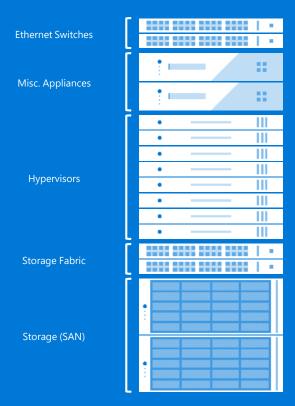
The growing scale of operations and complexity always in

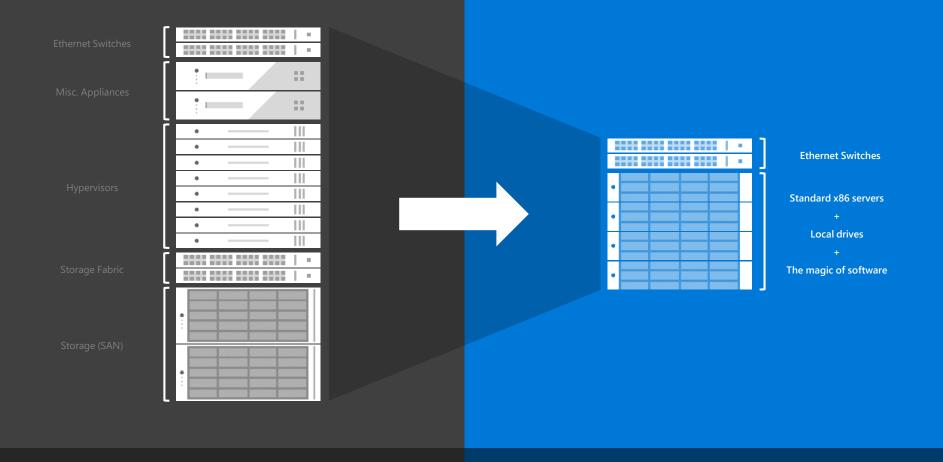
## +78.1% HCI Growth YoY

- IDC Worldwide Converged Systems Report, Q2 2018

## "HCI drove second quarter market expansion [...]"

IDC Worldwide Converged Systems Report, Q2 2018





## **Everything you need, one familiar product**





Introduced in 2008, ten years ago!
Foundation of our hyperscale Azure cloud



### **Storage Spaces Direct**

Introduced in Windows Server 2016

Foundation of Azure Stack



#### **SDN**

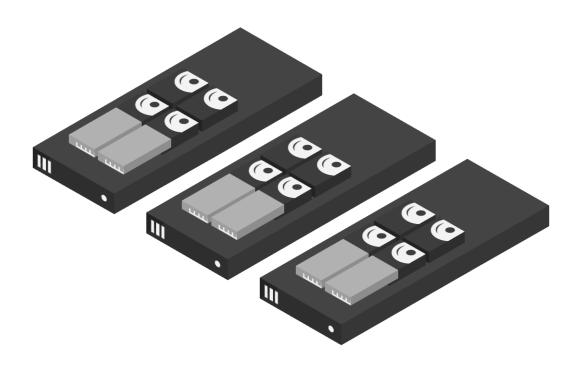
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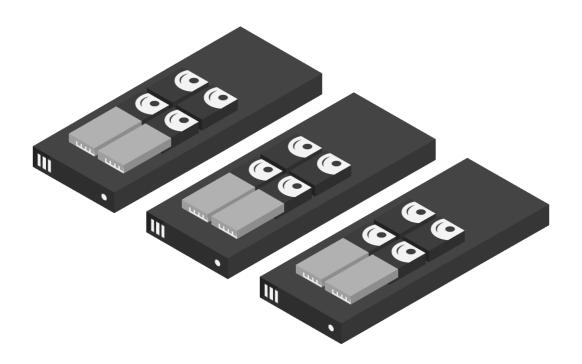
## **Included in Windows Server 2016/2019**

- ✓ Hypervisor / compute
- ✓ Software-defined storage
- ✓ Software-defined networking
- ✓ Management software
- ✓ Unlimited guest licenses

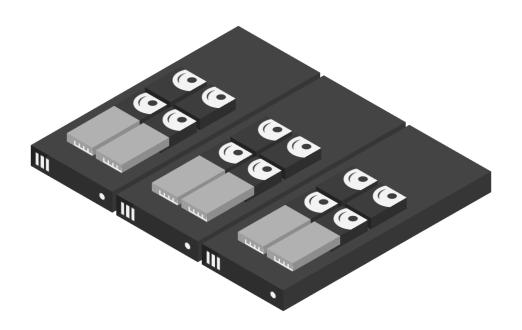
How Storage Spaces Direct works



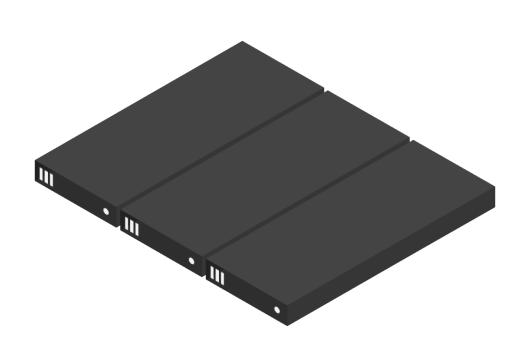
Industry-standard servers with internal drives

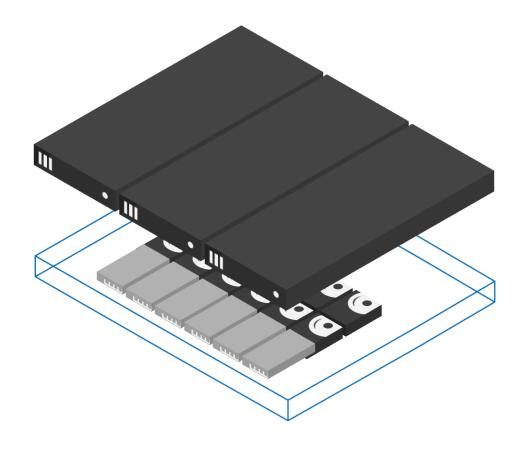


No shared storage, no fancy cables – just Ethernet

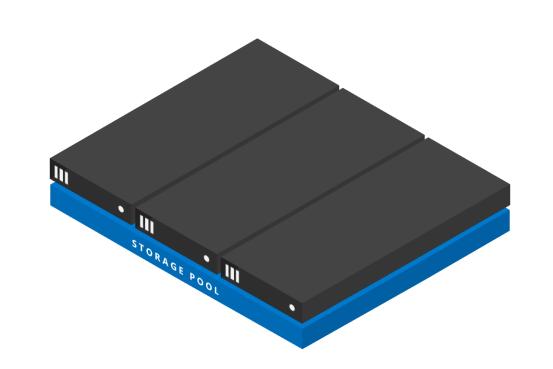


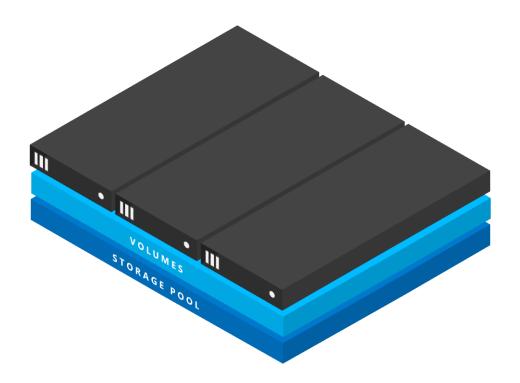
Create cluster



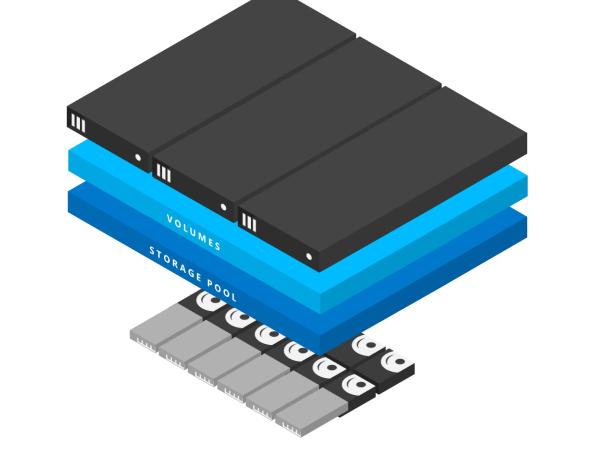


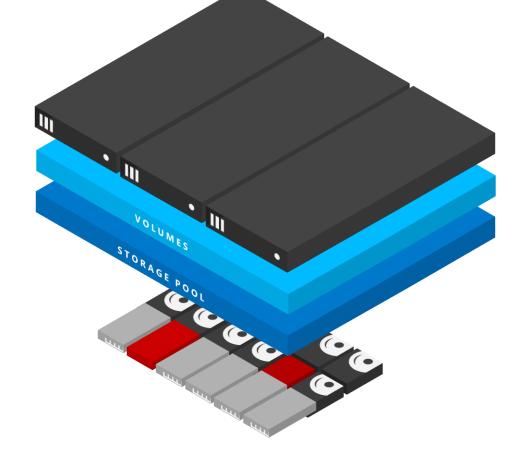
Software-defined "pool" of storage



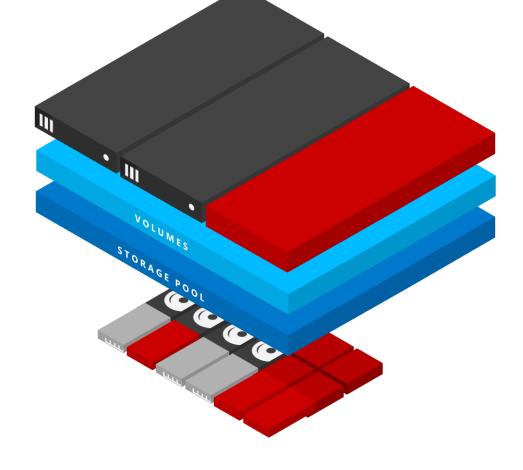


Create volumes

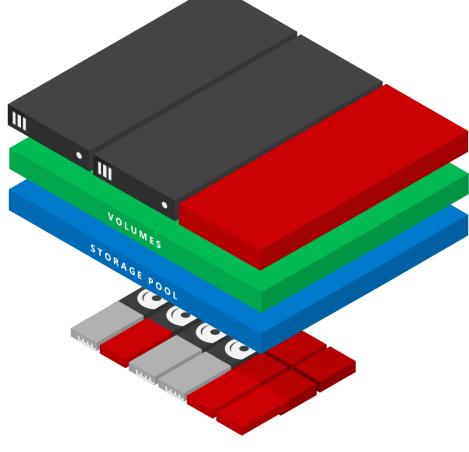




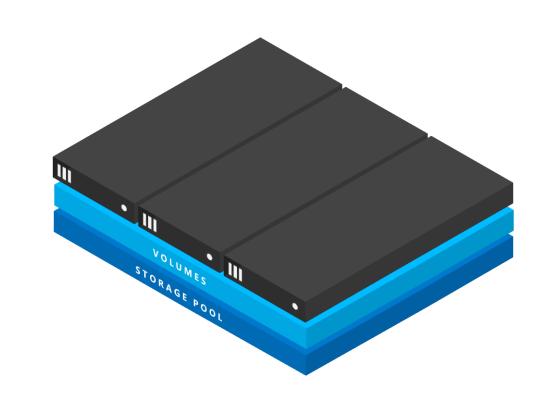
If drives fail

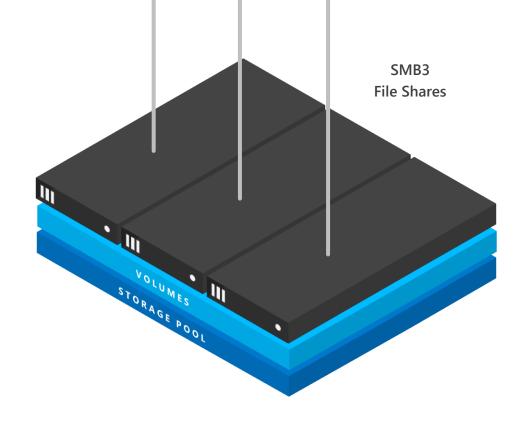


Even if servers go down

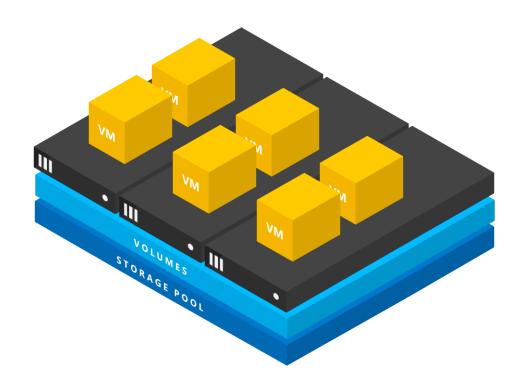








Scale-Out File Server (SoFS)



Hyper-Converged Infrastructure (HCI)

## **Enterprise-grade software-defined storage**

#### Fault Tolerance

- ✓ Drive / server / network fault tolerance
- ✓ Optional rack and chassis awareness
- ✓ Storage replication for BC/DR (sync or async)
- ✓ High and continuous availability

#### Software RAID

- √ Two- and three-way mirror (RAID-1)
- ✓ Dual parity / erasure coding (RAID-6)
- ✓ Mirror-accelerated parity
- ✓ Nested resiliency
- ✓ Striping (RAID-0)
- ✓ Single parity (RAID-5)
- ✓ S.M.A.R.T. predictive drive failure
- ✓ Drive latency outlier detection
- ✓ Automatic repair and resync

#### Software Checksum

- √ File integrity checksum
- ✓ Automatic in-line corruption correction
- ✓ Proactive file integrity scrubber

#### Encryption

- ✓ Data-at-rest (BitLocker)
- ✓ Data-in-transit (SMB Encryption)

#### Efficiency

- √ Kernel-embedded architecture
- √ Remote direct memory access (RDMA)
- ✓ Data deduplication
- ✓ Compression

#### Performance

- ✓ In-memory cache
- ✓ Persistent read/write cache
- ✓ Real-time tiering
- ✓ Hybrid and all-flash support
- ✓ Persistent memory / NVDIMM support
- ✓ Intel® Optane™ PMEM support
- √ NVMe, SATA, SAS support
- ✓ Instant VHD creation / expansion
- ✓ Instant VHD checkpoint management

#### Scale

- ✓ Petabyte scale

- ✓ From 2 to 16 servers
- √ From 8 to 400+ drives
- ✓ Cloud Witness for quorum

#### Flexibility

- √ Hyper-converged infrastructure (Hyper-V)
- ✓ Scale-Out File Server (SoFS)
- ✓ Native SOL Server

#### Management

- ✓ Built-In failure and capacity alerting
- ✓ Built-In performance history
- ✓ Per-VM Quality of Service (QoS) IOPS limits
- 100% scripting-friendly (PowerShell)
- ✓ System Center Integration

- ✓ Scale-up and scale-out
- ✓ Proactive storage balancing

- ✓ Dynamic quorum

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## **Product of the year – Software-Defined Storage**



"most useful, well-crafted and innovative"

**Winner Storage Spaces Direct** 

## **Increase performance**

## INDUSTRY-LEADING



Monday, September 26, 2016 | 16 server nodes running Windows Server 2016





## **NEW IOPS RECORD**



Monday, September 24, 2018 | Windows Server 2019 with Intel® Optane™ DC persistent memory



## Windows Server is on the leading edge



#### NVMe

Full support for M.2, U.2, Add-In-Card (AIC)



#### Intel Xeon® Scalable®

Supported since announcement on Windows Server 2016+



#### **RDMA**

Unique to Windows software-defined storage



#### Intel Thunderbolt™ 3

Blazing the trail for switchless networking



#### 3D XPoint

Supported since announcement on Windows Server 2016+



#### Persistent memory

Use as cache or capacity in Windows Server 2019

of x86 hardware innovation



Hyper-converged infrastructure is an important shift in datacente architecture built on industry-standard interconnects, x86 servers faster and more affordably than ever before.

Watch this demo from Microsoft Ignite 2018:

Demo - Windows Server with Intel® Optane™ DC persistent memory

Windows OS, Every server node runs Windows Server 2019 Datacenter pre-release build 17765; the latest available on September 20, 2018. The power plan is set to High Performance, and all other settings are default, including applying relevant side-channel mitigations.

Storage Spaces Direct. Best practice is to create one or two data volumes per server node, so we create 12 volumes with ReFS. Each volume is 8 TiB, for about 100 TiB of total usable storage, Each volume uses three-way mirror realiency, with allocation delimited to three servers. All other settings, like columns and interleave, are default. To accurately measure IOPS to persistent storage only, the in-memory CSV read cache is disabled.

Hyper-V VMs. Ordinarily we'd create one writing processor per physical core. For example, with 2 sockets x 25 cores we'd assign up to 56 virtual processors per server node. In this case, to saturate performance took 26 virtual machines x 4 virtual processors each = 104 virtual processors. That's 312 total Hyper-V Gen 2 VMs across the 12 server nodes. Each VM runs Windows and is assigned 4 Gi3 of memoria.

VHDXs. Every VM is assigned one fixed 40 GiB VHDX where it reads and writes to one 10 GiB test file. For the best performance, every VM runs on the server node that owns the volume where its VHDX file is stored. The total active working set accounting for three-way mirror resiliency, is \$12 x 10 GB x 5 = 9.36 TiB, which fits comfortably within the Intel® Optane® DC persistent memory.

#### Benchmark

There are many ways to measure storage performance, depending on the application. For example, you can measure the rate of data transfer (G8/s) by simply copying files, although this isn't the best methodology. For databases, you can measure transactions per second (T/s), In virtualization and hyper-converged infrastructure, it's standard to count storage imput/output (I/O) operations per second, or "ICPS" essentially, the number of reads or writes that virtual machines can perform.

More precisely, we know that Hyper-V virtual machines typically perform random 4 kB block-aligned IC, so that's our benchmark of choice.

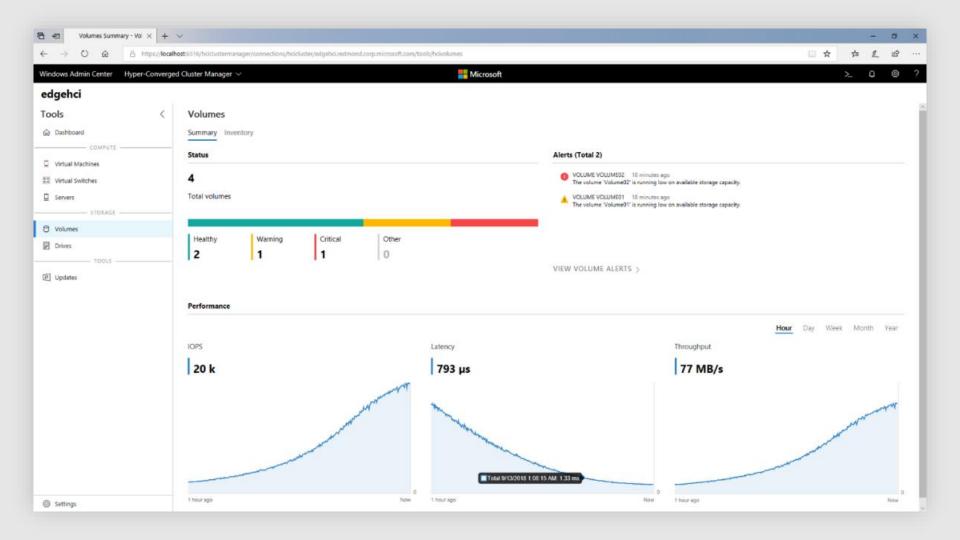
How do you generate 4 kB random (OPS?)

. VM Fleet. We use the open-source VM Fleet tool available on GifHub. VM Fleet makes it easy to prohestrate running DISKSPD, the popular (Vindows micro-benchmark tool, in hundreds or thousands of Hyper-V virtual machines at once, to saturate performance, we specify 4 threads per file (-14) with 16 outstanding IOs per thread (-016). To stop the Windows cache manager, we specify unbuffered IO (-Su). And we specify random (-r) and 4 kB block aligned (-b4k). We can vary the read/write mix by the -w parameter

In summary, here's how DISKSPD is being invoked:

\diskspd.exe -d120 -t4 -o16 -Su -r -b4k -w0 | ....|

## **Simplify management**



### Windows Admin Center for HCI

Q: How long does it take to download and install?

A: Under 5 minutes.

Q: How much does it cost?

A: No cost beyond your Windows licenses.

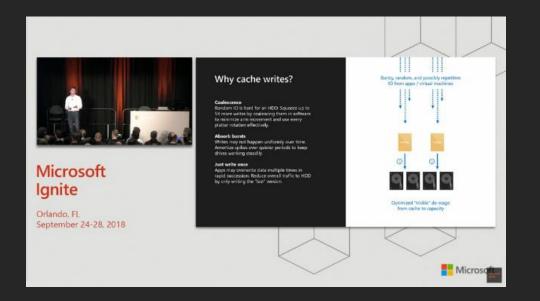
Q: Does it have dependencies, e.g. SQL Server, System Center?

A: No.

Q: Does it require an Internet connection?

A: No.

MATCH THE DEM



**Session BRK2231 from Microsoft Ignite 2018** 

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5kaUiW3qo30

**\$\$\$** Get all the software you need, included in Windows.



Get unified management for VMs and storage.

# 10,000

## **Clusters of Storage Spaces Direct**

As of March 27, 2018

The figure cited is the number of currently active clusters reporting anonymized census-level telemetry, excluding internal Microsoft deployments and those that are obviously not production, such as clusters that exist for less than 7 days (e.g. demo environments) or single-node Azure Stack Development Kits. Clusters which cannot or do not report telemetry are also not included.

+50%

In just the last 6 months

As of September 14, 2018

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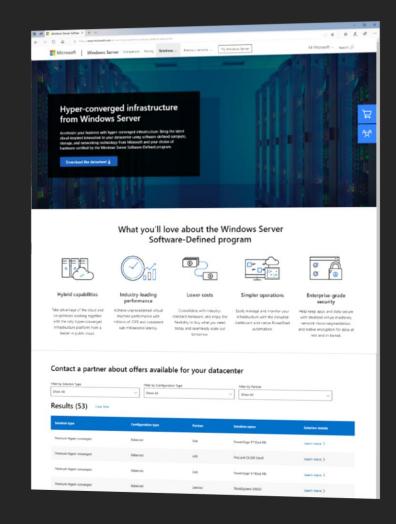




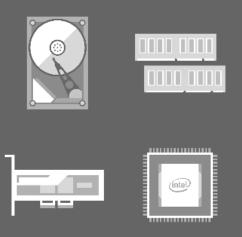


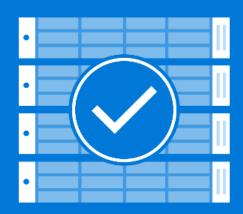


## Microsoft.com/HCI



## Two ways to buy Windows Server HCI





**Build your own** 

with SDDC AQ'd components

**Partner offers** 

Validated and ready-to-go



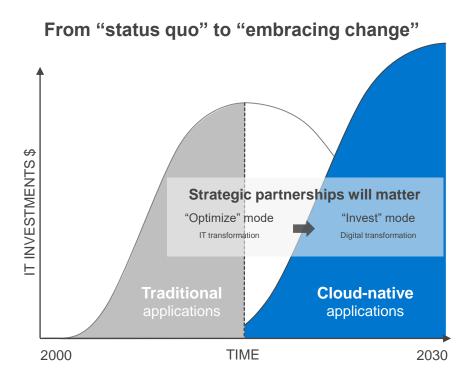
for Windows Server 201<u>6</u>
AVAILABLE TODAY

for Windows Server 201<u>9</u>
COMING IN FEBRUARY

# Dell EMC Microsoft Storage Spaces Direct Ready Nodes



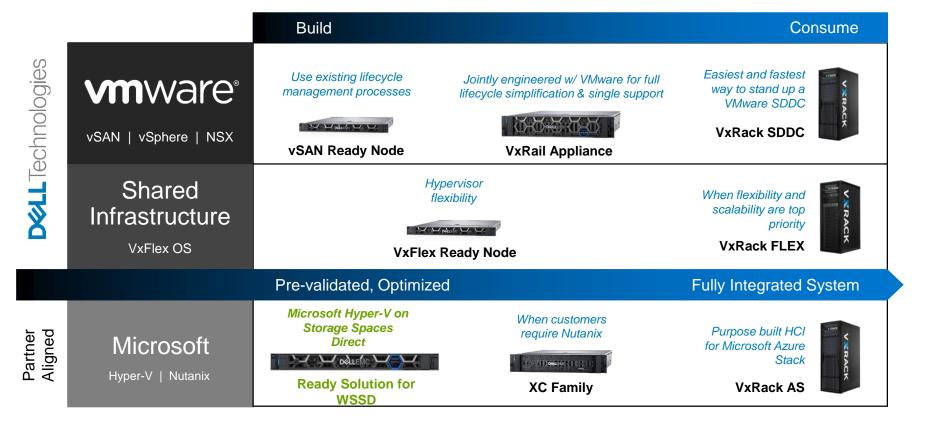
# Digital transformation is a balancing act



# Technology will move from the realm of IT to become inherent across the business

	Last 15 years		Next 15 years		
	IT-centric		Business-centric		
	Systems of record	S	Systems of engagement and insight		
	Traditional applications		Cloud-native apps		
	Transactional data and reporting		Streams of data and analytics		
Internet			Internet of Everything		

### Dell EMC HCI Portfolio – Where does WSSD Fit?



# Are you unlocking the value of Windows Server Software-Defined (WSSD)?

Designing and configuring **new infrastructure** for is complex.

It is difficult to avoid guesswork when building software-defined clusters

It takes a long time to **design**, **configure**, **test**, **and validate** hardware

Multiple interfaces, additional steps to complete tasks and increased need for specialized knowledge drains resources

With virtualization, it can be **hard to locate the source of a problem**, making it hard to know who to call for help.

When you have an issue, there's no time to stop and figure out if the source is related to hardware or software

# Dell EMC Ready Solution for WSSD





S2D Ready Nodes are pre-configured, validated and certified server nodes designed to run Microsoft WSSD to deploy a Microsoft Hyper-Converged Infrastructure solution

#### Dell EMC Ready Solution for Microsoft WSSD:

- S2D Ready Nodes on R640, R740xd
- PowerEdge certified R440 server
- Dell EMC 10GbE/25GbE networking
- Dell ProSupport and ProSupport Plus
- Dell ProDeploy and ProDeploy Plus

#### **Benefits**

- Confidence WSSD certified components take the guesswork out of building HCI clusters
- 2 Convenience Pre-configured solutions make sales and acquisition very convenient
- Customer support Customers enjoy the simplicity of a solution that's supported globally by Dell EMC for streamlined, collaborative support from the first call



# Dell EMC Ready Solutions for Microsoft WSSD

#### There are 15 configuration options:

- Two Hybrid Configurations
- One All Flash Configuration
- Four NVMe Configurations
- Two Hybrid Configuration
- Two All Flash Configuration
- Two ROBO Configurations (All Flash and Hybrid)
- One Hybrid Configuration
- One All Flash Configuration



R740xd Storage Spaces Direct RN



R640 Storage Spaces Direct RN



R440 PowerEdge

Please see the Solution Overview for detailed configuration options

# WSSD solutions platforms

Platform	R440 WSSD Certified Server	R640 S2D RN	R740xd S2D RN	R740xd2 S2D RN (coming in CY19Q1)
Positioning	Cost and performance optimized 1U form factor HCI solution	Performance and Density optimized 1U form factor HCI solution	Performance and storage optimized 2U form factor HCI solution	Capacity Optimized 2U platform for maximum internal storage
Targeted customer profile	Edge/ROBO/SMB and space (depth) constrained locations	Small to Medium businesses looking for balance of performance, cost and density	Medium/Large businesses looking for storage dense configurations	Medium/Large businesses looking for high capacity HCI solution for Tier 2/Tier 3/Backup/Archive workloads









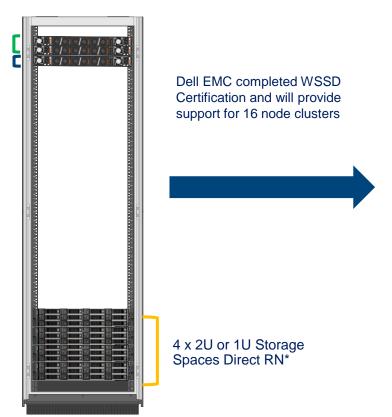
# **WSSD Solution Scalability**

2 x S4048/S4112/S41x8/S5048 (TOR) 1 x S3048 (OOB)



Storage Spaces Direct RN as a hyper-converged building block

- Compute and Storage hyper-converged
- Scalable building block
- Storage and Network fabrics converged
- RoCE with DCB enabled on switches for configurations with Mellanox Cards
- iWARP based network configuration with Qlogic card
- Converged or separated networking supported





# Customers and typical use cases

Midrange and up

Public-sector (tends to be Microsoft heavy)

Customers or managed service providers invested in Microsoft Hyper-V®

#### **Typical Use Cases** are customers who want to:

- Continue to use their known, industry-standard Microsoft Windows Server environments
- Upgrade to Windows Server 2016 and take advantage of its improvements
- Upgrade or host data-heavy applications, such as Microsoft SQL Server<sup>®</sup>, Microsoft SharePoint<sup>®</sup>, and Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI)
- Deploy end-to-end, HCI client virtualization solutions using Microsoft RDS or Citrix XenDesktop/XenApp
- Improve storage capacity utilization and make storage management and operations more efficient
- Move forward in their virtualization strategies
- Remote Office / Branch Office (ROBO)
- Those with expiring PS/SC/VNX platforms (3/2/1 program)



## Dell EMC makes implementation simple, flexible and worry free!



#### Installation and configuration



Single source support

#### Deployment

- Certified engineers ensure speed and accuracy
- Less risk and downtime
- Frees your IT staff to work on other priorities
- Flexible options to fit your needs and budget

#### **Support**

- One-stop cluster level support for hardware & software
- Covers OS, hypervisor and Storage Spaces Direct
- Comprehensive coverage whether license was purchased from Microsoft or Dell EMC
- Timely, reliable issue resolution

39% faster deployments than in-house resources

75% less planning time



Resolve server issues up to 90% faster\*

#1 Microsoft
Partner 24 Gold
Competencies 30year relationship

<sup>\*1</sup>Based on Sep 2015 Principled Technologies Test Report commissioned by Dell EMC. Actual results will vary. Full report: http://facts.pt/1P56IW0

# University of Pisa improves performance and utilization with S2D Ready Nodes



#### **BUSINESS NEEDS**

The University of Pisa needed to provide centralized infrastructure as a service (IaaS) for databases, web applications and more



#### **BUSINESS RESULTS**

#### 25x faster

with NVME, Hybrid configs for tiered storage

# More responsive

web applications and databases

### **Pre-configured**

Tested and validated to save time

"Our Dell EMC S2D Ready Nodes have significantly boosted our storage speeds and helped us provide our students and university staff consumer-like experience to their Hyper-V applications."

Maurizio Davini CTO University of Pisa in Italy

## ProSupport for S2D Statement of Work

South America

Brazil (Portuguese)

Guyana (English)

Guyana (Spanish)

· Suriname (Spanish)

Suriname (English)

#### link

#### **Commercial Service Contracts**

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#### Service Description Supplement

Dell EMC ProSupport for Software for Storage Spaces Direct Ready Nodes Supplement

#### Introduction

Dell EMC1 is pleased to provide Dell EMC ProSupport for Software for Dell EMC Storage Spaces Direct Ready Nodes Supplement together with corresponding ProSupport for Software service on Dell EMC Storage Spaces Direct Ready Nodes solution as set forth on the Order Form, the "Service". This document supplements the ProSupport for Software service description, (this document, together with your corresponding ProSupport for Software service description, are the "Service Description"), and amends. supplements, is incorporated by reference into, and shall be read together with your corresponding ProSupport for Software service description, and with your applicable master agreement, as described in the Dell Services Terms & Conditions section of the service description for your ProSupport for Enterprise Suite service. The terms of the ProSupport for Software and ProSupport Enterprise Suite service descriptions are available at www.dell.com/servicecontracts/global.

Dell EMC ProSupport for Software for Storage Spaces Direct Ready Nodes is offered only on Dell EMC Storage Spaces Direct Ready Nodes and is only available in conjunction with ProSupport. ProSupport Plus for Enterprise, ProSupport One, or ProSupport Flex for Data Center service (the "ProSupport Enterprise Suite") offers on the Ready Node.

For additional assistance, or to request a copy of your governing agreement applicable to the Services. contact your Dell EMC sales representative or reseller.

#### Scope of Service

- Call handling by the Dell EMC ProSupport team and Storage Spaces Direct solution specialists with knowledge of the Dell EMC hardware, software-defined storage, networking technologies, and MS Windows, and how these products and technologies interoperate to provide a hyper-converged storage solution.
- · One-stop cluster level support for hardware and software which encompasses the entire solution rather than piece parts. Combined with the deployment guide and support matrix, it offers complete solution value
- . When required, we offer correct replacement disk parts that are validated for Dell EMC Storage Spaces Direct Ready Node, ensuring that there is little downtime of the environment.
- ProSupport for Software for Dell EMC Storage Spaces Direct Ready Nodes support includes cluster-level support for both OEM and Bring Your Own License (BYOL).
- Support is available only on Dell EMC Storage Spaces Direct Ready Node configuration.
- The following Dell EMC Storage Spaces Direct Ready Node features are covered: Hyper-V. Failover Clustering, Storage Spaces Direct, Storage Replica, native Windows Backup, and Windows Volume Snapshot Service (VSS).
- The following operating system features vis-à-vis MS Storage Spaces Direct are not covered: Windows Server Software Defined (WSSD) Premium, BitLocker, Shielded VM's and SDN.

The Storage Spaces Direct solution specialists will provide remote support in the following areas:

· Advise on features, functionality, cluster configuration issues, firmware versions, interoperability, and other cluster concerns. This is done in alignment with the best practices set forth in the Dell

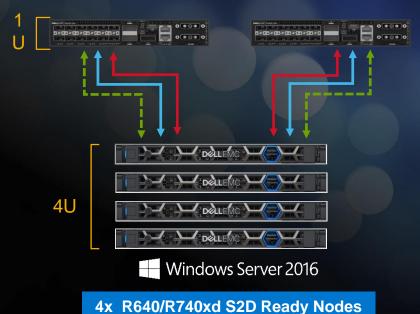
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# Ready Solution for WSSD: QuickStart Config for SMB/ROBO/Edge environments

Highly available, end-to-end HCl solution: Simplify design, ordering, deployment and support



# OOB network (idrac – optional) Management/VM network (10 GbE ) Storage RDMA traffic (25 GbE)

#### **QuickStart 4x2 Configuration**

- Improved Sales Velocity for direct and channel
- Simpler configuration and T-Shirt sizing
- Detailed deployment and operations guidance
- Solution Components:
  - 4 R640 / R740xd S2D Ready Nodes
  - 2 Fully redundant S4112-ON Switches
  - Windows Server 2016
  - ProSupport and ProDeploy Services
  - Racks and PDUs (DCI)

# Ready Solution for Microsoft SQL Server Benefits

With all-flash Storage Spaces Direct Ready Nodes

### **NEW** modern hyper-converged solution



**Storage Spaces Direct** 4 x PowerEdge R640

Savings vs **AWS & Legacy** 

Consolidation & Performance

29% less expensive than AWS \*

Compared to dedicated M5 w/3 years upfront + monthly expenses

60% less expensive than legacy systems

11 PowerEdge R720 servers + power & cooling + VMware licensing

Nearly 3 to 1 server consolidation

11 PowerEdge R720 servers replaced by 4 S2D Ready Nodes

Sub-millisecond latency + high IOPS

Peak and average storage latency times below 1 millisecond

Near linear scalability

Findings show all-flash design scales with database workloads

Backup in 3.8 min and restore in 9.25 min

Data Domain DD6300 backed up and restored 431 GB database

Scalability & Protection

# Windows Server 2019 Datacenter edition Key new WSSD Storage Spaces Direct features

Admin Center Integration	Storage Migration Service, Storage Replica and Azure
Deduplication with ReFS Volumes	Windows Server block based deduplication comes to ReFS volumes delivering significant storage and cost savings with the greater resiliency of ReFS.
Efficiency: Mirror Accelerated Parity	Achieve the best combination of storage efficiency and performance
Storage Class Memory Support	This new type of device brings flash closer to the processor to drastically reduce latency and increase performance.
Cluster Sets	Create massive scale out clusters with cluster sets.
Scale: Industry Leading Scale	Windows Server 2019 raises the scalability limits to new heights for Storage Spaces Direct.

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### Resources



Ready Solution for WSSD



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**Solution Overview** 



Sales Portal



**Knowledge Base** 



**Operations Guide** 



Deployment Guide

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For any question or assistance needed regarding Microsoft Storage Spaces Direct of the Dell EMC S2D Ready Nodes, please reach out:

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Thank you!

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