



# Panasas® ActiveStor® 16

HYBRID SCALE-OUT NAS WITHOUT COMPROMISE:  
PERFORMANCE + MANAGEABILITY + RELIABILITY AT SCALE

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PANASAS PRODUCT MARKETING

## “No Compromise” Scale-Out Solution:

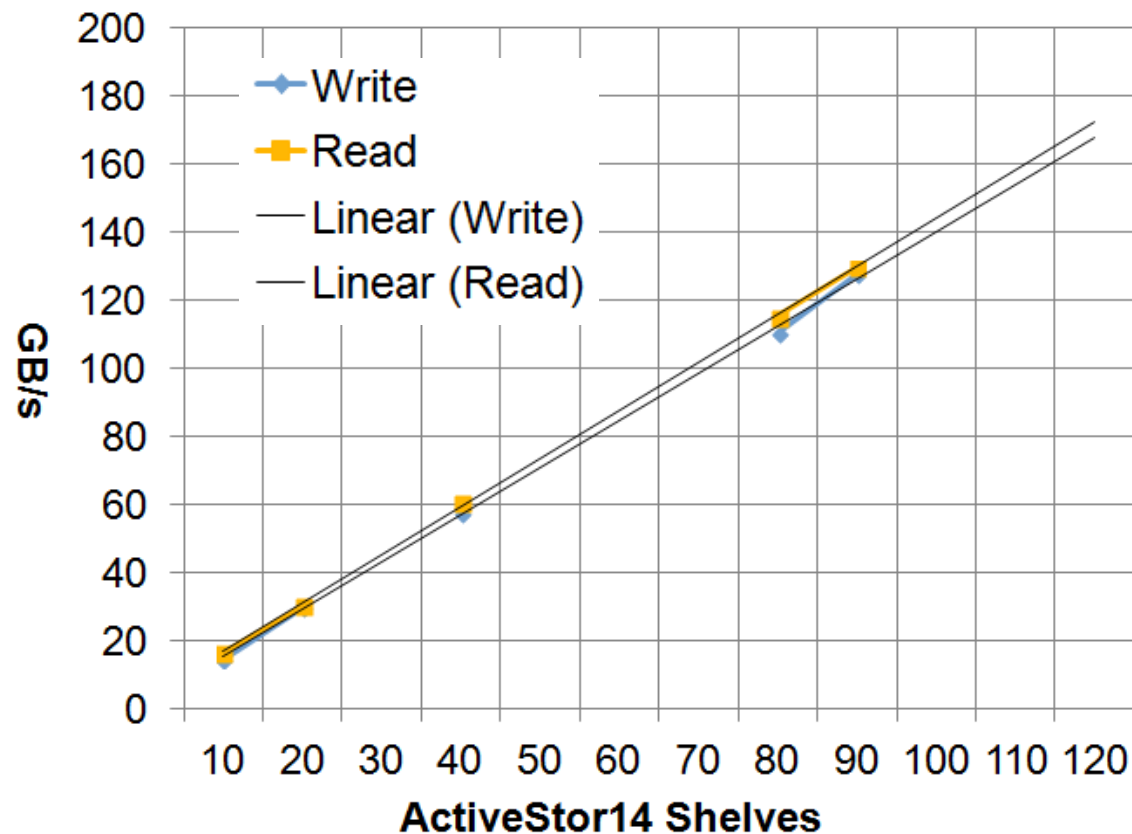
- **High Parallel Performance**
  - Direct data access eliminates traditional NAS bottlenecks
  - Capacity and performance scale linearly to 12PB and 150GB/s
  - Flash accelerated hybrid architecture
- **Easy Management**
  - Minimal management effort at scale
  - Set up or grow capacity in <10 minutes
  - Single, global namespace
- **Enterprise-Grade Reliability**
  - Triple parity protection with RAID 6+
  - Reliability increases with scale
  - Extended File System Availability



**ActiveStor 16**  
**10 shelves, 1.2 PB**

## Configuration:

- 90 ActiveStor 14 shelves
- 27 director blades
- 180 compute nodes (3200 processes)
- Only 2 compute nodes/shelf



## ■ Linear Scalability as Expected!

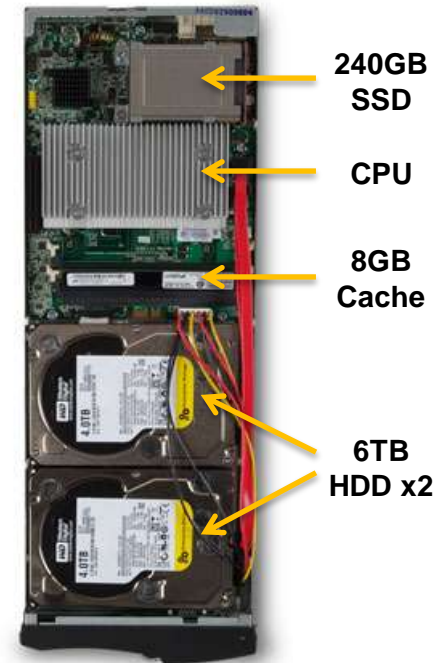
- 128.6 GB/s write, 128.4 GB/s read (1429MB/s per shelf )
- 1550-1600MB/s possible with more clients – predicts 155-160GB/s at 100 shelves

- **ActiveStor with PanFS 5.5 delivers true enterprise-grade Microsoft® Windows® support**
  - Commercial-grade implementation (NOT based on open source Samba)
  - Comprehensive Windows client support
    - Windows Server 2003, 2008, Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8
  - Improved integration into heterogeneous IT environments
    - High-fidelity Access Control List (ACL) support (including inheritance)
    - Active Directory enhancements: trusted domain support
  
- **Compatibility with mixed IT environments is important for many technical computing workflows:**
  - Data uploaded from Windows workstation
  - Data analyzed/simulated on Linux compute cluster
  - Results inspected/visualized on Windows workstation
  
- **Especially important for HPC deployments in**
  - Energy, Finance, Life Sciences, Manufacturing, Media & Entertainment

- **50% Increase in Density**
  - 2 x Hitachi HGST He6 Helium-filled 6TB hard drives + 1 x 240GB SSD per storage blade
  - 122.4TB per 4U shelf
- **Improved Director Blade Performance**
  - 19% faster CPU (2.53GHz quad-core)
  - 4x more cache: 48GB memory
  - Improves metadata, small file and RAID rebuild performance
- **Designed for PanFS 6.0**
  - Optimal HDD/SSD ratio for RAID 6+
- **Shipping soon!**
  - First shipments expected by end of September



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Storage Blade


- **RAID 6+ Triple Parity Protection**
  - Per-file, distributed RAID 6+ based on erasure codes
  - Dual-parity RAID 6 protects against two simultaneous device failures
  - Vertical parity protects against unrecoverable media errors
  - Overcomes limitations of traditional RAID
  - Reliability increases with scale, not decreases
- **Extended File System Availability**
  - Ensures business continuity when other systems would be down
  - Quickly restore specific files for disaster recovery, not whole file system
- **High Performance Implementation**
  - Aggregate read performance comparable to RAID 5
  - Aggregate write performance within ~7% of RAID 5 speed
  - Metadata reads/stats faster due to third copy of RAID 6+ metadata
- **Shipping Soon:**
  - PanFS 6.0.0 in customer hands, no serious RAID 6+ bugs found
  - PanFS 6.0.1 ships for production workloads within a month!

# THANK YOU!

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