



HP Storage Essentials 9.5: Driving Enterprise Agility with Enhanced Visibility and Automation of Storage Resources

Overview

Storage is a fundamental consideration for IT organizations moving to the cloud, but managing that process across hybrid cloud scenarios can be complex and challenging. As organizations prepare to move to the cloud, they need a comprehensive view of storage resources to understand the implications of that move on the enterprise.

[HP Storage Essentials software](#) is a heterogeneous central console that enables clients to automate and manage storage operations to improve utilization, reduce costs and align storage services to enterprise needs. The new HP Storage Essentials 9.5 provides visibility into physical and virtual storage environments to simplify virtualization and storage automation as organizations adopt the cloud.

Agility is key in a cloud environment

HP Storage Essentials 9.5 delivers a dashboard view of storage capacity and key performance indicators (KPIs) to benchmark data needs and identify capacity and performance trends. Comprehensive analytics enable clients to make strategic capacity optimization decisions and maintain service level agreements.

HP Storage Essentials 9.5 delivers rapid time to value for traditional, virtual and cloud deployments via the new agentless storage management capability. By eliminating the need to deploy agents on a large number of hosts as a prerequisite to storage management, this approach can reduce the amount of time spent on managing the life cycle of host agents.

With more than 300 out-of-the-box reports, HP Storage Essentials software provides the tools needed for clients to manage all aspects of storage operations including assets, configuration, topology, capacity

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optimization, performance management, chargeback, provisioning and compliance. It enables organizations to save time, money and reduce risk through:

- Automatic discovery of the storage inventory, configuration and mapping to provide a visual topology of IT assets.
- Automatic tracking of storage utilization at array, switch, volume and application levels to ensure optimized resources.
- Path-aware performance management in context of applications and virtual machines to better manage and deliver storage.

HP Storage Essentials 9.5 supports HP 3PAR and provides out of the box integrations with HP Software products to automate repetitive storage tasks such as provisioning, storage change, compliance and incident management.

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