

Software Defined Storage

Building out a custom storage solution involves adding server-side software that provides many features found in flash, hybrid and conventional storage arrays. Software Defined Storage eliminates paying for the same features multiple times and makes software upgrades less painful. Features may include:

- End-to-end checksum protection
- Self-healing
- Copy-on-write
- RAM and SSDs (for caching)
- Block storage support
- Thin-provisioning
- Deduplication and compression
- IP-based replication
- Configurations can include hybrid SSD/HDD, all-SSD and all-HDD
- RAID for large capacity disk drives

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Building Storage Solutions for Performance Demanding Applications

Scientific, medical, engineering and other high-performance environments demand equally high-performance storage. The solution must store a large amount of data. It must also provide speed that pushes the limits of today's solid-state drive devices. At the same time, organizations require a software-defined component that will enable them to build complete storage infrastructures meeting their technical and budgetary requirements.

Expensive flash and hybrid storage arrays — and the last generation of proprietary RAID Arrays — typically lack the necessary power to create flexible, high performance storage architectures. But with the advent of Software Defined Storage, new possibilities have opened up for assembling high performing, low-cost solutions using storage controllers and off the shelf storage.

Why use an external storage controller?

ATTO Storage Controllers provide the flexibility to use any common SAS JBOD, aggregating up to 240 drives while adding Enterprise Fibre Channel for SAN connectivity. And since Software Defined Storage manages features and services, ATTO Storage controllers remain agnostic with no proprietary data format written to the attached storage arrays.

With consistent latency measured at under 4 microseconds, ATTO's 7500 Storage Controller has the lowest latency of any advertised storage product on the market. It also provides the fastest way to create a shared pool of storage for a large number of servers, each with direct connection for immediate access to data. ATTO Storage Controllers allow multiple servers to share SSD storage at very high rates of speed — up to 1.47 million IOPS. This eliminates the need for each server to have its own high-priced, dedicated, non-sharable SSD or flash storage. And with support for high capacity HDDs, they deliver costs savings through improved storage utilization and consolidation.



ATTO FibreBridge 7500 Storage Controller

Solution benefits

- HGST's Ultrastar® hard disk and solid-state drives with high-performance 12Gb SAS interface maximize the capabilities of ATTO's 7500 Storage Controller
- Delivers a modular platform to build high-performance computing, clustered and virtualized environments
- The world's fastest storage solution (1.47M IOPS per controller pair, <4 microsecond latency)
- Build your own SSD storage using industry standard JBOD enclosures for a low Total Cost of Ownership (lowest \$/GB and \$/IOPs)
- Create tiered high-speed SSD and high-performance and capacity HDD solutions that aggregate up to 2.4 PB of storage when using 10 TB drives
- Build out racks of high-capacity hybrid storage by connecting up to 240 SSD or HDD devices
- Use Software Defined Storage to provide control software and storage features
- Allows for data mobility and redundancy via multisite cluster installations up to hundreds of kilometers apart
- Use of Fibre Channel connected storage eliminates latency and performance limitations of Ethernet



About ATTO

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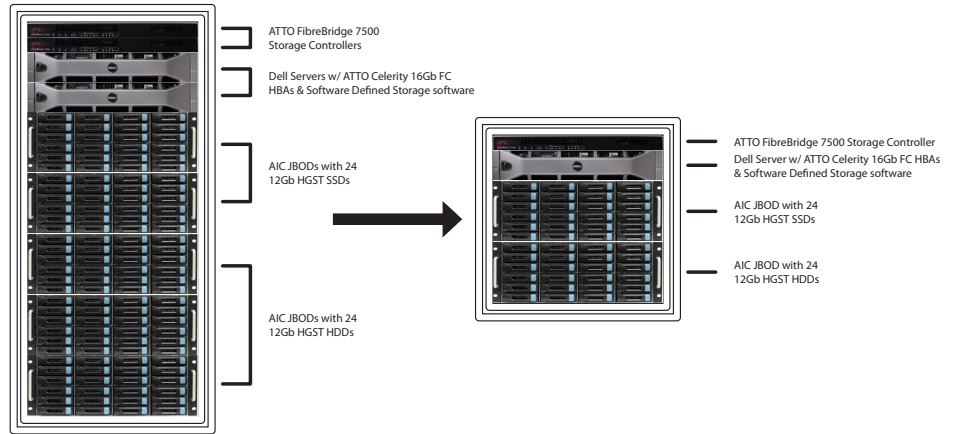
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ATTO and HGST bring best in class storage performance for the enterprise

ATTO's long collaboration with HGST is based on a shared insight into the storage and data infrastructure needs of today's complex enterprise environments. We prepare users for the next wave of performance challenges.

HGST's roots extend back to the very first hard disk drive, and it continues to pave the way for innovative storage solutions today. With an unmatched reputation for product quality and reliability, HGST offers award-winning enterprise optimization software and a broad portfolio of hard disk and solid-state drives that store, manage and protect the world's data. HGST intelligent storage solutions are trusted by enterprises, internet companies, consumers and creative professionals to efficiently and securely store and manage their data.



Solution Features

Storage Controller	ATTO FibreBridge 7500
Performance Capability	1.47M 4K IOPs and 6.4Gb per controller pair
Controller Latency	<4 microseconds
SDD Devices	HGST Ultrastar® SSD1600MM 12Gb/s SAS SSD
HDD Devices	HGST Ultrastar® C15K600 12Gb/s 15K RPM HDD
Storage Enclosure	AIC J2024-01 12Gb SAS JBOD Enclosures
Server	Dell PowerEdge R630
Host Bus Adapters	ATTO Celerity 16Gb Fibre Channel, dual port
Storage Protocols	16Gb Fibre Channel 12Gb SAS
Supported Configurations	Single Controller Active/Active in HA pairs managed via software
Control Software	Software Defined Storage
Performance Benchmark	IOMeter

