# NetApp Keystone Simplifies the Customer Experience for the Hybrid Cloud World

ESG, in partnership with NetApp, surveyed 400 IT and enterprise storage decision makers in the Spring of 2019 and an additional 200 respondents

vendors when it comes to hybrid cloud adoption and data management capabilities. The key learnings of the research have been used to inform and shape NetApp's Keystone program: **DIFFERENTIATOR TRANSFORMATION** 

in the Summer of 2019. The goal of the research was to better understand the changing needs and wants of IT strategists from their technology



business, but is often held back by mounting levels of infrastructure scale and complexity.

IT needs to be a competitive differentiator for the

Digital transformation requires IT transformation, and IT transformation requires a hybrid cloud approach.

however, than just the infrastructure and the interface. Technology selection, design, and buying decisions require countless personnel cycles while adding risk.

There is more to IT complexity, and to the hybrid cloud,

IT VENDORS

IT vendors need to do more to solve the entirety of the IT complexity challenge.

### IT is not the competitive differentiator

The Challenges

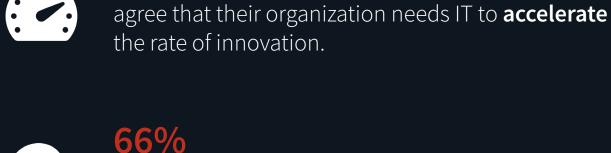
the business needs Only 6% of surveyed line-of-business executives say they

regard IT as a competitive differentiator, while 25% view IT as a **business inhibitor**, a rate four times more.









73%

66% of IT organizations say that IT is more complex





than it was just 2 years ago.

Complexity extends beyond the technology



The Resolution

NetApp Keystone



The Keystone program augments NetApp's product portfolio by addressing the complexities of IT that typically

exist outside of the product, simplifying the job of IT decision makers and helping IT focus on transitioning

the quoting and ordering processing to produce simplified budgetary quotes in minutes.



from a cost center to the competitive differentiator that the business needs. The program consists of three high-level components. Each one addresses a key portion of the IT lifecycle:

**OPTIMIZE WITH EASE:** 

**BUY WITH CONFIDENCE:** 

NetApp offers a unified view and control of your data fabric with intelligent insights to optimize operations, prescriptive and detailed reporting, and a support experience designed to ensure its customers get the maximum value of its hybrid cloud infrastructure, reducing the personnel burden.

NetApp offers its customers an improved ownership experience with service level guarantees and streamlined



NetApp is simplifying the management and scaling of public cloud services, while providing an option for

**GROW YOUR CLOUD:** 

smarter, flexible upgrades. NetApp is also offering cloud consumption in your data center on your terms with a range of consumption models and the freedom to move data and applications as you choose.



Buy with Confidence

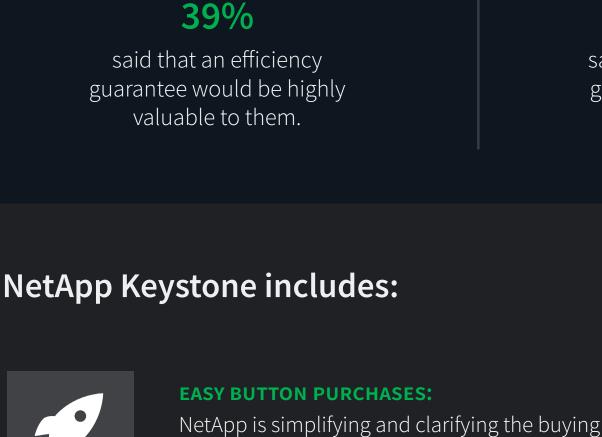
56% of respondents confirmed that **performance** has become a more important part of

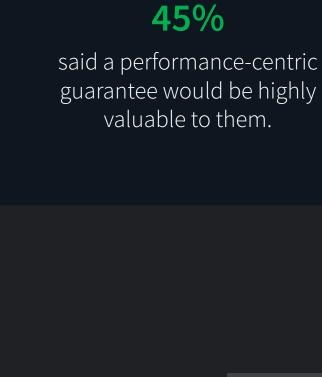
PERFORMANCE-CENTRIC

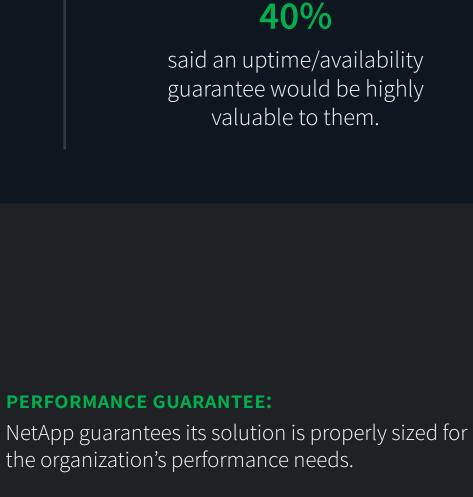
**GUARANTEE** 

## their organization's IT purchasing process over the last three years.





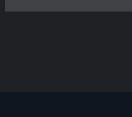




UPTIME/AVAILABILITY

**GUARANTEE** 

### **EFFICIENCY GUARANTEE:** Data reduction ratios will be 3:1 across all workloads, 4:1 for virtual volumes, and 8:1 for

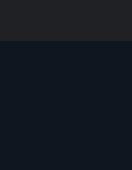


Optimize With Ease

process to expedite deployment.

virtual desktop infrastructures.

33%



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of the respondents identified that

costs would be very valuable.

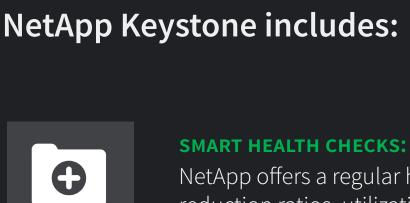
consistent, transparent ongoing support

**AVAILABILITY GUARANTEE:** 

availability for its solutions.

45%

NetApp guarantees 100% data



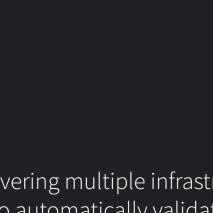
of all surveyed IT decision makers said an

automated health check is highly valuable,

but that percentage increased to 43% for

mid-sized firms of 100 to 999 employees.

AI-POWERED INSIGHTS, EXPERT-LEVEL SUPPORT OFFERINGS:



NetApp offers SupportEdge Advisor and SupportEdge Expert, which delivers predictive support with proactive parts delivery within four hours guaranteed, plus 24/7 remote technical support with direct routing to level-two experts (bypassing level one). NetApp's

NetApp guarantees support pricing will be predictable. Initial support pricing and first renewal are equally priced, clearly stated

Active IQ is also included to deliver continuous risk assessments and prescriptive recommendations.

NetApp offers a regular health-check of its storage solutions covering multiple infrastructure details, such as usage trends, data reduction ratios, utilization, and data availability percentages to automatically validate whether the solution meets expectations.



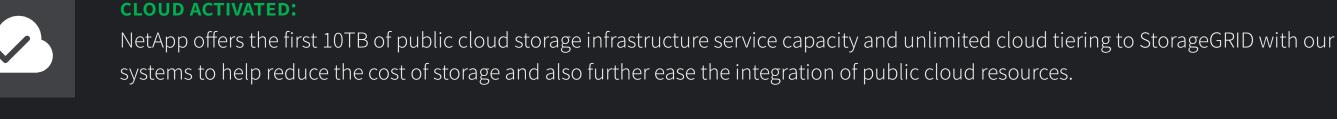
**Grow Your Cloud** 

FLAT AND PREDICTABLE PRICING:

from the start, and will not increase.

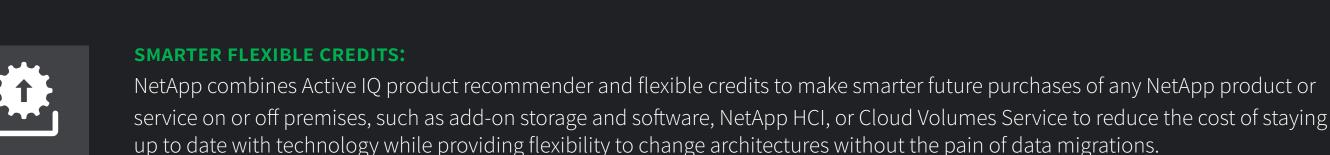
of the respondents agreed that their on-premises storage solutions need to be compatible with their cloud computing goals.

80%



**SIMPLE SCALING:** 

NetApp Keystone includes:



NetApp combines Active IQ product recommender and flexible credits to make smarter future purchases of any NetApp product or

up to date with technology while providing flexibility to change architectures without the pain of data migrations.

Keystone further simplifies the hybrid cloud purchase/ownership experience with flexible consumption

models —adding as-a-service, OpEx-centric payment options as an alternative to the traditional capital-

NetApp's scale-out cluster architecture ensures that you always have the latest technology. Instead of replacing controllers, simply

add next-generation storage systems, making your clusters faster and larger as you build out your private cloud.

outlay model.

either as an operational or capital cost would be highly valuable. - VP of IT - Financial

ESG asked study participants to identify what, if any, benefits a program like Keystone would offer their organizations.

69%

storage decision makers are interested in evaluating a solution with

associated with a new technology deployment

It would reduce the risk



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69%

It would reduce our risk

eliminating migrations

exposure by reducing downtime,

The ability to scale the environment with

agreement in place, and when I needed

additional capacity, I could just turn it on."

ease [would be ideal], with a predetermined

64% It would reduce our cost of managing storage

69% It would allow us to provision IT services faster

It would increase stability

and predictability of our IT

76%

operations

It would free up time to focus on other priorities



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Flexible Consumption Models

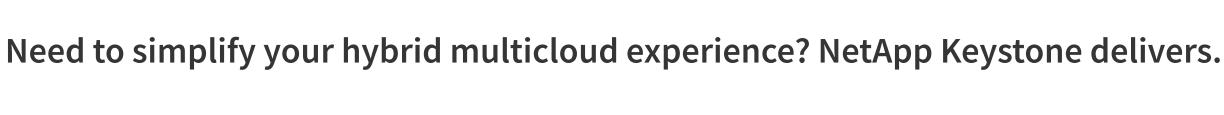
39% of the respondents indicated that the flexibility to pay for storage

Incredibly Positive Response for NetApp Keystone

**NetApp Keystone Program elements** 

NINE OUT OF TEN

69%



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