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## **PoINT Storage Manager supports additional NetApp Storage Platforms**

**Siegen. PoINT Software & Systems GmbH has extended PoINT Storage Manager by supporting NetApp Clustered Data OnTAP 8.3 and NetApp StorageGRID Webscale 10.1 in version 5.1 of the PoINT software product. By this release PoINT intensifies the cooperation in technology with NetApp and offers a storage management software to their customers which efficiently archives the rapidly growing amount of inactive data. As a result the primary storage is offloaded, leaving established data access methods for applications and end users unchanged.**

As an Independent Software Vendor (ISV) PoINT is NetApp Alliance Partner for more than five years. In that time frame the number of installations where PoINT Storage Manager is operational in tandem with NetApp storage products has steadily increased in mission critical applications areas. By supporting Clustered Data ONTAP (cDOT) and offering homogenously integrated tiering and archiving PoINT follows consequently the NetApp products offer of efficient, flexible and scalable storage platforms with all its inherent advantages. PoINT Storage Manager supports not only the CIFS protocol but also NFS volumes which result in a multi-protocol archiving solution based on the cDOT storage platform. The special "Pass Trough" mechanism of PoINT Storage Manager ensures that archived data is not restored into the cDOT system on read operation.

In addition PoINT Storage Manager includes the NetApp certified connector for NetApp StorageGRID Webscale which integrates the object based StorageGRID seamlessly into the infrastructure. This solution is perfect for efficient storage of large amounts of unstructured data and fulfills archival and compliance demands thanks to the software of PoINT. Furthermore, PoINT Storage Manager integrates alternative storage technologies for archival (like tape and optical) and offers an interface to cloud storage (e.g via the S3 connector) resulting in storage architectures with different technologies and off premise storage capabilities.

### **About PoINT**

PoINT Software & Systems GmbH is specialized in the development of software products and systems solutions for storage and management of data using all available mass storage technologies like optical, hard disk, tape, cloud and object store. Close collaboration with leading hardware manufacturers enables an early support of innovative storage technologies. Besides these complete solutions PoINT also offers its know-how as Toolkits, which can be easily integrated in other applications by a programming interface. Furthermore PoINT

projects entire storage solutions and provides consultancy with its long-term and versatile experience.

PoINT products are distributed by our partners in more than 25 countries worldwide and have been installed successfully in more than 2 million installations. PoINT customers range from end users expecting a compact and secure solution to large corporations, which meet with our solutions their complex demands by providing the necessary reliability and perfection.

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