ONTAP 9.7 overview

Hardware support updates and features enhancement

New hardware and manageability enhancement

ONTAP 9.7 supports new hardware: the DM7100H, DM7100F, and DM240N. It also supports enhanced manageability. The major difference is the layout of the graphic user interface (GUI).

Click the items to see comparisons of the old and new versions of ONTAP.

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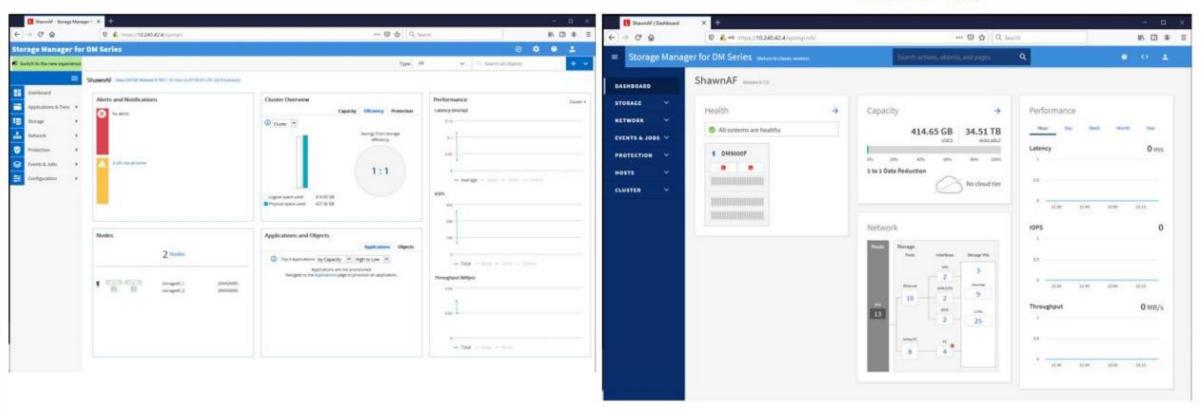
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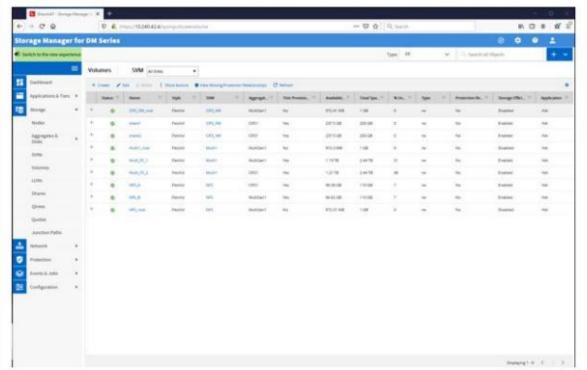
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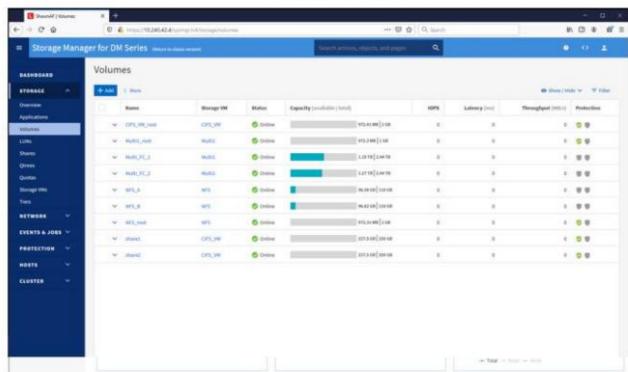




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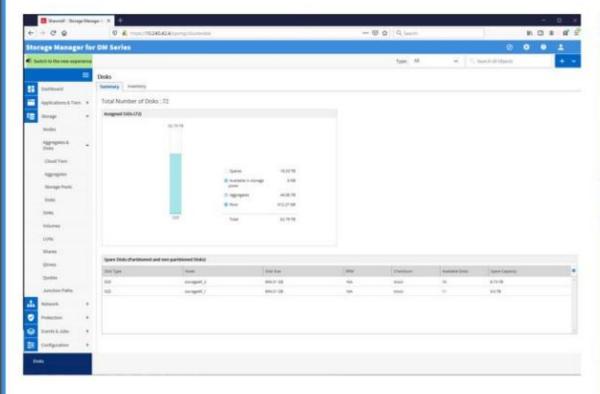


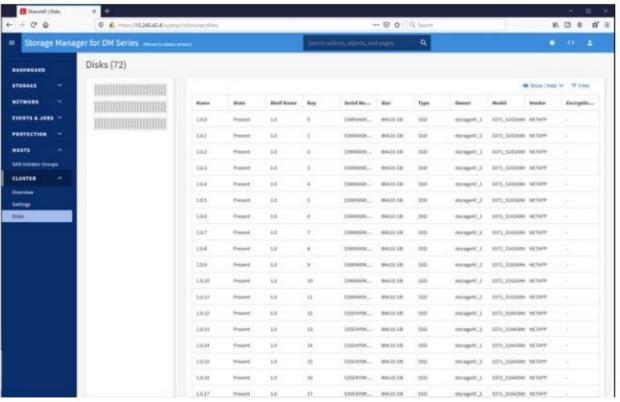




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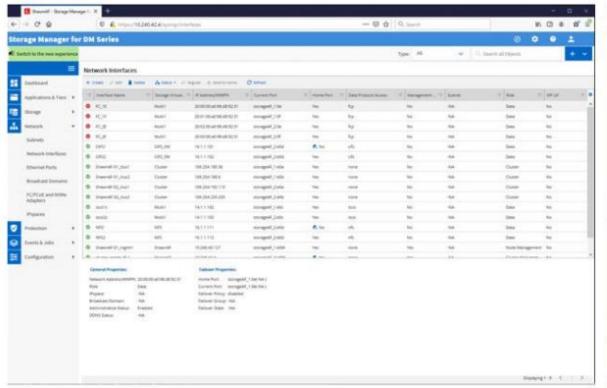


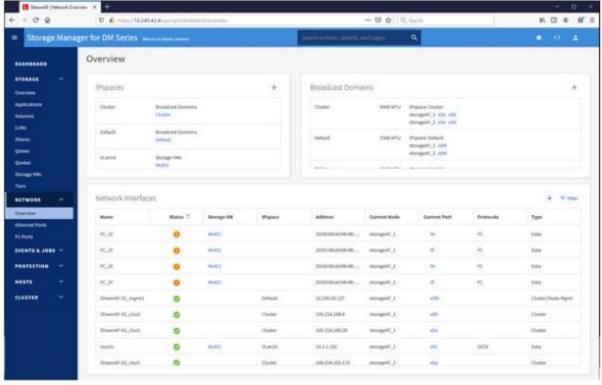




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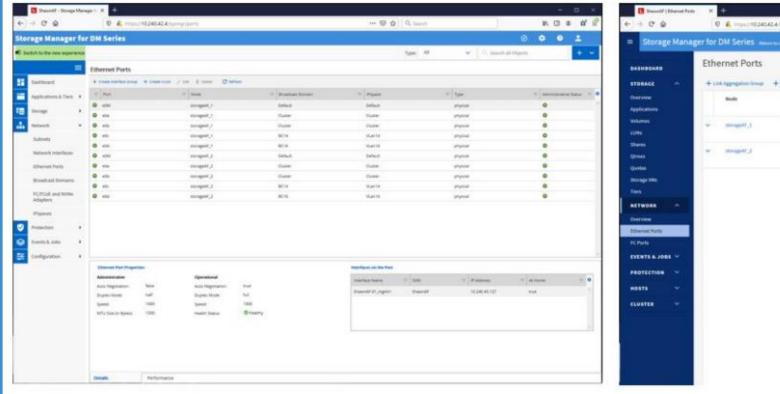


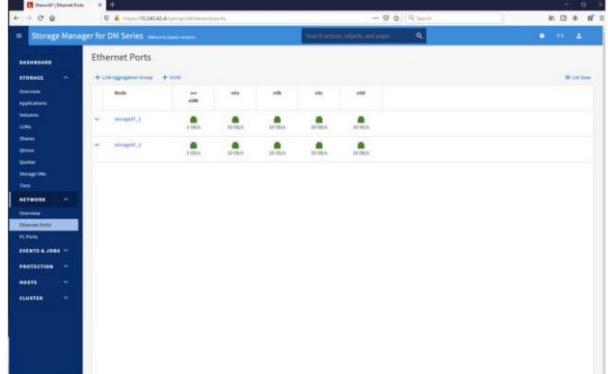




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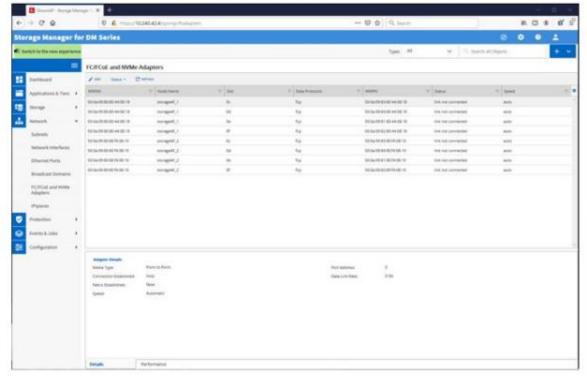


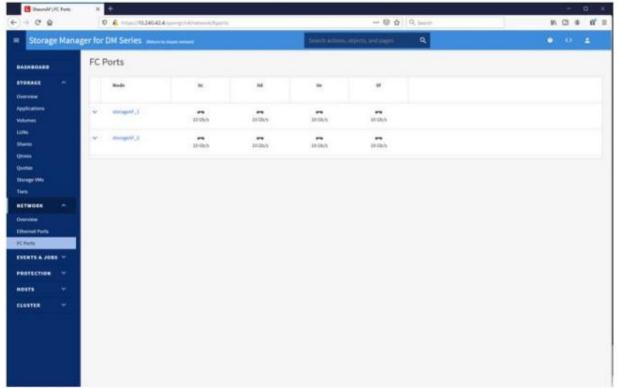




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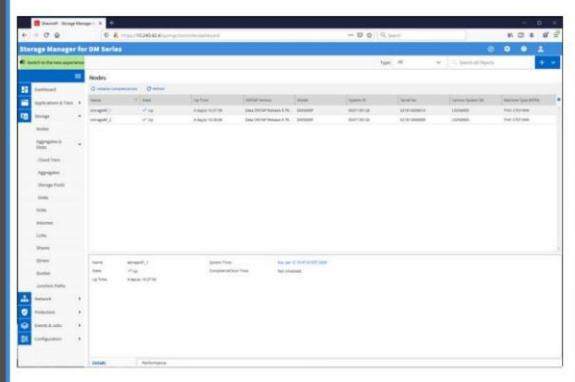


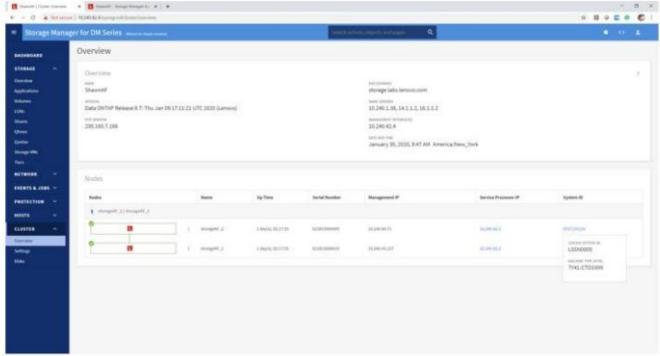




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Data protection enhancements

Data-at-rest encryption by default:

 Whenever an external or onboard key manager is configured, new aggregates will have NetApp Aggregate Encryption (NAE) enabled by default. New volumes that are not part of an NAE aggregate will have NetApp Volume Encryption (NVE) enabled by default.

SnapMirror Synchronous enhancements:

- Added FC-NVMe (NVMe over Fibre Channel) protocol and namespace support
- Support for LUN clone replication
- Support for the replication of application-created Snapshot copies



File access protocol enhancements

Keytab files for SVM authentication with Active Directory (AD) servers:

 AD administrators can provide keytab files to ONTAP administrators when Kerberos authentication is required with the AD domain.

Encryption and signing performance improvements:

 A new encryption off-load algorithm can enable better performance when using SMB signing or encrypting SMB traffic. SMB signing and encryption offload is enabled by default when SMB signing or encryption is enabled.



MetroCluster enhancements

MetroCluster FC configuration platform support:

Support for the DM7100F and DM7100H

ONTAP Mediator is supported in MetroCluster IP configurations:

 The ONTAP Mediator service can assist the MetroCluster IP configuration in performing an automatic unplanned switchover by providing a physically separate repository for status information.

FabricPool mirrors on MetroCluster configurations:

 You can set up a mirrored FabricPool on a MetroCluster configuration to tier cold data to two different fault zones.

MetroCluster compliant switches:

 MetroCluster IP configurations can support switches which are not NetApp validated provided that they are compliant with NetApp specifications.



Networking and security enhancements

Improved performance for LDAP directory netgroup-by-host searches

- Network Information Service (NIS) netgroup.byhost entries can be cached using the vserver services name-service nis-domain netgroup-database command.
 - This command rebuilds the NIS group.byuser DB for a given Vserver if NIS is added as a source for the group and an active nis-domain exists.
 - This command is available to cluster and Vserver administrators at the advanced privilege level.

SAN enhancements

Symetric active-active:

 Symmetric active-active is a multipathing solution in which all paths are active/optimized. In the event of a storage failover, the host does not need to wait for the Asymmetric Logical Unit Access (ALUA) transition of the failover paths to resume I/O. This reduces time to failover. Symmetric active-active is only available on All SAN Arrays.

Support for large I/O:

FC-NVMe supports I/O of up to 1 MB.



Storage resource management enhancements

FlexVol volumes:

 The maximum number of supported FlexVol volumes on AFF platforms with at least 128 GB of memory has increased to 2,500 FlexVol volumes per node for primary workloads

FlexCache volume enhancements:

- Anti-virus at the origin volume
- Auditing at the origin volume
- FPolicy at the origin volume
- MetroCluster configuration
- Thin provisioning at the FlexCache volume
- FabricPool at the FlexCache volume
- Compaction at the FlexCache volume
- Cross-volume deduplication
- FlexGroup as a FlexCache origin



Storage resource management enhancements - continued

FlexGroup volume enhancements:

- You can now clone FlexGroup volumes
- You can back up FlexGroup volumes to tape and restore them using NDMP
- You can access FlexGroup volumes using NFSv4 and NFSv4.1
- VMware vStorage APIs for Array Integration (VAAI)
- Conversion of a FlexVol volume to a FlexGroup volume
- FlexCache as a FlexGroup origin

FabricPool mirror:

You can use FabricPool mirroring to tier cold data to two object stores simultaneously

FabricPool mirrors on MetroCluster configurations:

 You can set up a mirrored FabricPool on a MetroCluster configuration to tier cold data to two different fault zones

Non-transparent HTTP and HTTPS proxy:

 You can use a non-transparent HTTP and HTTPS proxy to manage client access and for reporting capabilities



API enhancements

Changes to the ONTAP REST API in ONTAP 9.7:

- ONTAP 9.7 extends the functional scope of the ONTAP REST API by introducing three new resource categories, each with several REST endpoints:
 - NDMP
 - Object store
 - SnapLock

ONTAP 9.7 also introduces one or more new REST endpoints in several of the existing resource categories:

- Cluster
- NAS
- Networking
- NVMe
- SAN
- Security
- Storage
- Support

Support for performance metrics in the ONTAP REST API



An ONTAP update can be performed from either the SSH CLI or the Storage Manager GUI. This section introduces an ONTAP update from the ONTAP 9.7 Storage Manager GUI. Refer to course ES71914B - Servicing the Lenovo ThinkSystem DM Series storage for the CLI update method.

Click each step in turn to see the procedure.

Step 1 2 3



- There are three stages to a firmware update: Select, Validate, and Update.
- From the Cluster → Update page, files can be uploaded from an http or ftp server (with no authentication). They can also be uploaded directly from the client that the Systems Manager is running on.
- After the file has been uploaded, it will be visible in Available Software Image.

Select an ONTAP image to update Either add an image from your local machine server or local client or choose an existing image below. + Add Image AVAILABLE SOFTWARE IMAGE 9.7RC1 (Image build time: Friday, Nov 22, 2019, 2:39 AM) 9.7X1 (Image build time: Wednesday, Jul 31, 2019, 1:33 AM)



Step

- At this point, you should select the image you want to use, and then click Next.
- Click Validate.
- You will receive a series of Warnings about certain actions if your system is active











- If everything is OK, proceed with the installation.
- The Update phase will begin.
- Select Update, and the additional validation process will be performed.
- Check the box that says Continue update with warnings, and then select Continue.
- The update will start on the first node.

 The process will take over an hour. As each node is updated, its status will change in Systems Manager.

