

Five Key Differentiators between the Latest NetApp AFF A-Series and Hitachi Vantara VSP F-Series Platforms

Every enterprise-class all-flash array (AFA) delivers sub-1 millisecond response times using standard 4K & 8K performance benchmarks, high levels of availability, and a relatively full set of core data management features. As such, enterprises must examine AFA products to determine the differentiators between them. It is when DCIG compared the newest AFAs from leading providers such as [Hitachi Vantara](#) and [NetApp](#) in its latest [DCIG Pocket Analyst Report](#) that differences between them quickly emerged.

Both [Hitachi Vantara](#) and [NetApp](#) refreshed their respective F-Series and A-Series lines of all-flash arrays (AFAs) in the first half of 2018. In so doing, many of the similarities between the products from these providers persisted in that they both continue to natively offer:

- Unified SAN and NAS interfaces
- Extensive support for VMware API's including VMware Virtual Volumes (VVols)
- Integration with popular virtualization management consoles
- Rich data replication and data protection offerings

However, the latest AFA product refreshes from each of these two vendors also introduced some key areas where they diverge. While some of these changes reinforced the strengths of each of their respective product lines, other changes provided some key insights into how these two vendors see the AFA market shaping up in the years to come. This resulted in some key

differences in product functionality emerging between the products from these two vendors that will impact them in the years to come.



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To help enterprises select the solution that best fits their needs, there are five key ways that the latest AFA products from [Hitachi Vantara](#) and [NetApp](#) differentiate themselves from one another. These five key differentiators include:

1. Data protection and data reduction
2. Flash performance optimization
3. Predictive analytics
4. Public cloud support
5. Storage networking protocols

To see which vendor has the edge in each of these categories and why, you can access the latest [4-page Pocket Analyst Report](#) from DCIG that analyzes and compares these newest all-flash arrays from [Hitachi Vantara](#) and [NetApp](#). This report is currently available for sale on DCIG's partner site: [TechTrove](#). You may also [register](#) on the [TechTrove website](#) to be notified should this [report](#) becomes available at no charge at some future time.