Dell PowerStore vs. Pure FlashArray

Dell PowerStore

Run VMware ESXi hosted apps via AppsON technology¹

Dell PowerStore with AppsON¹ is the only purpose-built array with a built-in VMware ESXi hypervisor.²

Anytime Upgrade, industry's most flexible program for controller upgrades³

Optional controller upgrade program offers choice of next gen, higher model or discounted additional new controller. No subscription renewal required.

Scale-up & scale-out

Scale-up to 898TB raw per array⁴-across all models-and scale-out to up to four arrays managed as a cluster.⁴

Always on, intelligent data reduction with 4:1 guarantee

Future-Proof with average 4:1 data reduction guarantee included; always-on data reduction proactively optimizes both performance and capacity.

SCM as persistent storage

Leverage SCM as true persistent storage for your highest performance workloads, across all PowerStore models.

Pure FlashArray//X



No VMware ESXi support to host apps locally

Purity Run does not support VMware ESXi, it supports a limited number of applications suited to lightweight, data services-oriented processes.



Evergreen Gold's Controller upgrades refresh "Free Every Three"

Optional controller refresh to newest generation controller only. Requires 3yr commitment and 3-year renewal. Upgrade Flex controller upgrade credit requires capacity upgrade and resets the clock on the "Free Every Three" controller refresh.



No scale-out

No scale-out capabilities. Scale-up to 878TB raw per array only on highest end model, each array is isolated and managed separately.



Adaptive data reduction without data reduction guarantee

No guarantee included; RightSize capacity guarantee is an optional add-on.



SCM only as read cache, not persistent storage

SCM used only as a read cache, and only available on higher-end FlashArray models; SCM not used as persistent storage.