



Data ONTAP Monthly Newsletter

As of 27 February 2012

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This newsletter is also posted on [Field Portal](#). Please bookmark this location.

A new Data ONTAP release model was implemented in July 2010. The key change from the previous release model is the GD (General Deployment) designation no longer exists. To learn about this update to the release model, review the [Data ONTAP release model product bulletin](#) &/or [Data ONTAP release model](#) on [NOW](#)

Data ONTAP 8.1.x

Data ONTAP 8.1 is the latest major release in the Data ONTAP 8 release family. As with Data ONTAP 8.0.x, Data ONTAP 8.1 has two modes of operation: 7-Mode and Cluster-Mode.

- Current Release: **8.1.0RC3**
- **Data ONTAP 8.1.0 7-Mode RC3**
 - **Posted to NOW on 27 Feb 2012**
 - [Data ONTAP 8.1.0 7-Mode RC3 Release Notes](#)
- **Data ONTAP 8.1.0 Cluster-Mode RC3**
 - **Posted to NOW on 27 Feb 2012**
 - [Data ONTAP 8.1.0 Cluster-Mode RC3 Release Notes](#)
 - The sales engagement process for Cluster-Mode is documented in the Data ONTAP 8.1 Sales Engagement Reference Guide located on Field Portal:
https://fieldportal.netapp.com/ci_getfile.asp?method=1&uid=8295&docid=37063
Teams are strongly encouraged to use this process so as to ensure successful engagements.
- **Next Release: Data ONTAP 8.1.0GA Target availability: April 2012.**
- **Data ONTAP 8.1.1: This will be the first maintenance release in the Data ONTAP 8.1 family. The release will include a small number of features in addition to bug fixes. Target availability: End of May, 2012.**

Data ONTAP 8.0.x

Data ONTAP 8.0 is the first release of the Data ONTAP 8 release family. It is a single codebase, with two separately orderable products:

- Data ONTAP 8.0.x 7-Mode: The next release of Data ONTAP 7G (after 7.3.x)
- Data ONTAP 8.0.x Cluster-Mode: The next release of Data ONTAP GX (after 10.0.x)
- Current Releases: 8.0.2 GA
- **Data ONTAP 8.0.3 7-Mode RC1**
 - **Posted to NOW on 27 Feb 2012**
 - [Data ONTAP 8.0.3 7-Mode RC1 Release Notes](#)
 - 8.0.3 is the third maintenance release in the Data ONTAP 8.0.x family of releases.
 - Data ONTAP 8.0.x 7-Mode WWW information transitioned to [Interoperability Matrix Tool \(IMT\)](#). Moving forward, IMT will get updated for this information.



Data ONTAP Monthly Status

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- **Data ONTAP 8.0.3 Cluster-Mode RC1**
 - **Posted to NOW on 27 Feb 2012**
 - See the Data ONTAP 8.1 Sales Engagement Reference Guide (https://fieldportal.netapp.com/ci_getfile.asp?method=1&uid=8295&docid=37063) for the sales process to use for Data ONTAP 8.0.2 Cluster-Mode.
 - **Data ONTAP 8.0.3 Cluster-Mode RC1 Release Notes**
- More information on Data ONTAP 8.0.x is available in the release sales kit on Field Portal: https://fieldportal.netapp.com/myre_viewbinder.asp?id=993
- **Next Release: Data ONTAP 8.0.3GA. Target availability: April 2012**

Data ONTAP 7.3.x

- Current Release: 7.3.6 GA
- Data ONTAP 7.3.6 GA release posted to NOW on 5 August 2011
 - [Data ONTAP 7.3.6 GA Release Notes](#)
 - 7.3.6 is a maintenance release in the Data ONTAP 7.3.x family of releases.
- **Next Release: Data ONTAP 7.3.7RC1. Target Availability: March 2012**

Data ONTAP 7.2.x

- Current Release: 7.2.7 GA
 - Posted to NOW 2 November 2009 and designated as GD on 18th January 2010
 - Release content: Roll up of fixes shipped in 7.2.6.1P1 through 7.2.6.1P9
 - [Data ONTAP 7.2.7 Release Notes](#)
 - Data ONTAP 7.2.7 is the last 7.2.x release on which P patches will be available

Data ONTAP GX 10.0

- Current Status: EOA level release
- Current Release: Data ONTAP 10.0.5
- Data ONTAP 10.0.5 is the last GX release. The quote tool is in restricted mode and all GX request for Quotes and Orders must be reviewed by the PM via Deal Approval Desk (DAD).

Default Shipping Release

- Data ONTAP 8.0.2 7-Mode is the default shipping release for all platforms except FAS/V62x0, FAS/V32x0, FAS2240 and FAS2020
- FAS/V62x0 systems ship with Data ONTAP 8.0.2P4 7-Mode
- Beginning with the February 2012 quote tool, FAS/V32x0 systems ship with Data ONTAP 8.0.2P4 7-Mode
- FAS2240 systems now ship with Data ONTAP **8.1 RC3**
- FAS2020 systems ship with Data ONTAP 7.3.6
- Cluster-Mode releases are user selectable and do not have a default shipping release