



ONTAP Monthly Newsletter

As of September 2017

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

For information about the ONTAP release model, please see [ONTAP release model](#) and for ONTAP software support policy, please see [Software Version Support](#) at NetApp Support Site.

ONTAP 9.3

- Expected to release in Q4CY2017.

ONTAP 9.2

- ONTAP 9.2 GA and [ONTAP 9.2 release notes](#) posted to NetApp Support Site on June 29, 2017.

ONTAP 9.1

- ONTAP 9.1 GA and [ONTAP 9.1 GA release notes](#) posted to NetApp Support on January 12, 2017.

ONTAP 9.0

- ONTAP 9.0 GA and [ONTAP 9.0 GA release notes](#) posted to NetApp Support Site on September 1, 2016
 - ONTAP 9.0 will transition from Full Support to Limited Support on January 1, 2018
See: <https://mysupport.netapp.com/info/communications/ECMLP2738664.html>

Data ONTAP 8 release family (prior to Data ONTAP 8.3) has two modes of operation: 7-Mode and clustered Data ONTAP. It is a single codebase, with two separately orderable products:

- Data ONTAP 7-Mode
- Clustered Data ONTAP

Data ONTAP 8.3.x

- Clustered Data ONTAP 8.3.2 GA
 - Clustered Data ONTAP 8.3.2 is the final release for the Data ONTAP 8.3.x family.
 - The release will be maintained via patch releases until the release is transitioned to Limited Support on October 31, 2017.
See: <http://mysupport.netapp.com/info/communications/ECMLP2652542.html>

Data ONTAP 8.2.x

- Clustered Data ONTAP 8.2.4 GA
 - The release has now transitioned to Limited Support and there will no longer be any planned patches for this release.
See: <http://mysupport.netapp.com/info/communications/ECMLP2590887.html>
- **Data ONTAP 8.2.5 GA 7-Mode**
 - **Posted to NetApp Support Site August 3, 2017 and Data ONTAP 8.2.4 7-Mode release notes**



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Default Shipping Release

- For Clustered Data ONTAP configurations, all platforms will ship with minimum ONTAP 9.1 P2 (effective May, 2017) except:
 - PTO (Pick-to-Order) Entry configurations which have their specific Data ONTAP versions
 - If Data ONTAP 8.3.x is specifically chosen in quote tool, then minimum Data ONTAP 8.3.2P9 will be shipped on those systems.
- For 7-Mode Data ONTAP configurations, all platforms will ship with minimum Data **ONTAP 8.2.5**
- The actual configured version is subject to additional ship rules which over rule DSR.

Recommended Releases

The download pages on the NetApp Support Site for ONTAP/Data ONTAP release family have been updated to include release recommendations for customers. NetApp will provide recommendations on the releases that can provide the best experience for customers. This information is provided to encourage customers to adopt newer ONTAP releases, where they can benefit from all available fixes in the release codeline and experience demonstrably better reliability and availability.

As of July 10, 2017, the published minimum recommended Data ONTAP/ONTAP releases on the NetApp Support site are as follows:

Release Family	Recommended Release Table	
	ONTAP / Clustered Data ONTAP	Data ONTAP 7-Mode
9.1	9.1P5	N/A
9.0	9.1P5 preferred* For systems that cannot be upgraded to 9.1P5, use 9.0P3	N/A
8.3.x	9.1P5 preferred* For systems that cannot be upgraded to 9.1P5, use 8.3.2P11 ⁺	N/A
8.2.x	9.1P5 preferred* For systems that cannot be upgraded to 8.3.x or higher, use 8.2.4P6	8.2.4P6

* For systems that can be upgraded

⁺ Or later P-release, as available



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Link to Recommended Release information:

<https://kb.netapp.com/support/s/article/ka61A0000004LuiQAE/Recommended-Data-ONTAP-Releases-on-the-NetApp-Support-Site>