



Product Bulletin

FAS/V3100 MetroCluster Quote Tool Changes

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1. Summary

This product bulletin announces the MetroCluster related Quote Tool changes for FAS/V3100. The November 2008 Quote Tool release now allows active-active controllers to be configured in separate standalone chassis with appropriate active-active controller pricing.

2. What Is the Reason for the Change?

The FAS/V3100 series supports both stretch (non-switched) and fabric MetroCluster configurations with two MetroCluster controllers in separate 6U chassis. The FAS/V3100 series requires the FC-VI card to support both stretch and fabric MetroCluster; the FC-VI card provides access to NVRAM. The FAS/V3100 systems no longer must be configured as standalone systems with an extended quantity of two in order to effectively configure an active-active MetroCluster pair. Quote Tool changes effective with the November 2008 release now allow active-active controllers to be configured in separate standalone chassis with appropriate active-active controller pricing. A quantity of two system chassis and controllers is output to allow for physical separation of the controllers required for stretch or fabric MetroCluster configurations. This eliminates the previous pricing penalty associated with having to quote standalone configurations and requiring an extended quantity of two to be selected after configuring the standalone system.

3. Key Changes for Quoting

- Ability to quote FAS/V3100 active-active systems with stretch or fabric MetroCluster in two-chassis configurations, providing for physical separation.
- Provides ability to quote FAS/V3100 MetroCluster systems with active-active hardware and software price points.
- A new two-chassis/one-chassis pull-down selection is provided for FAS/V3100 active-active configurations.
- Two-chassis selection must be used when wanting to quote FAS/V3100 configurations with stretch or fabric MetroCluster. When two-chassis selection is used, the Quote Tool will configure active-active system controllers and software parts.
- One-chassis selection should be used whenever MetroCluster configurations are not required. If one-chassis selection is made and then MetroCluster is later selected, the Quote Tool will automatically switch to two-chassis configurations.
- Two-chassis configurations will automatically force symmetrical cabinets if cabinet systems are selected.
- V3100 systems with NetApp® storage are mutually exclusive with stretch and fabric MetroCluster.
- A new (\$0) X1926A-2CH-R6-C VI-card will be output by the Quote Tool when stretch MetroCluster is

selected. This eliminates a previous pricing penalty associated with FAS/V3100 stretch MetroCluster prior to the November 2008 Quote Tool release that was not associated with other FAS/V platforms configuring stretch MetroCluster. The standard X1926A-R6-C Vi-card will be output when fabric MetroCluster is selected as implemented with other FAS/V systems.

- Two-chassis active-active systems require either stretch or fabric MetroCluster. Two-chassis FAS/V3100 active-active systems cannot be configured without MetroCluster as they are not supported.

4. Additional Information

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