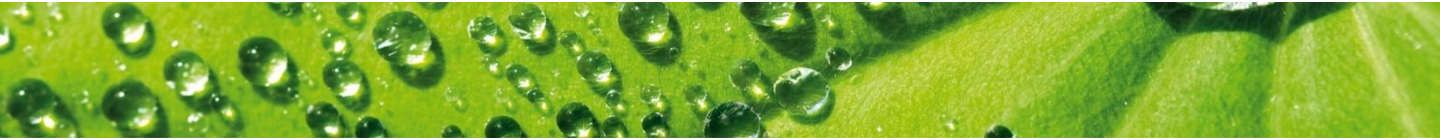
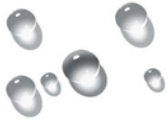


ACTIVE CIRCLE - ENTERPRISE EDITION

A NEW BREED OF STORAGE PLATFORM FOR MANAGING FILE SERVICES. MANAGE DATA GROWTH, FROM THE DATA CENTER TO REMOTE SITES, AND AVOID PROPRIETARY SOLUTIONS



Principal Benefits

Reduced Administration

Lower administrative overhead thanks to integrated data lifecycle management.

No More Data Migrations

Storage space expands on demand. Data migrations are automated.

Better Availability and Protection

The service is always available and your data is protected against loss or corruption.

Greater Control and Compliance

Get your data under control: manage lifecycles and meet regulatory requirements for data retention.

Lower Storage Costs

You choose the hardware and operating systems best adapted to your needs. Allocate resources as they are needed.

► DEALING WITH GROWING FILE VOLUMES

The relentless growth of file volumes is an on-going challenge for IT departments. The proliferation of user spaces, applications generating data, remote sites, archives, and so many other storage silos only adds to this complexity. And all of this unstructured data is growing at a rate of 60% per year.

► SERVICE MODE

The ideal file service is one that is always available, that is accessible from anywhere while remaining secure. Its capacity can be expanded whenever needed and it integrates seamlessly with your existing IT infrastructure. And of course it has to be able to handle ever-increasing volumes of data without devouring your IT budget.

► AVOIDING PROPRIETARY SOLUTIONS

Traditional storage vendors offer inflexible solutions built on proprietary hardware. By buying into a closed architecture, you are also closing off your options for purchasing more economical solutions down the road.

► ACTIVE CIRCLE ENTERPRISE EDITION

Active Circle Enterprise Edition is a new breed of file storage solution, a software platform designed from the ground up to provide a secure, high-availability file service across your entire organization.

► A SOFTWARE-BASED STORAGE SOLUTION

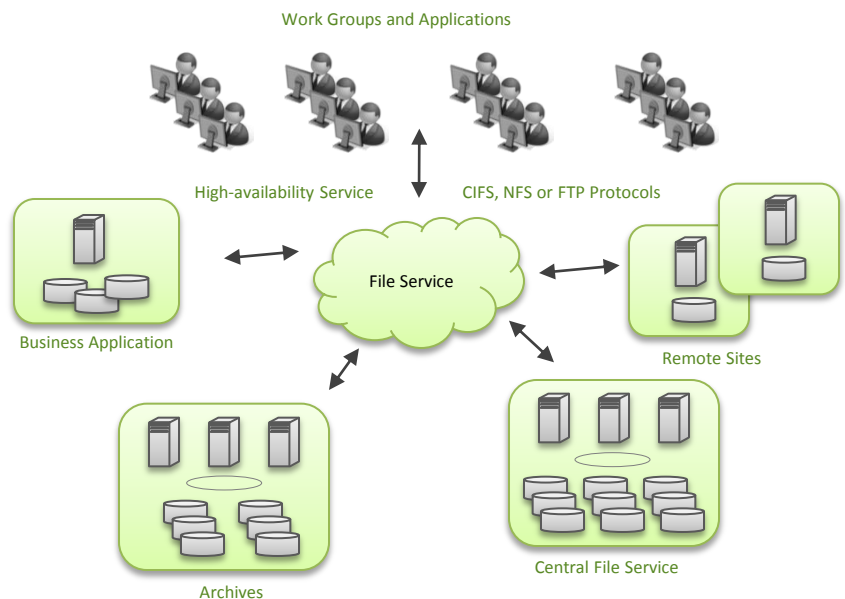
Active Circle is a software platform that runs on any x86 server and supports all disk and tape storage technologies. Your storage is virtualized, so you can add space when and as you need it. Data migrations are a thing of the past and you can implement the latest storage hardware alongside your legacy equipment.

► INTEGRATED DATA LIFECYCLE MANAGEMENT

Data lifecycle management is built in to the system, so you no longer need to rely on third-party tools that are quickly overwhelmed by increasing data volumes. The system is active: you define the level of data protection and the life cycle, Active Circle does the rest.

Target Applications

- Organizations distributed over multiple sites
- Data centers
- IT departments
- File-intensive activities (e.g., media, imaging, oil exploration, technology, web 2.0)



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Features

Advantages

Integrated

Virtualization

- Global Namespace
- Users access a single virtual server
- Virtualization of storage space as repositories

Independence from proprietary hardware

- Transparent centralized access for users
- Easy deployment and administration
- Maximum scalability through addition of storage nodes and capacity without interruption of service

High-Availability Primary Storage

- Continuous data protection with version management
- Policy-based data protection by level of redundancy
- Failover of storage nodes and automatic re-synchronization

- Better service, higher availability, stronger data protection
- Reduced administrative overhead
- More accurate than snapshots
- Data traceability (records management)

High-security Secondary Storage

- Integrity check through electronic signature verification
- Multi-level hierarchical storage on disk or tape

- Longevity and compliance
- Lower storage costs

Integrated Lifecycle Management

- Data management by class of service, automatic rule-based data migration between storage tiers
- Better control over data storage locations and replication by class of service

Reduced administrative overhead

- The administrator supervises the levels of service, not individual tasks
- Complete automation of data lifecycles

Support for Standard Architectures and Hardware

- File service access with CIFS, NFS, FTP protocols
- Storage nodes on x86 servers
- OS: Linux, Windows, Solaris (mix possible)
- Storage topology in DAS, NAS, or SAN configuration
- Authentication by Active Directory, LDAP, NIS

Longevity and TCO

- Choice of servers based on performance
- Choice of operating systems
- Open, scalable storage architecture
- Integrates with existing infrastructure

Options

Multi-site Option

- Data replication over WAN with optimized transfer for disaster recovery
- Distributed data sharing with file lock management

No need for third-party replication software

- Fast, transparent access to data from multiple sites; automated replication
- Facilitates collaboration on shared files

Tape Support Option

- Use tape libraries for hierarchical storage or for data vaulting to standard format

- Ensure data longevity through vaulting
- Reduce electrical consumption

Other Editions

Active Circle File Server Edition

- The software platform for file services that grows with your needs

Active Circle Archive Edition

- The software platform optimized for long-term storage of large data volumes

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