

# Veritas Storage Foundation™ Basic

Heterogeneous online storage management for edge-tier workloads

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Veritas Storage Foundation Basic is a free version of the industry-leading Storage Foundation solution designed for heterogeneous online storage management of edge-tier workloads with up to four file systems, four volumes, and two processor sockets per system. Storage Foundation Basic combines the industry-leading Veritas File System and Veritas Volume Manager products<sup>1</sup>, along with advanced features that include centralized multihost management (when combined with Storage Foundation Management Server), online configuration and administration, Dynamic Multipathing (DMP), and easy-to-use data migration tools. Unlike point tools, Storage Foundation Basic is the only solution to address the administrative challenges of managing diverse workloads for edge-tier environments. Storage Foundation Basic delivers the same enterprise reliability, scalability, performance, and proven technology as Storage Foundation.

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## Highlights

**Centralized storage management**—Manage multiple hosts, whether they are Linux®, UNIX®, or Windows®, from a central interface, improving operational efficiencies across a heterogeneous infrastructure.

**Increased storage utilization**—Maximize storage capacity across heterogeneous operating systems and storage hardware.

**I/O path availability and performance**—Efficiently spread I/O across multiple paths for maximum performance, load balancing, and SAN booting as well as path failure protection and fast failover.

**Seamless data migration**<sup>2</sup>—Migrate data across operating systems and diverse platforms with online tools for simple server migrations.

**Multivendor hardware infrastructure**—Help reduce capital expenditures with broad support for heterogeneous operating systems and storage hardware.

**Enterprise reliability, scalability, and performance**—Take advantage of a comprehensive online management feature set with a range of enterprise-class support options.

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## Centralized storage management

Combined with the Storage Foundation Management Server, organizations can centrally manage their application, server, and storage environments across server platforms from multiple vendors. This leads to rapid problem resolution, higher service levels, reduced risk of human error, and comprehensive visibility throughout the environment.

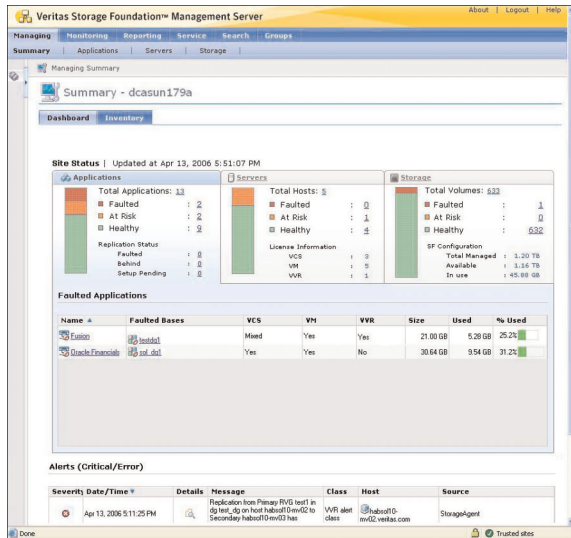
Administrators can quickly and easily create new application, server, and storage environments to support a heterogeneous data center infrastructure. As applications are upgraded or migrated to new hardware, administrators will be able to centrally manage host-to-host migrations and do a pre-migration check to verify that the server and storage configurations are correctly set up before the migration begins. With Storage Foundation Management Server,

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administrators can identify and visualize potential problems with applications and storage resources by correlating health and status information across multiple applications, servers, and storage. This increased visibility enables rapid problem resolution that typically spans multiple organizational structures.



**Figure 1. The Veritas Storage Foundation Management Server provides centralized visibility and management of storage and server resources.**

### Increased storage utilization

Storage Foundation Basic enables administrators to improve storage utilization and capacity management across heterogeneous operating systems and storage hardware. Storage volumes and file systems can be grown dynamically or capacity can be reclaimed and storage can be dynamically provisioned to new applications without any modifications by the end user. Daily and repetitive storage tasks can be automated and performed online, including RAID reconfiguration, defragmentation, file system resizing, and volume resizing.

Storage Foundation Basic enables storage virtualization across edge-tier workloads, whether there are multiple volumes within a single server or volumes that span and are visible to multiple servers. Physical disks can be grouped into logical units (LUNs), and volumes are dynamically sized and resized to improve disk utilization and eliminate storage-related downtime. This improves storage utilization and sets the stage to move data seamlessly between different operating systems and storage arrays and to spread I/O across multiple paths to improve performance.

### I/O path availability and performance

With Dynamic Multipathing, storage I/O performance and availability are enhanced across heterogeneous server and storage infrastructures. DMP has intelligent algorithms to load-balance storage I/Os across multiple host bus adapters (HBAs) for faster throughput and to increase the application's availability by rerouting I/Os to an available data path in the event of a path failure. Additionally, multihost DMP management for firmware upgrades and path management will be centrally managed with the Storage Foundation Management Server feature. The improved load balancing and management capabilities enhance the administrator's productivity and reduce application downtime.

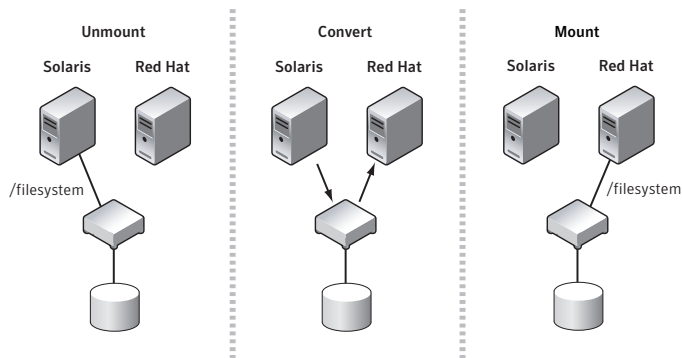
### Seamless data migration<sup>3</sup>

In addition to providing the same storage management solution for all operating systems, Storage Foundation Basic can actually make the same set of data accessible to all major operating systems. Administrators no longer need to use NFS or tape to move data between operating systems.

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With the Portable Data Containers feature, administrators can export data from one operating system and import it on another in minutes, without ever creating a copy of the data or moving the data. Storage Foundation Basic quickly and automatically converts the data for the new platform, whether it is UNIX or Linux.



**Figure 2. With Portable Data Containers, administrators can export data from one operating system and import it to another in minutes, without creating a copy of the data or moving the data.**

### Storage Foundation Basic features multivendor hardware infrastructure

Storage Foundation Basic provides comprehensive platform support for a heterogeneous server and storage infrastructure with no hardware, database, or application agenda. This provides enterprises with the freedom to choose industry-leading functionality across platforms without getting locked into proprietary solutions.

### Enterprise reliability, scalability, and performance

Unlike many freeware alternatives, Storage Foundation Basic is an enterprise-class product with enterprise-class support. Users can use free self-service, online support or choose from a range of support subscriptions. Additionally, as workloads evolve, Storage Foundation Basic can be seamlessly upgraded with no interruption to Veritas Storage Foundation Standard or Veritas Storage Foundation Enterprise.

Feature	Benefit
<b>Volume Manager and File System<sup>4</sup></b>	The core of Storage Foundation is the industry-leading Veritas Volume Manager and Veritas File System software.
<b>Management server</b>	Centralizes management across multiple server platforms to provide complete visibility to application, server, and storage resources.
<b>Dynamic Multipathing</b>	Balances I/O across all available paths between the server and the storage array to improve performance and availability. With DMP, common failures from I/O path, HBA, or switches can be avoided because administrators can spread I/O across all available paths.
<b>Online administration</b>	Limits the amount of time disks need to be offline for maintenance by performing volume and file system resizing (including shrinking), domain reconfiguration, file system defragmentation, backup, and off-host processing while the data remains online and available.
<b>Portable Data Containers<sup>5</sup></b>	Easily and quickly converts data for use on different operating systems, which makes it easy to migrate to new operating systems.
<b>Automated performance tuning</b>	Automatically tunes each write for optimal performance. Administrators no longer need to tune writes manually for performance.
<b>Hot relocation</b>	Automatically migrates data from failing disks to healthy disks.
<b>VxCache</b>	With Microsoft Exchange, VxCache allocates dedicated server cache to volumes and improves performance by up to 40 percent.
<b>RAID support</b>	Supports all levels of RAID for maximum availability and performance.
<b>Support for all major storage arrays</b>	Lets companies choose the storage hardware that best fits their needs.

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