



## **Release notes**

### **AFX**

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## What's new in ONTAP 9.18.1 for AFX storage systems

Learn about the new capabilities included with ONTAP 9.18.1 that are available with your AFX storage system.

### Storage resource management enhancements

| Update                    | Description  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Enhanced volume placement | NetApp AFX automatically balances the placement of volumes across all the nodes in a cluster. With previous ONTAP releases, the placement algorithm was based on the number of volumes in the cluster. Every node is assigned the same number of volumes regardless of activity. Beginning with ONTAP 9.18.1, the algorithm has been enhanced to consider the performance of the nodes when placing or moving volumes. This results in improved performance balancing across the nodes in the AFX cluster and makes it much less likely that any single node becomes overloaded. |

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### Platforms

| Update    | Description   |
|-----------|---|
| Platforms | <p>The following NetApp AFX storage system components are available along with the related supporting technology. Together this platform delivers a unified hardware and software solution that creates a simplified experience specific to the needs of high-performance NAS and S3 customers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AFX 1K controllers</li><li>• NX224 shelves</li><li>• Cisco Nexus 9332D-GX2B and Nexus 9364D-GX2A switches</li></ul> |

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