

Performance Test Plan and Result

h5.0.0 vs h4.5.4

SMB IOPS

write

250%

read

SMB Seq.

write

20%

read

## Introduction

The QNAP TS-h2490FU AFA (All Flash Array) solution uses an enterprise ZFS filesystem and supports optimization technologies to improve SDD performance. The I/O performance of NAS is not only bound by drive specifications, but also by CPU frequency and memory size. The data compression and data deduplication technology supported by the ZFS filesystem also has a great impact on data processing efficiency. These documented tests focus on the overall I/O performance of the TS-h2490FU.





## Performance Test Plan

### About Cache Hit and Directly Written to Drive

Whether the total size of the transferred files is greater than the main memory (RAM) determines the performance of the read and write performance of the NAS system. If the written data is less than the RAM capacity, the data will be written to memory and the writing is reported to be completed (Cache Hit) which can achieve relatively high performance. Conversely, when the total amount of reads/writes is greater than the RAM capacity, all IO will be direct to the drives, and the performance will be affected by the drive configurations.

### About Data Compression and Data Deduplication

Data Compression uses CPU resources to compress files, while Data Deduplication mainly consumes RAM resources for comparison and a small amount of CPU computing. Usage of these technologies will impact overall system performance.

In these tests, we use unique (non-duplicate) files that cannot be compressed to verify the actual performance using the maximum consumption of computing resources.

**Note:** If a compressible and repeatable file is used in testing, the gain effect will be close to the performance of Cache Hit and will cause the test results to be distorted. Therefore, these tests are verified under the most stringent conditions, and the actual usage of end-users should receive better performance than the test results.

# Test Configuration, Environment, and Results

### TS-h2490FU-7302P-128G

### Test Environment

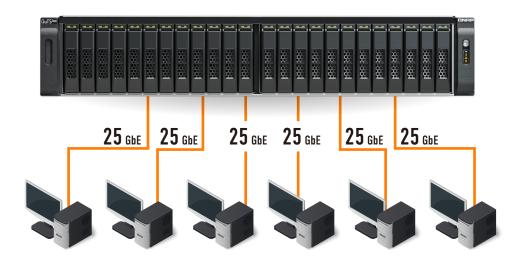
#### NAS:

TS-h2490FU-7302P-128G NAS with QuTS hero 4.5.0 / h4.5.4 / h5.0.0 WD Ultrastar DC SN640 NVMe SSD \*24 (RAID 50)
Broadcom Dual-port 25GbE NIC with NetXtreme ® -E Series BCM57414 controller \*3

#### **Client PC:**

Intel Core™ i7-7700 4.20GHz CPU, 32GB DDR4 RAM, QXG-25G2SF-CX4, Windows® Server 2016 Intel Core™ i3-8100 3.60GHz CPU, 4GB DDR4 RAM, QXG-25G2SF-CX4, Windows® Server 2016

### Test Configuration



- 6 Client PCs connected simultaneously for reading and writing,
- A Each Client uses a 16GB test file (total amount 96 GB) to verify the performance when Cache Hit.
- B Each Client uses a 512GB test file (total amount 3TB) to verify the performance when Directly Written to Drives.

Written to Drives.

Random I/O runs on 4K block size LUN

Sequential I/O runs on 128K block size LUN

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# When TS-h2490FU announced on 2020/09/16

| CAP      |                      |           |                            |            |      |            |                           |            |      |            |  |
|----------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------------|------------|------|------------|---------------------------|------------|------|------------|--|
| CAP      |                      |           | Cache Hit Performance      |            |      |            |                           |            |      |            |  |
|          |                      |           | Compression ON, Dedupe OFF |            |      |            | Compression ON, Dedupe ON |            |      |            |  |
|          | Unit                 | IO Access | 6 hosts                    | Latency ms |      | NAS<br>CPU | 6 hosts                   | Latency ms |      | NAS<br>CPU |  |
| 11000001 | Onit                 | 10 400000 | 25GbEx6                    | Avg.       | Max. | %          | 25GbEx6                   | Avg.       | Max. | %          |  |
|          | Throughput<br>(MB/s) | SW-512K   | 10582                      | 15         | 805  | 56%        | 10394                     | 17         | 652  | 69%        |  |
| iSCSI    |                      | SR-512K   | 14028                      | 11         | 1344 | 28%        | 13575                     | 13         | 388  | 29%        |  |
| 19691    | IOPS                 | RW-4K     | 204612                     | 0.35       | 66   | 72%        | 129200                    | 0.63       | 66   | 48%        |  |
|          |                      | RR-4K     | 471714                     | 0.15       | 30   | 56%        | 395000                    | 0.19       | 105  | 61%        |  |
|          | Throughput<br>(MB/s) | SW-512K   | 8399                       | 19         | 341  | 31%        | 9260                      | 18         | 337  | 31%        |  |
| SAMBA    |                      | SR-512K   | 11504                      | 14         | 31   | 22%        | 11078                     | 14         | 39   | 22%        |  |
|          | IOPS                 | RW-4K     | 99761                      | 6          | 36   | 33%        | 101100                    | 6          | 25   | 47%        |  |
|          |                      | RR-4K     | 310369                     | 2          | 27   | 62%        | 278700                    | 3          | 166  | 47%        |  |

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| CAP            |                      |                            | Real Performance |            |      |                           |                    |            |          |     |  |
|----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------|------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------|----------|-----|--|
|                |                      | Compression ON, Dedupe OFF |                  |            |      | Compression ON, Dedupe ON |                    |            |          |     |  |
| Protocol       | Unit                 | IO Access                  | 6 hosts          | Latency ms |      | NAS<br>CPU<br>%           | 6 hosts<br>25GbEx6 | Latency ms |          | NAS |  |
| PIOLOCOI UIIIL | TO ACCESS            | 25GbEx6                    | Avg.             | Max.       | Avg. |                           |                    | Max.       | CPU<br>% |     |  |
| iSCSI          | Throughput<br>(MB/s) | SW-512K                    | 4344             | 18         | 577  | 62%                       | 3755               | 22         | 665      | 68% |  |
|                |                      | SR-512K                    | 9235             | 9          | 150  | 83%                       | 5499               | 15         | 1771     | 63% |  |
|                | IOPS                 | RW-4K                      | 145325           | 4          | 85   | 71%                       | 104500             | 7          | 516      | 58% |  |
|                |                      | RR-4K                      | 229217           | 3          | 101  | 71%                       | 200400             | 3          | 152      | 69% |  |
| SAMBA          | Throughput<br>(MB/s) | SW-512K                    | 4302             | 22         | 455  | 59%                       | 5035               | 20         | 334      | 75% |  |
|                |                      | SR-512K                    | 3926             | 24         | 197  | 19%                       | 6853               | 19         | 165      | 23% |  |
|                | IOPS                 | RW-4K                      | 85507            | 7          | 37   | 41%                       | 79100              | 8          | 43       | 46% |  |
|                |                      | RR-4K                      | 159808           | 4          | 4676 | 56%                       | 110000             | 6          | 6884     | 46% |  |

Note: TS-h2490FU default settings are Compression ON, Dedupe OFF



# Test Result between QuTS hero h4.5.4 and h5.0.0 (kernel improvement)

|               |                      |           | Cache Hit Performance |      |            |         |            |      |            |     |  |
|---------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------|------------|---------|------------|------|------------|-----|--|
|               |                      |           | h5.0.0                |      |            |         | h4.5.4     |      |            |     |  |
| Protocol Unit | IO Access            | 6 hosts   | Latency ms            |      | NAS<br>CPU | 6 hosts | Latency ms |      | NAS<br>CPU |     |  |
|               | Ollit                | TO ACCESS | 25GbEx6               | Avg. | Max.       | %       | 25GbEx6    | Avg. | Max.       | %   |  |
|               | Throughput<br>(MB/s) | SW-512K   | 10958                 | 17   | 2686       | 29%     | 10929      | 15   | 666        | 55% |  |
| iSCSI         |                      | SR-512K   | 15104                 | 10   | 11006      | 30%     | 13746      | 12   | 2154       | 30% |  |
|               | IOPS                 | RW-4K     | 245006                | 2.61 | 108        | 63%     | 215842     | 0.37 | 1277       | 71% |  |
|               |                      | RR-4K     | 661110                | 0.97 | 112        | 70%     | 447883     | 0.18 | 30         | 61% |  |
| SAMBA         | Throughput<br>(MB/s) | SW-512K   | 9275                  | 17   | 127        | 43%     | 8267       | 20   | 330        | 34% |  |
|               |                      | SR-512K   | 16236                 | 10   | 63         | 39%     | 11125      | 15   | 29         | 22% |  |
|               | IOPS                 | RW-4K     | 284680                | 2    | 33         | 56%     | 109680     | 6    | 39         | 32% |  |
|               |                      | RR-4K     | 981474                | 1    | 19         | 78%     | 316955     | 2    | 35         | 60% |  |

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|               |                      |           | Real Performance |            |      |            |         |            |      |            |  |  |
|---------------|----------------------|-----------|------------------|------------|------|------------|---------|------------|------|------------|--|--|
|               |                      |           |                  | h5.0.      | 0    |            | h4.5.4  |            |      |            |  |  |
| Protocol Unit | llnit                | IO Access | 6 hosts          | Latency ms |      | NAS<br>CPU | 6 hosts | Latency ms |      | NAS<br>CPU |  |  |
|               | Onit                 | 10 400000 | 25GbEx6          | Avg.       | Max. | %          | 25GbEx6 | Avg.       | Max. | %          |  |  |
|               | Throughput<br>(MB/s) | SW-512K   | 5186             | 15         | 463  | 55%        | 4528    | 17         | 551  | 64%        |  |  |
| iSCSI         |                      | SR-512K   | 5207             | 15         | 134  | 79%        | 5499    | 9          | 138  | 85%        |  |  |
|               | IOPS                 | RW-4K     | 185336           | 3          | 105  | 67%        | 144938  | 4          | 363  | 72%        |  |  |
|               |                      | RR-4K     | 180107           | 4          | 309  | 45%        | 235078  | 3          | 25   | 74%        |  |  |
| SAMBA         | Throughput<br>(MB/s) | SW-512K   | 5955             | 13         | 191  | 54%        | 4632    | 21         | 607  | 63%        |  |  |
|               |                      | SR-512K   | 7492             | 11         | 97   | 70%        | 3489    | 28         | 81   | 22%        |  |  |
|               | IOPS                 | RW-4K     | 219430           | 3          | 45   | 68%        | 86953   | 7          | 153  | 40%        |  |  |
|               |                      | RR-4K     | 192374           | 3          | 18   | 41%        | 150621  | 4          | 3260 | 56%        |  |  |

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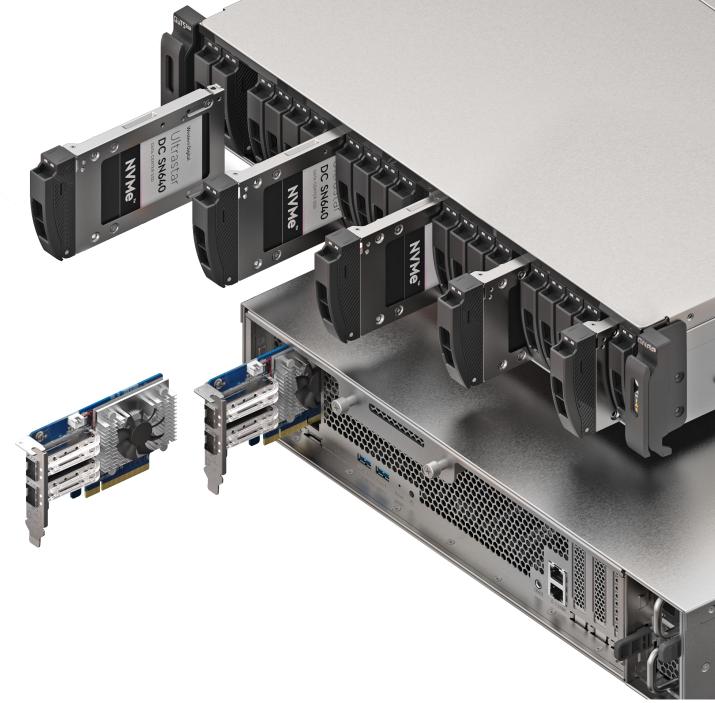
### Conclusion

1 When using the 16 GB test file, even if all 6 Client connections are read and written, since the total read and write volume of 96 GB is less than the NAS RAM capacity, after the data is written to memory, it will report that the write action is complete, which is Cache Hit.

When using the 512 GB test file, and all 6 Client connections read and write. Since the total read and write volume of 3072 GB is greater than the NAS RAM capacity, all data will be written directly to the SSD.

The overall performance of Cache Hit is greater than the performance of directly writing to drives as RAM is significantly faster than SSDs.

- 2 Compared with the older version of QuTS hero (h4.5.x), the newer version of QuTS hero (h5.0.0) with an updated Kernel provides better (up to double) performance, and also has reduced CPU usage and latency.
- When test data is less than 128 GB, 4K random-read can reach 981K IOPS performance, and 512K sequential-read can reach 16 GB/s (equivalent to streaming a 2-hour long 4K video from Netflix every second).



## TS-h2490FU

QTS hero edition AMD Rome NAS

