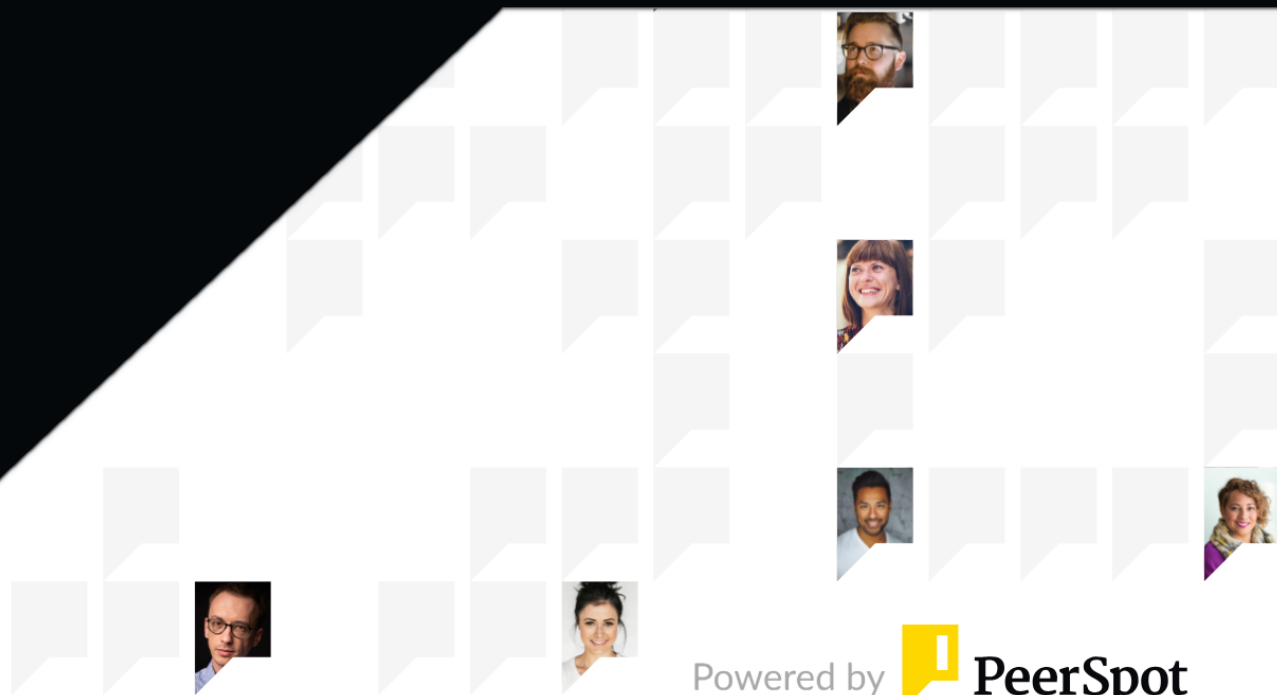




NetApp Cloud Sync

Reviews, tips, and advice from real users



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Product Recap

 NetApp Cloud Sync

NetApp Cloud Sync Recap

NetApp Cloud Sync is a robust solution for data synchronization between on-premises and cloud environments, ensuring efficient and real-time data transfer that supports critical workloads and processes.

NetApp Cloud Sync provides seamless data synchronization, helping organizations manage and migrate data efficiently. Compatible with multiple storage environments, it reduces complexity and enhances data accessibility. Users find it instrumental in maintaining data consistency and achieving cloud migration goals. Its scalable architecture supports varied data transfer scenarios, making it a reliable choice for enterprise needs.

What are the most important features of NetApp Cloud Sync?

- **Automated Data Synchronization:** Ensures consistent and real-time data updates across environments.
- **Multi-Cloud Compatibility:** Supports integration with different cloud providers, enhancing flexibility.
- **Scalable Architecture:** Adapts to changing data sizes and demands without compromising performance.
- **Secure Data Transfers:** Implements strong encryption protocols for data integrity and security.

What benefits and ROI should users consider in reviews?

- **Improved Efficiency:** Streamlines data management tasks, reducing manual intervention.
- **Cost-Effective:** Optimizes data transfer processes, lowering operational costs.
- **Enhanced Data Accessibility:** Provides quick access to data from any location, aiding decision-making.
- **Time Savings:** Reduces the time needed for complex data migration activities.

NetApp Cloud Sync is widely implemented in industries like finance, healthcare, and retail to facilitate data migration to the cloud. Its adaptability and robust performance in managing large datasets make it ideal for these sectors, where data accessibility and integrity are crucial for operations.

Valuable Features

Excerpts from real customer reviews on PeerSpot:



“NetApp Cloud Sync has impacted my organization positively by significantly reducing downtime.”



Sanjay Singh Bisht

Assistant Manager at a outsourcing company with 51-200 employees



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“The customer support for NetApp Cloud Sync is very good; support is provided immediately, and issues are resolved very quickly.”



Sankar Prabhu

Storage Administrator at a logistics company with 10,001+ employees

What users had to say about valuable features:

“Personally, the best features in NetApp Cloud Sync are its simplicity and trustworthiness. When you talk about your file data, which is really important for a manufacturing company like ours, having this peace of mind that the product is working and doing what it is supposed to do without corrupting files is invaluable.

“The incremental sync in NetApp Cloud Sync impacts the data transfer process in a really positive way because it is lowering the total bandwidth usage of the WAN. It synchronizes only the incremental changes, not the full changes. So it is our de facto standard.

“I would assess the effectiveness of NetApp Cloud Sync's synchronization status and visualization as really good. As I said initially, it really provides peace of mind when you work with this vendor for a big service such as file services. When you compare it, for example, with Microsoft, they have DFS, but DFS is not so well reported and not so easy to work with in terms of operational administrative tasks. NetApp is really ahead when it comes to this..”

Mircea Sandu

Solutions Architect at SC PROSERVICECORP SRL

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“The best features for NetApp Cloud Sync are automating data migration between on-premises and cloud storage and performing continuous synchronization. It supports multiple protocols such as NFS, CIFS, and other object storage protocols, enhances data security and cloud security on the NetApp side, and provides great scalability and flexible storage.

I find myself relying most on automated data migration, continuous synchronization, supporting multiple protocols, and the scalability and flexibility. NetApp Cloud Sync simplifies migrating between one site to another in the cloud environment and allows users to set predefined schedules for data transfer. The synchronization feature ensures that once data is transferred to NetApp Cloud Sync, it is synced continuously according to schedules, moving data from one site to another, optimizing bandwidth usage and reducing the cost associated with data replication. The support for multiple protocols in the NAS environment, such as NFS for Linux and CIFS for Windows, integrates well into the existing architecture. The service is designed for managing very large volumes of data with efficiency and is also very flexible.

NetApp Cloud Sync can be used for data migration, continuous synchronization, and protocol support..”

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“NetApp Cloud Sync offers plenty of capabilities. Some of them are broad storage compatibility, which can synchronize data between on-premises NAS, cloud file services, and object storage across AWS, Google Cloud, and Azure. The second feature is flexible scheduling. A job sync can run on schedule as frequently as every minute or I can set custom intervals that fit the business requirement. Third is hybrid or multi-cloud support, which simplifies moving data between on-premises infrastructure and multiple cloud providers without requiring application changes in many migration scenarios. Another feature is centralized management where an administrator can monitor, create, or manage sync relations through a SaaS-based management console instead of configuring each transform manually. Another point is minimal downtime migration. The organization can perform an initial bulk copy while systems remain in use, then synchronize only the latest change before the cutover, which helps in reducing the maintenance window downtime.

“NetApp Cloud Sync has impacted my organization positively by significantly reducing downtime. Downtime has been reduced by performing a bulk initial copy followed by much smaller incremental updates, and low bandwidth consumption is achieved because only changed data is getting transferred after the initial sync. Specific metrics vary, depending upon the size of the data set and storage system. I do not believe it would be accurate to invent numbers such as 50% faster or 90% faster without accurate data.

“Out of the features I mentioned such as flexible scheduling, multi-cloud support, and centralized management, the ones I rely on the most are broad endpoint support, which can synchronize data across on-premises NAS, cloud, and object storage from multiple cloud providers. Simple, SaaS-based management stands out to me as well; an administrator can configure and monitor sync relationships from a centralized interface rather than building and maintaining custom scripts. Also, the efficient migration workflow, the ability to perform an initial large copy followed by small incremental updates helps minimize disruption during cutovers..”

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Other Solutions Considered

“I am not using any alternatives for the NetApp solution; the only alternative is the one that I have mentioned earlier. It is Microsoft with their Windows Server as an alternative for NetApp when it comes to file services. However, that is the industry-standard go-to..”

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ROI

Real user quotes about their ROI:

“When it comes to ROI, the biggest return comes from reducing migration time and manual effort. Instead of coordinating multiple manual file copy jobs over several weekends, the team completed an initial synchronization in advance and only transferred incremental changes during the final cutover, which reduced the downtime and minimized IT staff involvement during the migration. This also helps the business keep running with minimum disruption..”

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Use Case

“The company uses NetApp Cloud Sync for synchronizing on-premises file servers with Azure Cloud, hosting NetApp file servers on various storage arrays, either physical or virtual as VMware VMs. This setup is present across approximately 60 locations, utilizing Azure NetApp CVO for cloud volume synchronization..”

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“NetApp Cloud Sync is used for efficient data migration and synchronization across cloud and on-premises storage, as well as for secure environments on the cloud side.

NetApp Cloud Sync supports multiple data formats including NFS and CIFS, the NAS protocol, as well as object storage protocols for services such as Amazon and Amazon FSx..”

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“My main use case for NetApp Cloud Sync is the synchronization of data between on-premises storage and the cloud storage for migration and other applications. There are multiple use cases when it comes to NetApp Cloud Sync.

“A specific example of how I use NetApp Cloud Sync for synchronizing data between on-premises storage and the cloud is when we use Cloud Sync to migrate approximately 20 terabytes of project files from an on-premises NAS to cloud storage. Instead of taking a long downtime window, we run an initial sync while the users continue working, then perform a final incremental sync during a scheduled maintenance window. This minimizes the disruption and helps us to switch to the cloud without any short outage.

“The most common deployment for NetApp Cloud Sync in my organization is the hybrid cloud. NetApp Cloud Sync is designed to synchronize between on-premises and the cloud storage..”

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Setup

The setup process involves configuring and preparing the product or service for use, which may include tasks such as installation, account creation, initial configuration, and troubleshooting any issues that may arise. Below you can find real user quotes about the setup process.

“My experience with the pricing, setup cost, and licensing is that pricing is generally considered reasonable for synchronization, though the cost can increase with larger data sets and volumes. The setup cost is usually moderate. The licensing is typically viewed as straightforward, with a license tied to synchronization relationships rather than being overly complex..”

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“Regarding the deployment process of NetApp Cloud Sync, there are no challenges or complexities with implementation as it is actually a really simple service to use.

“The time it takes to deploy NetApp Cloud Sync really depends on your familiarity with the technology. It can take from a few hours to a few days, depending on whether the infrastructure is pre-configured. For experienced engineers, deployments are standardized, and configurations take a few hours maximum..”

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Customer Service and Support

“I would rate NetApp's technical support with a strong 9 out of 10. They are really communicative, and you do not have to wait for them the way you have to wait for VMware support..”

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Solutions Architect at SC PROSERVICECORP SRL

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Other Advice

“The benefits of using NetApp Cloud Sync include support for multi-level protocols and data migration, enhancing collaboration on the storage side, as well as speed, data security, and process flexibility.

With NetApp storage systems such as Cloud Volumes services, [Amazon FSx](#), and [NetApp ONTAP](#), NetApp Cloud Sync provides very rapid and reliable synchronization in any direction, allowing for replication of data from one site to another very quickly and according to a schedule, making the tool easy and automated. This review has an overall rating of 9..”

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“NetApp Cloud Sync is deployed through Azure Cloud, and this is the only architecture that we have. We do not have any other vendors in the cloud to do this with NetApp. So this is our standardization.

“I would assess the integration of NetApp with third-party tools as quite adequate, as I do not come across any challenges when integrating with existing infrastructure. We use ONTAP Select deployed appliance and VMs on top of VMware. All integrations such as monitoring and reporting have good API, knowledge bases, and excellent support from NetApp.

“When it comes to handling large-scale migration, NetApp Cloud Sync works quite well, and their MetroCluster, SVM migrations, and all these features work extraordinarily and make it really easy to do big migrations.

“I would rate this review as a 9 overall..”

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“I would rate NetApp Cloud Sync an 8 out of 10.

“I chose that rating because it is well-regarded for reliable hybrid cloud storage support and efficient incremental sync, while users often point to opportunities for improvement in reporting, monitoring, and advanced management features.

“Regarding the advanced AI capabilities of NetApp Cloud Sync in terms of governance and security, NetApp Cloud Sync is not primarily an AI product. I would not categorize it in terms of AI governance or AI security. However, if the question is about data governance and security, it is generally viewed as having solid, enterprise-oriented capabilities, which includes secure data transfer using encrypted connections, authentication and role-based access through the connected cloud platforms, NetApp services, and centralized management of synchronization relationships, and support for hybrid and multi-cloud

environments.

“Since NetApp Cloud Sync is a data synchronization tool rather than an AI system, it does not produce AI-generated outcomes that can be evaluated for accuracy in the usual sense. Instead, its value is measured by the reliability and integrity of data synchronization, whether the files are transferred correctly, changes are synchronized correctly and consistently, and synchronization jobs are completed successfully.

“My advice for others looking into using NetApp Cloud Sync is that if you have a large amount of data to be transferred between multiple cloud environments, you should go with NetApp Cloud Sync. Plan your migration first by assessing your data volume, network bandwidth, and synchronization schedule so you can perform a bulk initial copy followed by incremental synchronization during the final cutover with the help of NetApp Cloud Sync. You should first test with a smaller data set, then proceed with the larger data set. NetApp Cloud Sync is a strong option because of its broader storage support and centralized management. My overall rating for this product is an 8 out of 10..”

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