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### Multi-temperature Data Management

**Hot Data**
- Native Storage Extension (NSE)
- Extension Node
- Dynamic Tiering

**Warm Data**
- NLS IQ (BW only)

**Cold Data**
- Spark Controller / Hadoop
- SAP IQ
- ILM / SAP ADK Files

#### Today's Situation

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#### Dell Technologies Solutions for SAP HANA Data Tiering

Optimize SAP with native application data management and placement
- Lower TCO and SAP licensing costs by reducing the amount of data in expensive DRAM.
- Apply SAP data archiving to reduce the size of the SAP ERP database prior to SAP S/4HANA migration.
- Set an IT foundation ready to support your SAP data temperatures (hot, warm, cold) and data placement strategy.

Dell Technologies broad solutions portfolio
- Run SAP from edge to core to cloud.
- Platforms for consolidating and simplifying IT running SAP landscapes.
- Comprehensive data and infrastructure services for
- “Always-on” mission-critical SAP.
- Integration with SAP LaMa for managing physical and virtual landscapes.
- Backup and restore directly from SAP HANA Studio using Dell PowerProtect DD Series Appliances.

**SAP Data Temperatures**

- **Hot Store**
  - Used to store business-critical data for real-time processing and real-time analytics. Data is retained "in-memory" within SAP HANA to guarantee performance and consists of the standard dynamic random-access memory (DRAM).

- **Warm Store**
  - Used for less critical data with reduced performance and SLAs that can be stored on inexpensive storage but still managed as unified part of the SAP HANA database. Data is stored on dedicated "in-memory" nodes (Extension Nodes) with a relaxed sizing ratio.

- **Cold Store**
  - Used to store large amounts of data which is accessed sporadically and in a highly restricted manner. The data is stored in inexpensive storage layers, like HDFS, Azure Data Lake and SAP Big Data Services. Although it is no longer part of the SAP HANA database, it can still be accessed at any time.

**Which Data Tier Should You Use?**

The answer: it depends. A data tiering strategy needs to be aligned with your SAP HANA deployment – the data processing tier, cost and performance characteristics must be suited to the application profile.
As illustrated below, with Dell Technologies solutions for SAP Data Tiering, IT can deploy an SAP HANA TDI certified infrastructure foundation ready to support a “holistic” data management model for SAP HANA landscapes.

Dell Infrastructure Solutions for SAP Data Tiering

Dell Infrastructure for SAP Native Storage Extension (NSE)

SAP has introduced several ways to manage the warm store but positions the Native Storage Extension (NSE) released with SAP HANA 2.0 SPS 04 is the option IT should consider first.

Benefits include:

- Increase SAP HANA data capacity at low TCO.
- Add warm storage data, up to 1:4 ratio of SAP HANA hot data in-memory to warm data on disk.
  NSE disk store ≤ 10TB, for initial SAP HANA release.
- Deeply integrate warm data tier, with full SAP HANA functionality.
- Support all SAP HANA data types and data models.
- Complement, without replacing, other warm data tiering solutions.

Use cases for initial SAP NSE release include:

- Growing data volumes from customer- or SAP-built HANA applications.
- SAP S/4HANA data aging (NSE is an evolution of “paged attributes”).

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Hot Data

- Native Storage Extension – NSE
- Extension Node
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Running Intel Optane for persistence tier

PowerEdge

Managed as unified part of SAP HANA database

PowerMax

Big data managed separate from SAP HANA database, but still accessible

PowerScale

SAP HANA memory

Workspace

Hot

Warm Buffer cache

Persistence layer

Dell Infrastructure solutions for SAP HANA Data Tiering: Lower TCO and licensing costs

- Enhance capacity and data volume management with persistent memory (PMEM)
  - Lower TCO with higher capacity (PMEM replaces DRAM).
  - Using extension nodes with SAP BW, you can overload a node by a factor of 4 with no performance impact for warm data on the extension node.
- Consolidation platform lowers TCO running legacy SAP ERP and SAP HANA landscapes
  - Supports Native Storage Extension (NSE) for SAP S/4HANA data aging, providing 1:4 ratio for hot to warm data (not larger than 10TB for initial SAP HANA release).
  - Supports data tiering options for SAP BW on HANA and SAP BW/4HANA for data temperatures.
- Big data managed separately from the SAP HANA database but still accessible at any time
  - SAP BW Near Line Storage (NLS) IQ | SAP BW/4HANA Data Tiering Optimization (DTO) with IQ.
  - SAP Suite on HANA (SoH) and SAP S/4HANA: ILM Store with IQ and Archiving.

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(This SAP Solution Brief provides a good introduction to recommended data tiering approaches for SAP and native applications.)

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