

# NetBackup RealTime Protection 6.5

## Advanced Recovery for Critical Applications

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### Overview

Businesses must find better ways to protect against data loss and improve recovery times for mission critical applications. Recent advancements in disk-based data protection technologies have improved the speed and throughput of backup and recovery operations. However, most organizations still struggle to find practical methods of increasing recovery points to more than once per day. Critical applications are also burdened with alarming growth rates that make backup and recovery difficult without increased strain on data center infrastructure. Businesses need advanced recovery technologies that can improve recovery objectives and reduce the impact on data center infrastructure.

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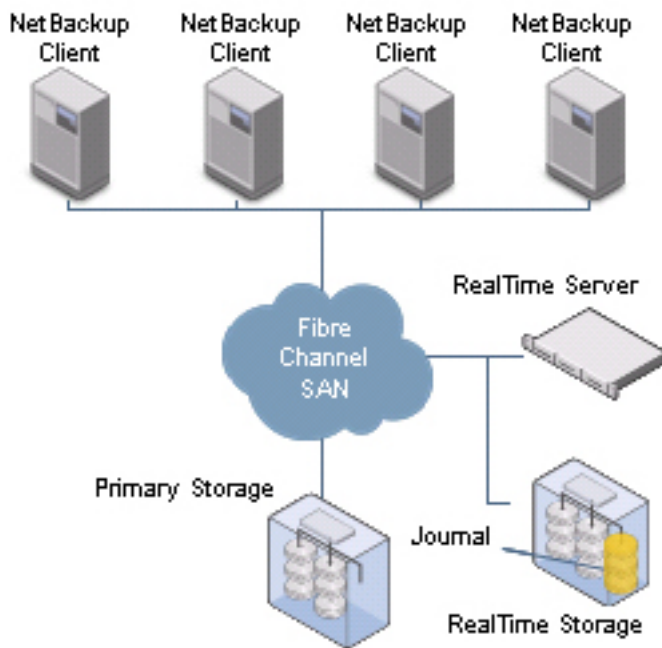
### The Symantec solution

NetBackup RealTime Protection is a new addition to NetBackup's portfolio of disk-based recovery technologies that offers advanced recovery for mission critical data center applications. RealTime provides continuous data protection by capturing all changes to application data and helping customers eliminate potential data loss. It also enables fast disk-based recovery and granular restore capabilities to help organizations meet even the most demanding recovery objectives. RealTime reduces strain on data center infrastructure by minimizing local network traffic and eliminating the need for backup windows normally associated with regularly scheduled backups. And unlike competing continuous data protection offerings,

RealTime is the only one that is fully integrated with Symantec's industry leading NetBackup software.

### Key Features and Benefits

- Continuous data protection helps eliminate potential data loss by tracking and protecting all changes to application data
- Fast and simple recovery with NetBackup recovery operations allow fast recovery from disk-based images
- Integrated off-host backups help avoid application performance impact during backup cycles with NetBackup managed off-host backups directly from the RealTime Server
- Space-efficient TimeImages provide storage independent snapshots for cost effective use of storage assets



RealTime uses a dedicated server/storage architecture with a journal of application changes to provide continuously protection

### Continuous data protection

NetBackup RealTime Protection protects applications and databases by continuously streaming changes to dedicated storage assets where they are protected for a period of time set by administrators. RealTime maintains a journal of all changes during the protection period to give administrators the ability to recover critical applications to any point in time, thereby eliminating potential data loss. Administrators can also schedule frequent recovery markers in the stream of application changes to ensure they have known recovery points that represent consistent points in time for fast reliable recovery of critical applications or databases. This

enables backup administrators to easily meet Recovery Point Objectives that are less than 24 hours.

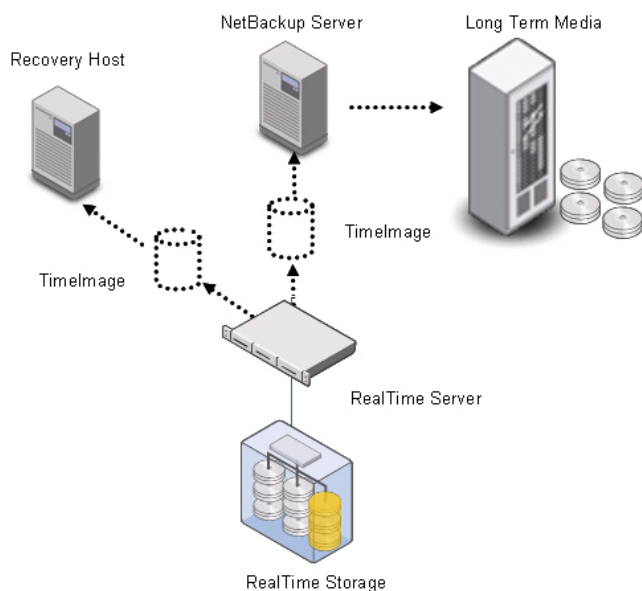
### Fast and simple recovery with NetBackup

NetBackup delivers a smooth recovery experience with the ability to perform recovery of a full application image or granular recovery of individual application objects. This gives RealTime users the ability to restore the right level of information to the right point in time using the NetBackup interface. NetBackup is used to create policies for applications protected by RealTime. Once a policy is in place, administrators can follow standard NetBackup workflows for backup and recovery tasks. During recovery operations, administrators use NetBackup to select a previously marked RealTime image from which to restore data. Once an image is selected, administrators can restore the entire application or application objects from within the recovery image. Additionally, NetBackup application agents for Oracle and Exchange help ensure recovered images and objects are consistent upon recovery to reduce overall recovery times and uncertainty.

### Integrated off-host backups

RealTime can present snapshots called TimeImages to NetBackup servers. TimeImages are used by NetBackup as the source for off-host backups, instead of production server resources. This is similar to the way NetBackup performs off-host backups with more traditional snapshot technologies. By using off-host storage resources for backup, organizations eliminate the need

to burden production applications with the impact of full or incremental backups. Requirements for lengthy backup windows can be eliminated completely. And because RealTime can retain days or even weeks worth of protected data with low storage requirements, organizations can use RealTime as the primary recovery vehicle for all near-term restore operations. As a result organizations may consider reducing the number and frequency of full or incremental backups to tape, both simplifying backup operations and reducing the infrastructure costs of backup and recovery.



### Space-efficient snapshots

RealTime Timelimages are point-in-time copies that are an excellent alternative to traditional snapshot technologies for backup and recovery. Timelimages provides storage savings with space-efficient snapshots

that require no additional storage. By using existing RealTime storage assets and a journal of application changes, RealTime can create point-in-time copies that represent any point tracked by RealTime journal. Additional storage savings can be achieved through RealTime's heterogeneous storage architecture that allows organizations to use lower tiers of storage instead of expensive storage often required with array based snapshot technologies. RealTime Timelimages are instantly available to proxy servers where the images can be used for backup and recovery or any number of activities that require copies of production data.

### Other features & benefits

- **Automated discovery & recovery of host assets** helps organizations easily identify storage assets associated with critical applications to facilitate convenient protection setup and recovery.
- **Application intelligence through NetBackup** application agents for Oracle Databases and Microsoft Exchange helps protect application consistency for reliable recovery of critical database.
- **Consistency markers** can be scheduled or inserted manually by administrators prior to application events to provide known recovery points helping to speed recovery times.
- **Multi-host consistency protection** gives administrators the ability to protect federated applications that have interdependencies between separate physical or virtual servers
- **High performance architecture** makes use of high

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speed SAN technologies and performance protection features to help ensure maximum performance of protected applications at all times

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### **System and platform support**

NetBackup RealTime Protection is a software appliance that can be installed on a broad range of server/storage combinations. In addition to a server with RealTime software, protection requires a NetBackup or RealTime client.

#### ***RealTime client platform support\****

- Microsoft Windows Server 2003
- Sun Solaris 9,10

#### ***RealTime application agent support\****

- Microsoft Server Exchange 2003, 2007
- Microsoft SQL Server 2005
- Oracle Databases

\* Always check the NetBackup RealTime Protection compatibility list on the Symantec support site for the latest information on supported versions and patch levels.

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