

# Simplify Adding Cloud to Your Infrastructure

## Add Cloud to Your Storage Choices with StrongLink

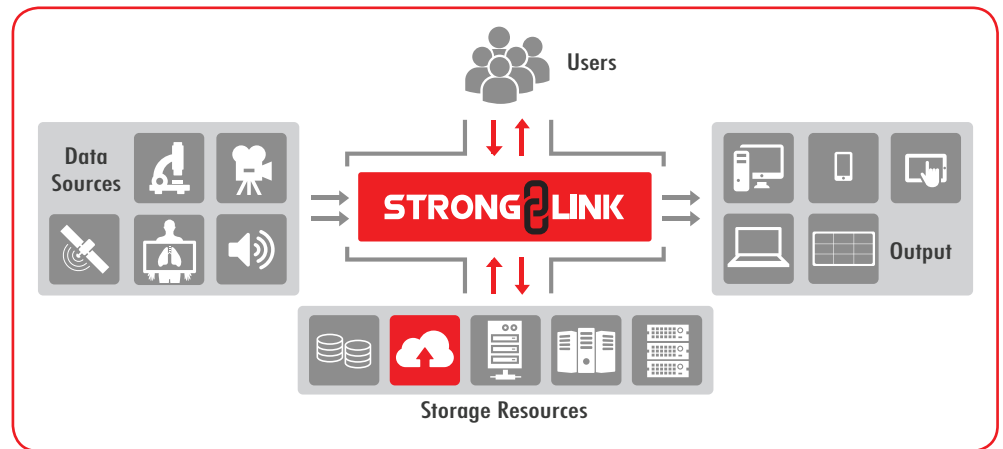
StrongLink works with any existing file system; no need to buy expensive filers or cache-based cloud gateways.

StrongLink® is designed to make adding cloud into your existing storage environments quick and easy, without causing disruption to applications and users, or adding complexity to IT staff.

With StrongLink you do not have to change your client applications or code to conform to web services APIs. StrongLink does all the translating for you, allowing you to immediately take advantage of adding a cloud tier into your current storage environment simply and securely.

Packed with rich data management capabilities, StrongLink is designed to grow as your data grows, allowing you to start with your existing storage today, and painlessly expand your environment into a Global Namespace with on-site and off-site heterogeneous storage from any vendor. With its metadata-driven policy engine, StrongLink enables seamless data migration and file movement between primary storage, cloud and archive. StrongLink works with any existing file systems and object storage, meaning there is no need to buy expensive new filers or cache-based cloud gateways.

Running out of capacity? StrongLink can even breathe new life into your legacy and proprietary storage systems allowing you to use what you already own and connect it to any storage seamlessly. StrongLink is delivered as a virtual machine or as an appliance to facilitate rapid deployment.



StrongLink simplifies adding public or private cloud storage to your storage resources. Easy for administrators to manage, transparent to users.

## We'll Help You Maximize Cost Savings

StrongLink provides intelligent and automated migration of data between different storage types or tiers. This frees up expensive low capacity/high performance storage for active data while placing archival data on higher volume, less expensive cloud storage.

StrongLink delivers a virtual storage architecture that does not require you to rip-and-replace your current storage, and allows easy expansion without adding workload to IT staff or interrupting user workflows. StrongLink simplifies the management of both data and storage, in a resilient, self-healing, no-single-point-of-failure architecture. The simplicity of adding new storage types enables you to break vendor lock-in, without adding management complexity.

StrongLink simplifies adding cloud to your storage choices, appearing to users just like local storage.

## Your Files Are Always Where You Need Them

StrongLink provides a local file system front-end to cloud-based storage, so users can access to their files stored in the cloud as with familiar protocols and drag-n-drop simplicity. StrongLink enables any storage to be accessed via any standard protocol, including CIFS/SMB, NFS, FTP, and other protocols such as W3C standard and S3 protocols.

StrongLink also performs intelligent metadata discovery, harvesting and indexing for data classification and powerful search capabilities across any file, object, metadata, or storage type. With StrongLink you can enable robust search for all your data, whether on local storage, network storage or cloud connected.

Don't be limited by bandwidth constrictions. StrongLink also features local cache for metadata associated with migrated files to make sure that local file system operations don't trigger unintended expensive recalls of data from cloud services.

## Complete Data Protection And Archive For Your Data

StrongLink makes it easy to archive and preserve your data in a cloud service. Meet your compliance and governance requirements and ensure data provenance with data protection you can trust on-site, off-site, and in the cloud. StrongLink protects your data with a immutable audit trails, and a versioning system that lets you turn back the clock to see individual files or entire file systems at a previous point in time. With StrongLink, your data is safe and future-proofed.

Companies with a single site looking to protect their data offsite can easily copy content into the cloud to ensure against localized data disasters. The policy engine makes moving data into the cloud secure and reliable. You control how much and when to use the cloud.

Confidently move your data into the cloud because StrongLink ensures data integrity and security. Also, StrongLink works with your current authentication scheme, allowing you to maintain existing Access Control Lists (ACLs) or Active Directory authentication into the Cloud

## We Orchestrate the Tiering of Files To The Cloud

StrongLink automates data tiering to the cloud, and then performs all the necessary operations to ensure that the data is migrated successfully. File migration is seamless and does not disrupt users or application access.

StrongLink goes well beyond traditional HSM solutions, by leveraging any metadata fragment to trigger data migration to cloud, object, or other storage type. In this way, StrongLink can bridge across incompatible storage systems to automate placement of the right data into the cloud when you need it, to maximize cost savings without adding administrative burden.

Schedule cloud migrations through the policy engine to minimize impact on your network when moving a large number of files. Migrations can be scheduled to occur during off-peak hours to further reduce network load and minimize the need for additional bandwidth.

StrongLink gives you the tools to simplify adding cloud storage to your existing storage environment, so you can take advantage of the benefits of cloud without adding complexity or risk.

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