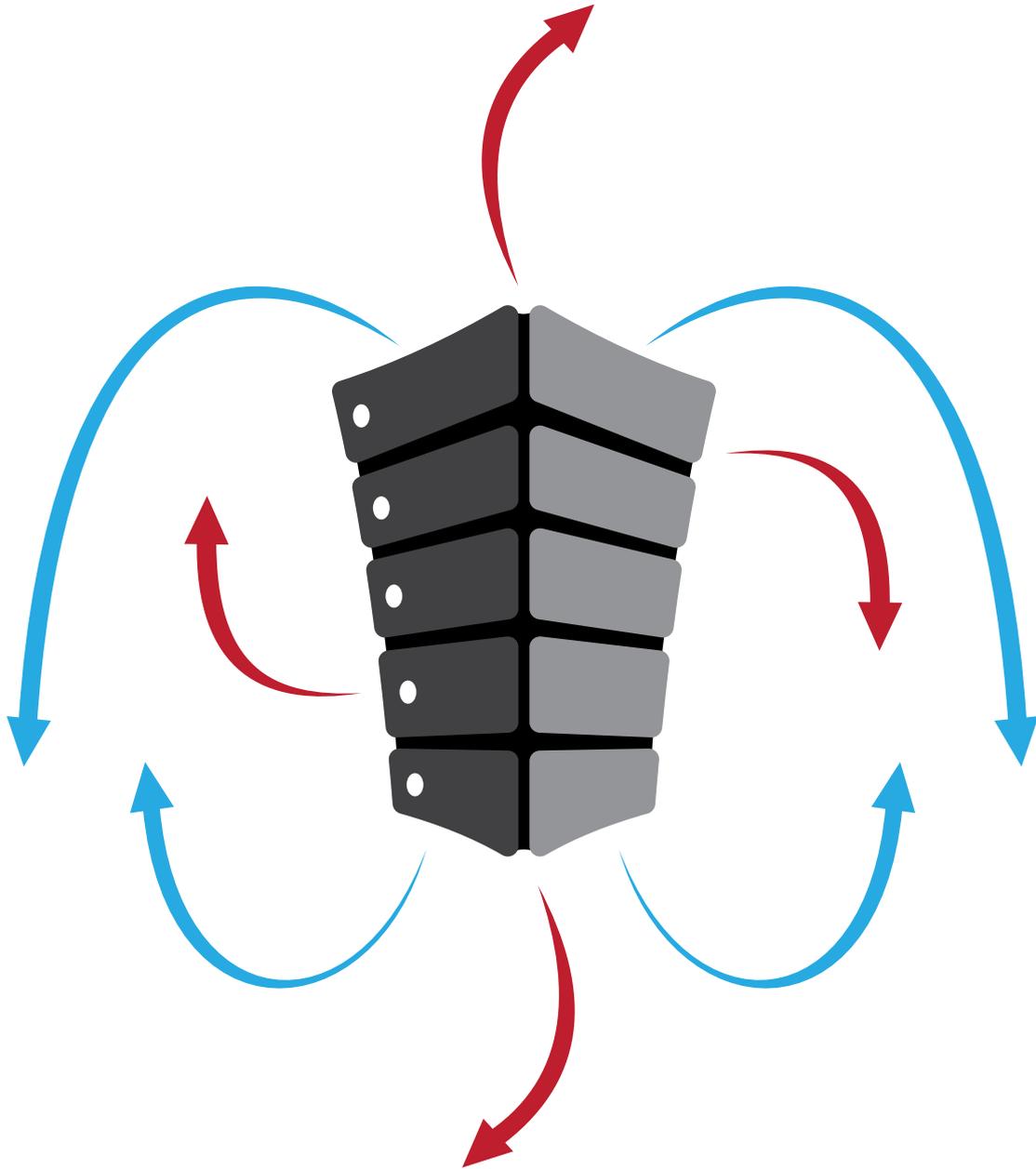
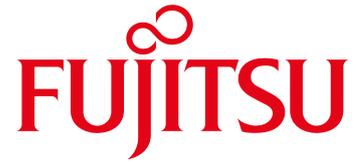




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# STORAGE MODERNISATION

AN EVALUATION AND DECISION GUIDE FOR IT TEAMS

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## WHAT TO EXPECT FROM A MODERN STORAGE SYSTEM

Storage technology has advanced considerably over the past few years. Capabilities that were previously prohibitively expensive to buy or too complex to implement can now be purchased as standard features and options, delivered as part of a future-proof total solution that's fast, efficient and very easy to operate. Smaller businesses can now enjoy features that not long ago were only within the reach of large enterprises with lots of budget, skills and resources.



**PERFORMANCE**

Fast multi-core processors, low-latency flash options, the latest high-speed networking, and sophisticated caching translate to inherently high performance and scalability. Self-tuning features then ensure continuous optimisation.

Flexible architecture means you can mix flash and disk to your needs, then add/replace media to enable growth or exploit new media options. Automated tiering and QoS management enables support for any mix of workloads.

**FLEXIBILITY**



**AVAILABILITY**

In-built snapshotting, replication, mirroring and rapid recovery options, including between different combinations of flash, disk and hybrid systems, protects data from loss, while minimising downtime.

Intelligent automation greatly reduces admin time and effort, while continuous compression and de-duplication boosts physical space utilisation. Operational overheads are then further reduced through better energy efficiency.

**EFFICIENCY**



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**SECURITY / LEGAL**

Powerful processors allow data encryption/decryption with little/no impact on performance. Where regulations dictate, encryption, compression and de-dupe can be selectively disabled so data remains in its original form.

Make the right investments, and today it's possible to procure a storage solution that will meet your needs for many years to come, meaning you can focus both your time and budget on adding business value. But how do you form the business case to modernise your storage environment? First let's look at the needs and priorities that drive decisions.