



## Key Benefits

- Provides key information to better manage file storage environments
- Offers insight into storage utilization, age of data, and capacity growth with a powerful set of reporting tools
- Helps identify file data trends to create effective file management policies
- Speeds and simplifies deployment of F5 file virtualization technology

## Data Manager

### Easily deploy, manage, and optimize virtualized file storage environments

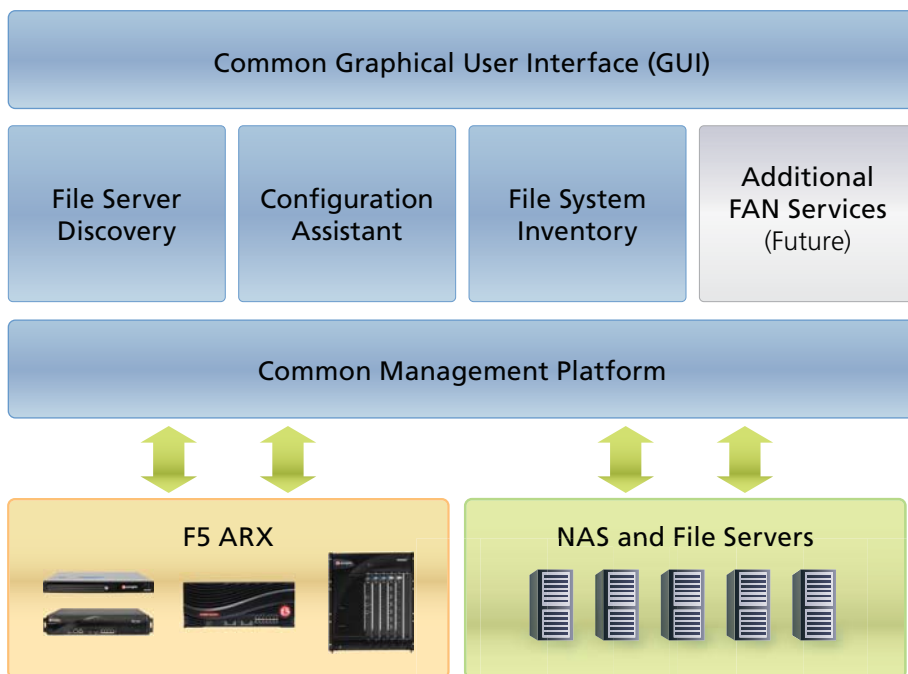
As the volume of file data increases rapidly—from spreadsheets and presentations to rich media audio files and digital images—and regulatory and legal requirements compel organizations to retain data for longer periods of time, organizations are turning to file virtualization solutions to address the cost and complexity of file storage growth.

F5® Data Manager simplifies file virtualization deployments and helps you better monitor multiple file storage resources with a centralized, extensible storage management platform. Data Manager gives you a detailed understanding of your unique file storage structure and enables you to identify and apply better data management policies to create a more efficient and cost-effective storage environment.

### Manage Multiple Resources with a Centralized, Extensible Platform

The Data Manager GUI is specifically built to manage heterogeneous file storage environments. Data Manager auto-discovers key attributes about your file storage environment, such as volumes, shares, exports, security settings, file system settings, and more. Then your choice of add-on software modules extends these capabilities to meet your organization’s unique file management needs.

The Data Manager architecture provides a centralized, extensible storage management platform.





### Create a Smarter Storage Strategy

With the rapid growth of file data and the corresponding increase in storage cost and complexity, the ability to understand your file storage environment is more important than ever. Data Manager's File System Inventory add-on software module provides the next level of detail you need to intelligently manage your file data. This information—including which file types are being created, who's creating them, how quickly they age, and which resources they consume—is essential for creating a flexible file storage strategy that can respond to and help you plan for future growth.

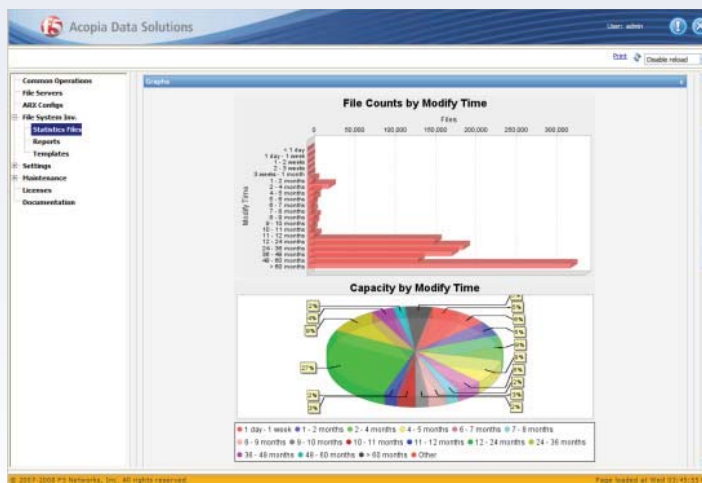
With deep file system discovery, rich data profiling capabilities, and powerful reporting tools, the File System Inventory module helps you identify trends in your file data, create effective file management policies, and make better decisions for your file storage environment.

### Put File Virtualization on the Fast Track

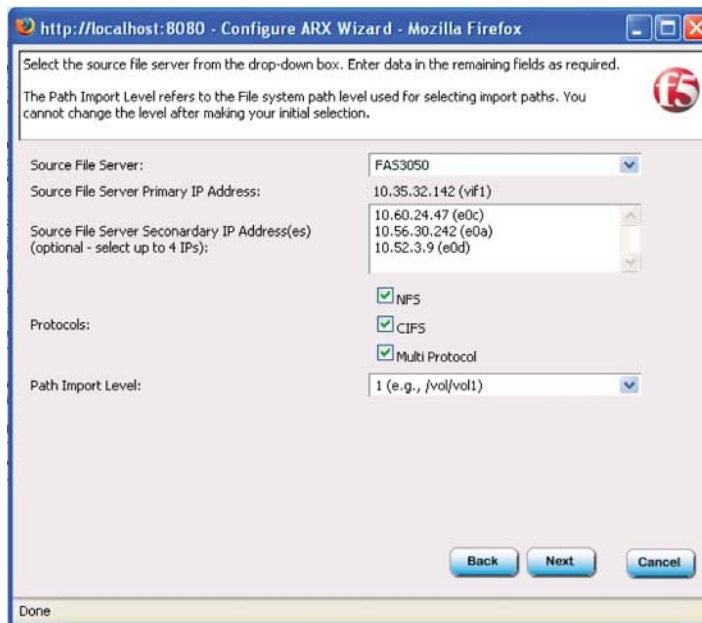
F5® ARX® series file virtualization solutions provide a proven method for effectively managing rapid storage growth while reducing operational and capital expenses. F5 Data Manager makes it easy to deploy these file virtualization solutions across heterogeneous environments, even at sites with limited IT resources. The Data Manager's Configuration Assistant module uses the key information gained through profiling your file storage environment to accelerate the deployment of ARX solutions and minimize deployment errors.

Using discovered information, the Configuration Assistant module automatically generates a workflow that configures an ARX switch to virtualize your NAS and file server environment. This gives you the ability to effectively manage unstructured file data without disrupting systems, applications, or users. Data Manager Configuration Assistant even generates file server inventory reports, summarizing file server configuration for your records.

This process provides a simplified, standard workflow that minimizes errors and significantly reduces file virtualization deployment time. With Data Manager, you'll begin realizing the tremendous benefits of file virtualization—and realizing your ROI—more quickly than ever before.



Deep file system discovery, rich data profiling, and powerful reporting give storage administrators a detailed look inside the file data environment.



The Data Manager wizard-driven GUI offers easy management of heterogeneous storage environments.



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