

Business Challenge for Storage Administrators

Storage spawns where it is needed. This leaves IT to manage many islands of storage devices scattered across the enterprise. Compliance requirements, multimedia-rich applications, unstructured content and a proliferation of databases are pushing IT departments to increase the size and complexity of their storage networks. All of this is occurring at a time when the need for centralized storage management has never been greater.

Technology and Training

The storage market is chock-full of powerful technologies provided by a number of different companies. Many of their products have been acquired by your organization during the last two years. As a result, one of the biggest problems related to storage management today is that every storage tool comes with a separate management console that needs to be mastered. This means that storage management team members are drowning in a sea of training manuals and the process of documenting simple tasks is becoming more complex and a never-ending chore.

Solution Highlights

Quick Picture of Environment Getting an upfront and detailed inventory of the current storage environment will save a lot of time, as well as avoid aggravation during and after migration to the consolidated infrastructure.

Operational Baseline Create a set of metrics to measure utilization of infrastructure components such as servers, storage and networks.

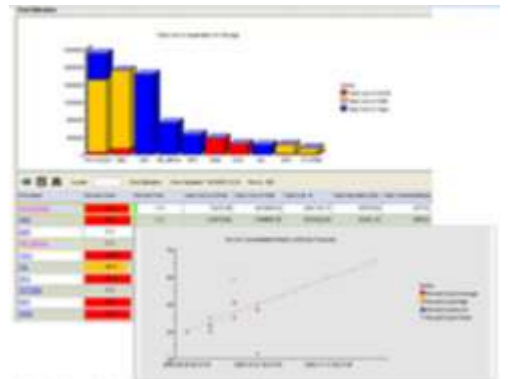
Data Analysis IT directors can compile and analyze the resultant data, find new methods to streamline operations and forecast future capacity needs more efficiently.

Manage Growth Through Automation Provide a cost effective means to research how automating and centralizing storage management processes can help reduce costs and increase efficiency.

On-Demand & Continuous Reporting Functions such as reporting and monitoring allow storage administrators to monitor, provision and support storage centrally through a single 'pane.'

Value for Administrators

- ▶ Improve density and manage costs. Storage consolidation helps the bottom line by reducing assets and optimizing existing assets
- ▶ Lower hardware/software maintenance. Increase storage capacity utilization.
- ▶ Enable more effective and efficient storage management.
- ▶ Address specific storage disciplines such as back up coverage analysis and capacity planning with trending and forecasting analysis
- ▶ Enable comprehensive storage reporting, storage accountability, and storage analytics
- ▶ Address storage capacity with emphasis on storage growth
- ▶ Enable storage cost allocation (Chargeback) functions
- ▶ Standardize and validate your dataset organization attributes



Sample Graph and Trending Report

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