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The Status of Tape Storage Technology

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Tape is the most scalable, cost effective storage. In world of explosive data growth, tape is a staple in the enterprise data center for archive and backup.

- Best Scalability

- More than 30x maximum capacity of disk
- Best TCO
 - Less than 1/15th the cost of disk*
 - Less than 1/200th the power/cooling of disk*



Source: IDC, White Paper Sponsored by EMC, The Digital Universe Decade - Are You Ready? Doc.# IDC_925, May 2010 5

Status of Disk Storage

- Displacement by flash technology for high IOPS
- Disk technology advances becoming more difficult
 - Future areal density increases will require new technology
 - Heat Assisted Magnetic Recording (HAMR), Bit Patterned Media (BPMR), Shingled Recording (SWR) or others
 - Require significant capital and R&D investment
- More and more industry consolidation
 - Western Digital (50% HDD shipment share)
 - Hitachi, IBM
 - Seagate (40% HDD shipment share)
 - Conner, Maxtor, Quantum, Samsung
 - Toshiba (10% HDD shipment share)
 - Fujitsu



Storage Technologies Areal Density Trends



Tape gets its capacity by having 1000X the recording surface area comparing a 1/2 inch cartridge to a 3 1/2 inch disk.



Disk Customer - Data Growth Scenarios

Flat to 10% CAGR

Good times indeed. Opportunity to shift storage to higher performance.

10% to 25% CAGR

- Status quo. Budget ok.
- Minor tweaks to your storage mix for performance.

25% and higher

- Challenging times ahead
- Queue up for more budget and additional floor space

Data Growth Vastly Outstrips IT Budgets

Data Center Best Practices Require Tiered Storage Efficiencies



Tiered Hardware: Automated By Software

	Disk S	torage	Tape Storage
	Primary Mission Critical Databases High-Performance Applications Flash Storage Hybrid Storage 	Secondary Fixed Content Backup and Recovery Business Continuity Snap/Mirror/Replication Online Archive 	 Video, Medical, Data Archive Regulatory Compliance Disaster Recovery
Tiered Storage Software	Business Applications (11g partitions)	Unified Storage Hybrid Storage Pool	SAM and VSM
Average Days Since creation	0 Days	30+ Days	90 Days to Forever
Recovery Time Objectives (RTO)	< Second	Seconds	Minutes

It's Not Only About Cost/TB

	Disk	Таре	
 Max shelf life (bit rot) 	10 years	30 years	
 Best practices for data migration to new technology 	3-5 years	8-12 years	
 Uncorrected Bit Error Rate, Probability (avg 1 error in x TB) 	10 ⁻¹⁴ (~10's of TB)	10 ⁻¹⁹ (~1 million TB)	
 Power and cooling 	290X	X	

"The cost of energy alone for the average disk-based (archive) solution exceeds the entire TCO of the average tape-based solution." The Clipper Group, "In Search of the Long-term Archiving Soluion, December 2010

Oracle StorageTek Tape Portfolio

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SL500

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T9840

- Industry-leading reliability and availability
- Best TCO

Best investment protection

SL24/48



StorageTek T10000C Tape Drive

Available February 1, 2011

- 5 TB native 10 TB compressed
- Performance: > 240 MB/sec native
- Fujifilm BaFe media
- Investment protection:
 - Media re-use at higher capacity with Generation 4 drive
- 2 GB buffer
- 3rd generation, 32 channel drive
- Native FC & FICON connectivity (without external control unit)







With the T10000C tape drive and SL8500 tape library, Oracle achieved the world's first Exabyte capable tape system.



Pictured: Ten string StorageTek SL8500 tape library, capable of holding 100,000 media cartridges

* Assumes 2:1 Compression

Tape Areal Density Trends



Technology Marches Forward – 10 TB Example





- 6000 carts
- TimberLine 9490 1.6 GB
- 357 sq ft
- 8200 lbs



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- 2 carts
- T10000C 5.0 TB
- 0.3 sq ft
- 1.2 lbs

Small Footprint for Tape Storage

10 PB Example

Library	Drives	Libraries	Cartridges	Sq. Ft *
StorageTek SL3000	T10000C	1	2,000	45
StorageTek SL3000	LTO-5	2	6,667	116

* Floorspace calculations include service area



T10000C Enabling Technologies for 5 TB

- Media (new BaFe media)
 - Smaller particles for improved signal-to-noise ratio
 - Reduced dimensional changes, creep, shrink, etc.
 - Lower noise media structures
- Heads (Oracle/STK head facility)
 - 3rd generation, 32 channels
 - MR (magneto resistive) >>>> GMR (giant magneto resistive)
 - Head contour for low tension, smooth media and high tape speed
 - Reduced track spacing
- Tape Path
 - Alternative guiding technologies for improved LTM control
- Recording Channel Improvements

Cross-section of Tape



SEM cross section of BaFe



Top layer is BaFe magnetic layer



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Media Details – Yesterday & Today Metal Particle (MP) Evolution



- acicular FeCo alloy with oxidized passivation shell (needle-like)
 - 9840, T10000, and LTO media





(TEM images)

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Media Details – The Latest Technology

StorageTek T10000 T2 Media is Formulated Using Barium Ferrite

- Barium Ferrite (BaFe₁₂O₁₉)
- Hexagonal, platelet
- Naturally stable oxide
- No corrosion chemically unreactive





Dispersion of BaFe (TEM images)

Higher packing fraction

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Reduced Clumping

Less media noise

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BaFe - The Ultimate Archive Media

BaFe has been shown to have superior life for long term archive applications



- 30 year accelerated test shows no change in magnetic data retention compared to current MP media⁽¹⁾
 - ¹ http://www.fujifilm.com/news/n100910.html

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Tape Bit Size Roadmap



Industry Leading Oracle Tape



Tape Software Features

- Native AES-256 bit data encryption
 - First introduced in 2006
- Tape Partitioning
 - 480 partitions in 5 sections
 - Partition size ~9GB
- End-to-End Data Integrity Validation
 - The DIV CRC of each record is written to tape with that record
 - When a record is read from tape the CRC is always checked
 - The SCSI Verify command can be used to check each record without transferring data to the application
- Linear Tape File System
 - Self-describing file system on tape
 - Metadata stored on the tape

Tape Storage Projections

- Tape continues as the archive and large scale backup media of choice
 - Expect cartridge capacities to double at approximately 2 year intervals
 - T10000C breaks this trend with 5x capacity increase
 - \$/GB reduces by roughly ½ every two years
- INSIC tape roadmap shows technology path to 32 TB on a cartridge
- Disk areal density CAGR expected to slow
- Tape will continue as the most cost effective and scalable storage tier

