

Storage Assessment



The exponential growth of data created by today's information society is a storage management and capacity challenge for today's IT organisations.

Keeping your information protected, compliant and available in line with businesses expectations requires ongoing storage capacity planning, resource deployment, utilisation management and cost containment. This creates a need for a greater understanding and future planning for an efficiency storage environment.

Can you confidently allocate and utilise storage capacity? How much of your technical and usage data about your storage is locked up in silos? How does the business use your storage resources? How effective are your management tools? Can your IT budget cover the growing need for storage in your organisation?

Dimension Data can help you unlock and interpret this information. Our Storage Assessment can assess, analyse and provide recommendations about your current storage environment and future requirements. The assessment will help you understand and improve your ability to manage current storage systems, applications and information.

Our approach

1. Discovery

- Dimension Data consultants facilitate workshop with relevant technical and management stakeholders in your organisation
- Understanding and agreement of business needs and solution requirements
- Scope of assessment defined

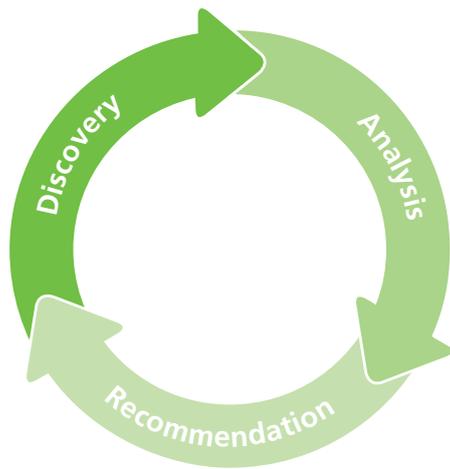
2. Analysis

- In-depth interviews with end-users and back up administrators
- Synthesised view of current architecture

- Establish service level agreement expectation
- Addresses current architectural elements such as network and applications
- Collect information such as basic host server inventory; storage capacity and utilisation; server configuration and performance; support and maintenance issues and disk sub-system configuration

3. Recommendation

- Consolidated report based on findings from the assessment and evaluation phases
- Identifies key exposures and risks
- Findings report that includes:
 - Key exposures and issues
 - Recommendations to resolve exposures and issues
 - Recommended configuration changes
 - Recommendations on infrastructure improvement



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Why the Storage Assessment?

Dimension Data's Storage Assessment will help you understand how to reduce the time and effort required to manage your storage environment, while improving service delivery to the business. It will review existing procedures and tools used to manage the environment and Dimension Data's consultants will make best practice recommendations based on our experience in server and storage projects from around the world. The findings report provides a comprehensive blueprint of your existing storage environment and makes recommendations that will help you plan initiatives, purchases and resource utilisation in the short, medium and long term. This avoids the expense and effort involved in knee-jerk decisions and reduces

Why Dimension Data?

Dimension Data is a specialist IT solution and service with domain expertise in networking, converged communications, security, data centre and storage, Microsoft and contact centre technologies and core capabilities in consulting, integration and managed services. The Storage Assessment is one in a series of services in Dimension Data's portfolio of data centre and storage solutions that help organisations reduce the risk associated with IT disruption, improve operational efficiency and minimise cost and complexity.

You benefit from our partnerships with leading technology vendors, coupled with an in-depth understanding of the processes and procedures required to make the data

centre work.

Complementary Services

Data Profiler Assessment

Dimension Data's Data Profiler is a non-intrusive assessment service that classifies existing data and enables organisations to proactively manage their storage environment through best practice recommendations. Added visibility puts businesses in control of how they utilise their storage capabilities, and gives clarity on what measures can be taken to maximise their technology investment.

Data Minimisation Assessment

Dimension Data's Data Minimisation Service takes the information generated by the Profiler and tests it against 70 metrics. From this it generates a report that will help analyse your organisation's data storage cost profile, providing a TCO