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Data Storage: One Size Does Not Fit All

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Agenda

- Introduction to The Sageza Group, Inc.
- Global Business Challenges
- Enterprise IT Needs Are Changing
- Business Data = Business Critical
- What Is Effective Data Storage?
- Storage: One Size Does Not Fit All
- Creating Effective Enterprise Storage
- The Benefits of Consolidated Storage

The Sageza Group

- Independent market watch firm
 - Fact-based forward-looking analysis
 - Focused on enterprise behavior and business productivity
 - Provides services to Vendors and Enterprises
- Founded in 2001 - management start-up with key personnel from Zona Research
 - Headquartered in Silicon Valley, CA
 - European offices, London, England; Munich, Germany

Sageza – the inside story

“Sageza” from Italian word “saggezza” meaning “wisdom”

The Sageza Group

provides market insights that enable you to effectively manage within your current competitive environment, and to create your corporate future.

We do this by helping you:

- ...Understand your markets and your relative position within each market;
- ...Respond to change resulting from new products, technologies, and competitors' actions;
- ...Position your company and your products for future growth;
- ...Anticipate user reaction to new product concepts and designs.

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Global Business Challenges

- Regional issues driving global events
- Economic uncertainty
- Fierce competition
- Companies need to maximize all assets

Enterprise IT Needs Are Changing

- The days of IT for the sake of IT are over
- Business pragmatism: First and foremost, IT must support critical enterprise processes and strategies

Business Data Is Business Critical

- Why is information valuable?
- Stored data reflects a company's:
 - Historical foundations
 - Current efforts
 - Future goals
- Effective management enhances the value of stored data

What Is Effective Data Storage?

- Robust = Operates 24x7 without complication
- Scalable = Grows with the business
- Flexible = Can dynamically meet enterprise needs
- Manageable = Under IT control without undue burden
- Affordable = Cost effective with positive ROI

Storage – One Size Does Not Fit All

- Storage solutions must be optimized for the business processes they support
- Like everything, business information follows a natural lifecycle
- The best storage solutions support all phases of that lifecycle

Creating Effective Enterprise Storage

- Analyze IT resources
- Classify data before choosing a storage solution
- Design/deploy storage solutions based on application requirements
- Consolidate data assets
- Use integrated tools for consolidated storage management

The Benefits of Consolidated Storage

- Improves data access and increases utilization
- Reduces management/maintenance costs (TCO)
- Simplifies IT processes and enhances centralized management
- Offers less waste, better cost effectiveness, and increased security

Take Away Points

1. The days of IT for the sake of IT are over
2. IT must support critical processes and strategies
3. Storage technologies must be robust, flexible, scalable, easily manageable, and affordable
4. The best consolidated storage solutions support all phases of the information lifecycle
5. Effective storage management enhances the value of enterprise data assets

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Discussion

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Thank You for Your Attention

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