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Imation Storage Assessment: Destination Solution

In today's business world, data storage is strategic. The Imation Storage Assessment can help you maximize your current storage architecture and envision a manageable future. As more companies move to storage networking technologies, services such as storage assessments, proof-of-concept, and interoperability testing become important management tools.

An Imation Storage Assessment provides an in-depth, unbiased analysis of your data storage needs that will bring into focus a vision for the future.

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Imation provides independent storage services and solutions to meet changing information management needs. With Imation, you benefit from nearly 50 years of leadership in data storage media production and service. We have a global presence—operating in 60 countries—and provide storage solutions for a wide array of businesses and industries. We can supplement your internal IT resources with our industry-specific knowledge, experience, and proven problem-solving capabilities. Imaginative storage solutions for today and tomorrow—that's Imation.

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Storage Assessment



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Information to drive your data storage decisions.

Data storage and server consolidation are key business drivers in today's competitive environment. You have IT goals, but in a world where staffing and architecture models change constantly, and where e-commerce initiatives push the limits of traditional data storage architecture, it can be hard to envision your ultimate path or destination. These data storage challenges are not new, but the opportunities to solve these challenges are. Introducing the Imation Storage Assessment.

The Imation Storage Assessment is a new, proactive approach for guiding your company's data storage solutions. Our assessment provides you with an unbiased evaluation that will help you better understand your company's current storage practices and infrastructure, compare your storage model to best practices, and prioritize your future data storage needs. We deliver recommendations based on your company's future needs and capabilities—a roadmap to guide data storage management decisions.

"Last year, my company's total data storage grew to one terabyte. This year it likely will hit more than three terabytes! There's no way I can accommodate that kind of growth with in my current storage architecture. Where do I start to find a solution?"

With storage growth rates doubling annually for many companies, and storage management and monitoring becoming more complex, the challenge is to know exactly where you are today and where you must be tomorrow. Based on a comprehensive understanding of your business and IT requirements, results of an Imation Storage Assessment provide recommendations on how to transition to new technology to meet future storage needs.

Topics covered during an Assessment include:

- Backup and Restore
- Disaster Recovery
- High Availability
- Storage Management
- IP, SAN, and NAS Storage Architectures
- SAN Fabric Design
- Storage Virtualization

Independent Guidance and Direction

"On average, I get two or three calls a day from data storage-related vendors. I know our company needs to move to a Storage Networking Architecture, but how can I be sure I'm getting the solution I need? How can I be more proactive?"

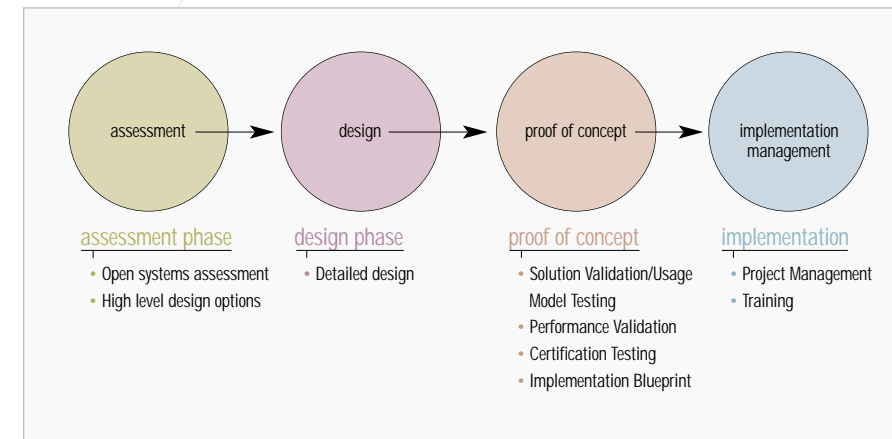
Be proactive in mapping your company's future data storage needs with an Imation Storage Assessment. Our approach is product-independent, so you can be sure that our recommendations will be objective and based on your company's business goals.

How We Deliver

- One-to-one interviews with key IT personnel.
- On-site audit of current data storage practices.
- Thorough process to confirm on-site findings with interview results and overall IT objectives.
- On-site findings and recommendations presentation.

Our process is unbiased and will be tailored to your company's business needs.

Imation Storage Consulting Methodology



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An unbiased evaluation to guide your company's data storage decisions.

What Imation Delivers

"We're handling far more data than we ever envisioned. Our most recent 'out of space' situation was a major problem. I need to be able to add additional storage to my primary applications in a matter of hours, not days. How do I accomplish this?"

An Imation Storage Assessment offers recommendations on how to enhance your company's current and future storage practices and infrastructure. We will recommend attributes and technology features that will benefit your

business and seamlessly fit into your current storage environment. To ensure the decisions you implement will optimize performance in your environment, you also have the opportunity to use the Imation Storage Networking Lab for proof-of-concept and interoperability testing.

The Assessment Report delivers:

- Technical Environment Audit
- Summary of Findings
- Recommendations and Storage Roadmap