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Storage Management – An Insider's View

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Storage Management – An Insider's View

- Customer Challenges
 - Continued explosion of managed capacity
 - Reduction or lack of growth in IT resources
 - Direct attached storage is difficult and expensive to manage
 - Need to fully utilize existing storage infrastructures
 - Difficult to monitor and configure multi-technology networked infrastructures
 - Difficult to assess the utilization of resources
 - Difficult/impossible to do capacity planning
 - Too many tools from too many vendors
 - No standards

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- Defining Storage Management:

The tools and technology that enable, enhance, and simplify the monitoring, configuration, and planning of increasingly complex storage infrastructures.

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- Elements of Storage Management
 - Monitoring
 - Ability to determine health of the environment
 - Ability to set thresholds for alerting
 - Proactive error determination
 - Ties to network frameworks
 - Configuration
 - Storage elements (RAID, Tape Libraries, etc.)
 - Storage plumbing (switches, routers)
 - Hosts (HBA configuration, OS tuning)
 - Virtualization

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- Elements of Storage Management (cont.)
 - Planning
 - Just in time storage acquisition
 - Capacity planning
 - Manager allocation and accounting

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- Current Storage Management Tool Vendors
 - Veritas
 - Legato
 - Data Core
 - StorageApps
 - Tivoli
 - BMC
 - EMC
 - Hitachi
 - Brocade
 - McData
- ... AND many others including the system manufacturers

Storage Management – An Insider's View

- Emerging Technologies
 - Centralized administration tools
 - Single point of control frameworks
 - Advanced storage network monitoring capabilities
 - Virtualization
 - What is virtualization
 - Why do customers want it
 - Different approaches
 - Timeframe for implementation
 - Server-free Backup
 - What is server-free backup
 - Timeframe for implementation

Storage Management – An Insider's View

- Storage Management Strategies
 - Centralization and Virtualization enabled by storage networks are becoming keys to storage management
 - Keep it as simple as possible – don't try to integrate too many point products
 - Watch and stick to standards when possible – e.g. SNIA activities around the Common Information Model (CIM)