

STORAGE ASSESSMENT

When organizations struggle with lack-luster storage that falls short of meeting the required needs of the business - namely speed, capacity, or both, their performance suffers as a result. At Blair, we understand that data is an organization's most valuable asset. Our experienced consultants will work with your team to help repair those deficiencies. Our strong partnership with IBM provides access to the best possible storage assessment tools to review your situation and provide recommendations to optimize your environment. We understand that each organization has a unique storage environment and we can provide direction on current best practices for organizing, managing and protecting your organization's data. Our specialized solutions will ensure that your organization has an agile and scalable storage environment that is built for success.

Our proven methodology is a progressive step-by-step approach that analyzes the entirety of your storage environment to identify costly configuration and performance issues, while also providing opportunities for reclamation.



Step One: A review and audit of architecture and business objectives

- Our consultants will begin with a kick-off call to discuss any concerns around your storage and the goals you'd like to set in place
- We will then review your current architecture and operations processes along with your business objectives



Step Two: Creation and review of assessment report

- In conjunction with your technical support team, we will install an agentless, non-intrusive tool to run scans
- Following successful completion of the scans, an analysis of the collected data will be performed



Step Three: Recommendations and best practices

- Our report presents findings, discusses areas for improvement and provides recommendations based on industry benchmark data and Blair's storage/back-up best practices

If you can't tell how your storage infrastructure is performing, how can you improve? Contact us today to get a free storage assessment to identify potential issues in your environment.

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Proven Methodology

Blair's Storage Assessment Services solution is based on a best practice approach. Managing rapidly growing storage environments is a challenge for many organizations. Whether you're trying to solve a problem, apply minor design changes or overhaul your current system, our made-to-order solutions stem from our unparalleled attention to your particular needs. Blair offers expertise based on solid industry benchmark data, best practices and years of expertise in providing customized IT solutions for various industry verticals.

Deliverables

Our detailed report will provide vital information on your current storage capacity, configuration and performance along with the improvements that can be made in these areas to provide a highly functional storage environment that meets your organization's unique needs.

Included in this report will be:

- A physical environment inventory
- Identification of any existing configuration issues (i.e. array, switches)
- Description of system availability and identification of reliability issues
- Identification of performance issues and bottlenecks
- Opportunities for reclamation
- Discovery of active and inactive workloads
- Recommendations based on industry benchmark data and Blair's storage / backup best practices

Benefits

Our robust approach to storage assessment will provide your organization with several cost-saving and operational benefits including:

- Cost reduction on numerous elements from storage and power to operations and maintenance using evidence-based findings
- Optimized storage performance, increased data availability, simplified management and reduced risk
- Identify specific workloads that would benefit from a flash storage array
- Insight on provisioned storage vs. utilized storage
- Protection of data
- Better and more accurate prediction for storage capacity growth

To find out how your current storage infrastructure is performing and how you can improve it to make it more agile for your organization, contact Blair Technology Solutions at 1-800-848-5579 for a free storage assessment today!