

LTFS

Linear Tape File System

**Setting Your Videos and Data Free
Now and for the Future!**



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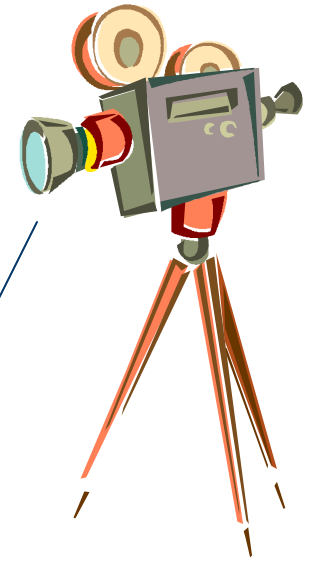
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What is the LTO Program?

- **HP, IBM, Quantum:**
 - Write LTO technology specifications and published roadmap
- **Specifications are open standard**
 - License to any organization
 - Over 30 Licensees
 - 5 Media Manufacturers (Fujifilm, Imation, Maxell, Sony, TDK)
- **LTFS for LTO-5 tape drive is a free download offered by HP, IBM, Quantum**

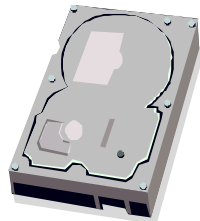
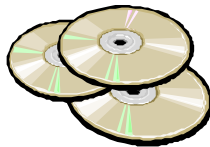
Agenda

- What is LTFS?
- How does it work?
- What are the cost comparisons?
- What are the benefits?
- What LTFS Supported Offerings are Available?
- LTO User Stories
- What the experts are saying
- How do I start using LTFS?



What is the Linear Tape File System?

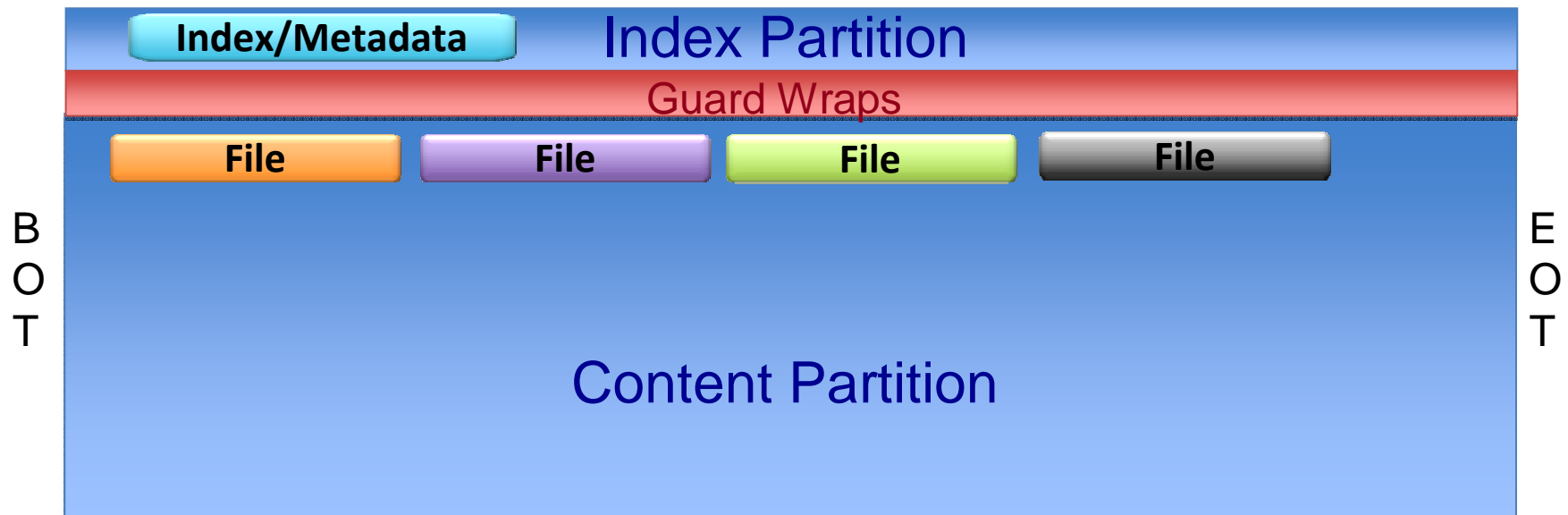
- A open software specification that allows simple and new ways of accessing data on tape
(LTFS spec doc available at: www.ultrium.com/lvfs)
- Self-describing tape format to address data archive requirements
- Implemented on dual-partition LTO-5 tape
 - First partition holds the tape index / metadata
 - Second partition holds the content
- It presents a tape as an extension of the operating system: appears as another drive letter, icon or folder like a disk or memory stick



LTO Tape Joins the Ranks of Easy to Use Portability

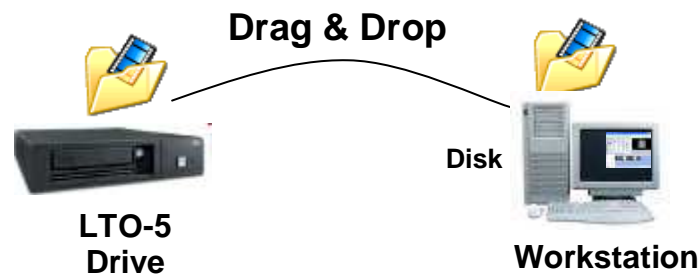
LTFS: How does it work?

- LTFS utilizes media partitioning (new to LTO Gen 5)
- Tape is logically divided “lengthwise” into two partitions
 - **Index partition:** File system info, index, metadata (37.5 GB)
 - **Content partition:** Contains the files / content bodies (1425 GB)
- When mounting the tape, the Index is copied to the workstation/server memory for fast access and updates
- Periodically the index is backed up to the content partition



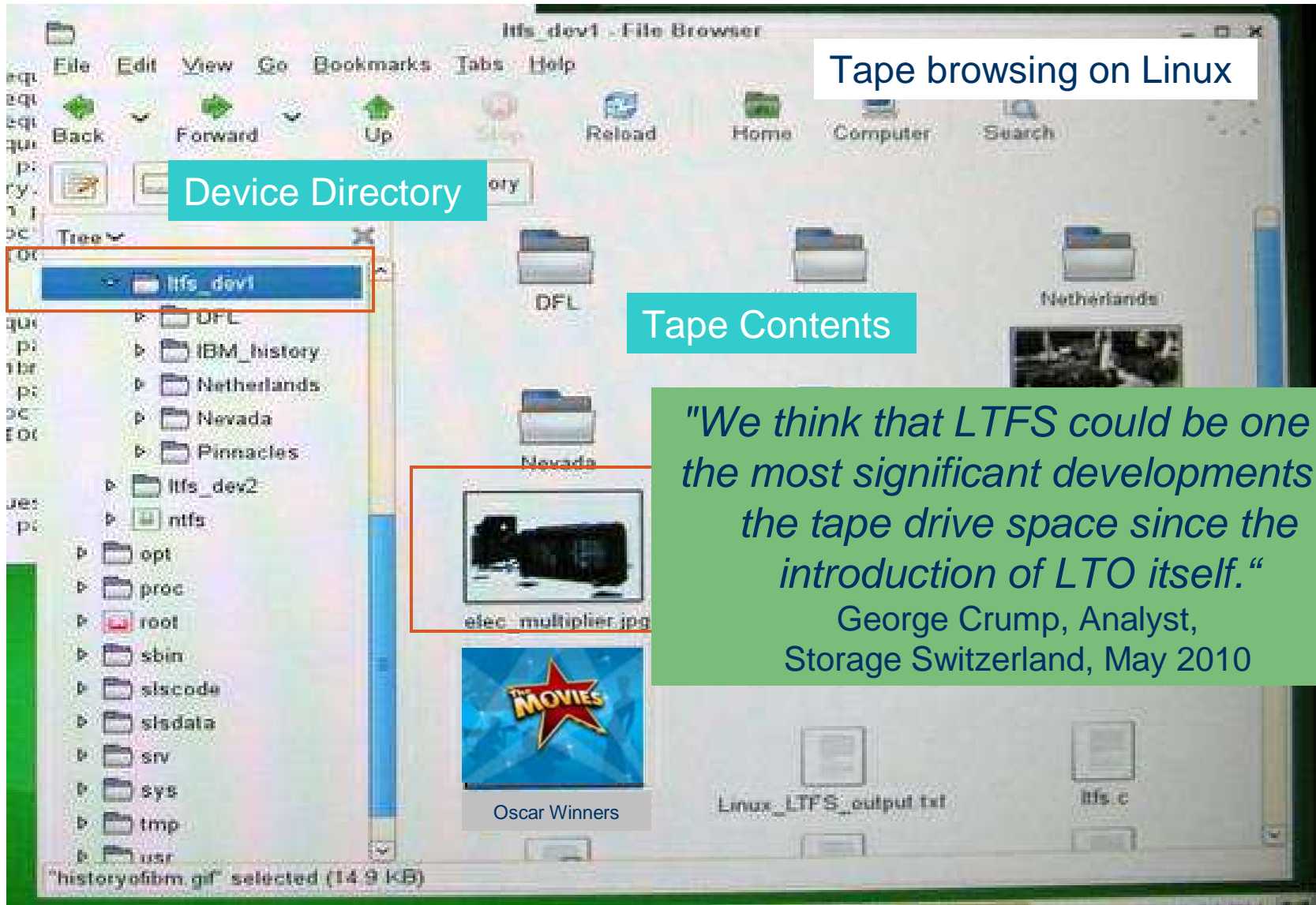
How it works: LTFS – Drag and Drop

- File access on an LTO-5 is similar to hard disk, CD/DVD disc or USB media
- Access with OS browser (e.g. Windows Explorer) and drag & drop to/from the tape
- Can use workstation applications: File Open, Write, Read, Append, Delete and Close from workstation applications
- Use directory tree structures: the tape can be used in a random access fashion...
- ...The Tape is still a sequential device
 - Requires media to be moved to the correct position
 - On average can take 40 to 60 seconds to reach beginning of file
 - After location of the file, provides a transfer rate of up to 140MB/s (280MB/s 2:1 compressed)

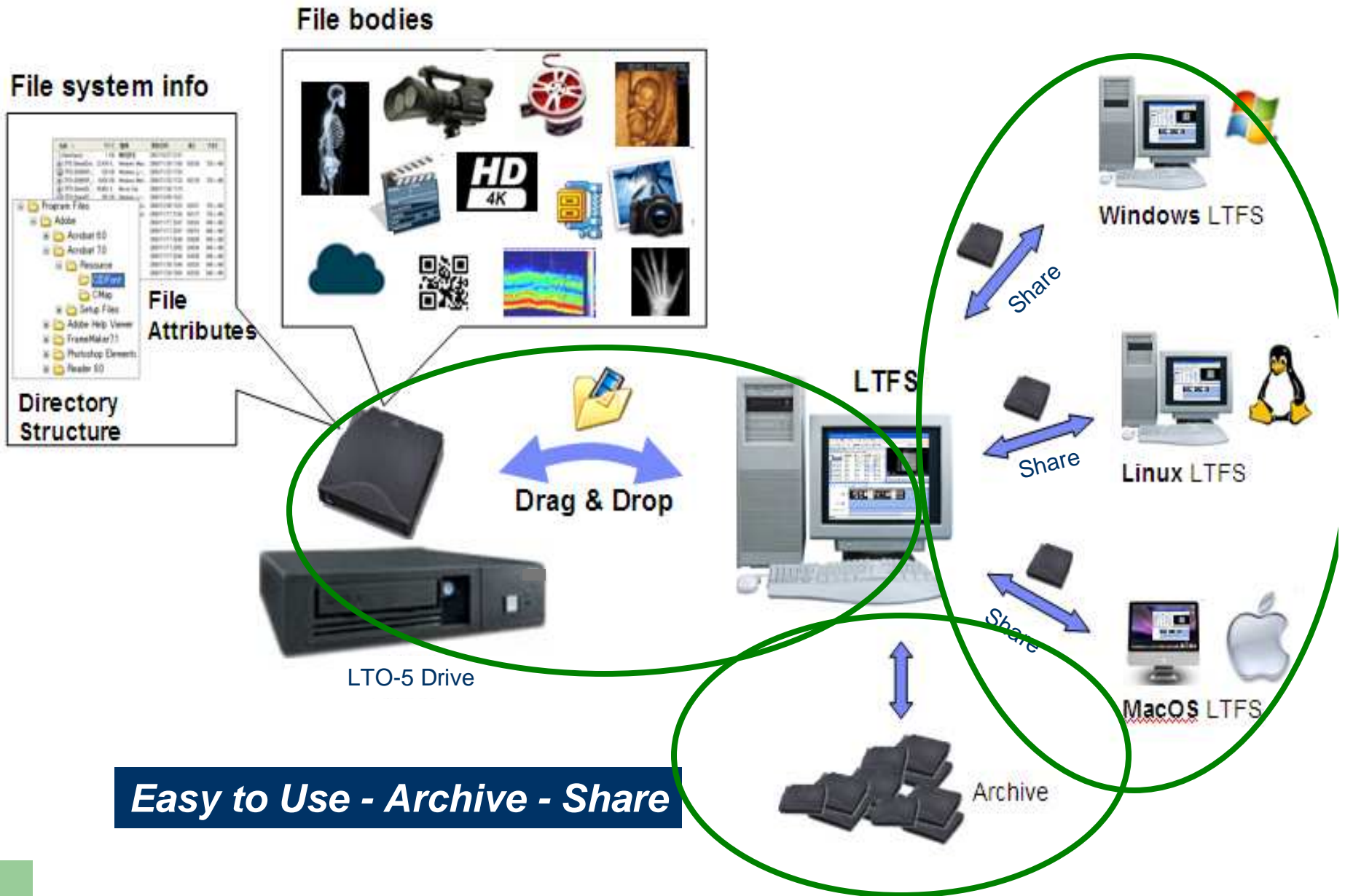


How it Works: LTFS in Action with File Browser

Files can be accessed on tape directly from any application



LTFS – Easily Exchange, Archive and Share Files



LTO Tape Can Help Reduce Storage Costs

LTO-5 Tape vs. Video Media

| Format | GB | Cost per unit ¹ | \$ / GB | LTO Tape Advantage |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------|--------------------|
| LTFS/LTO 5 tape | 1425 ² | \$52.50 | \$0.04 | NA |
| G-Tech G-Drive | 3072 | \$297.00 | \$0.10 | 3 X |
| HDCAM SR tape | 698 | \$217.00 | \$0.31 | 8 X |
| XDCAM disc | 50 | \$67.50 | \$1.35 | 37 X |
| P2 SSD card | 64 | \$828.00 | \$12.94 | 350 X |

Source: MTMP March 2012

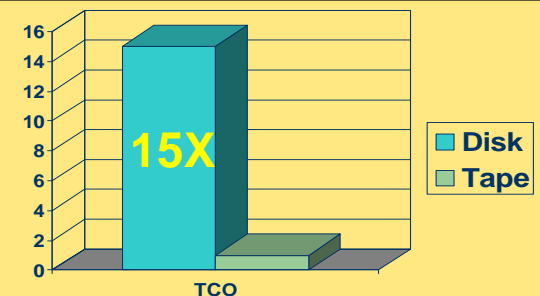
1. Cost per unit based on market prices as of February, 2012

2. Capacity of an LTFS formatted LTO 5 tape data partition

TCO: SATA Disk System vs. LTO-5 Tape Library System¹

- 12 Year TCO Archiving Study
- Back-end storage costs: hardware, maintenance, floor space and energy
- Disk storage is **15 times** Tape TCO

The cost of energy alone for the average disk-based solution exceeds the entire TCO for the average tape-based solution



¹Clipper Notes report "In Search of the Long-Term Archiving Solution - Tape Delivers Significant TCO Advantage over Disk", The Clipper Group, Dec.23, 2010. This was a general TCO study and did not specifically focus on LTFS or video storage.

Tape Reliability Soars

Both disk and tape have made significant reliability improvements in recent years. **For tape, reliability progress has been even better than disk** comparing the BER (Bit Error Rate), which is quickly becoming a more popular means of measuring reliability.

Published Values for Bit Error Rate (BER)

| Tape drives (Midrange and Enterprise) | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Midrange (typical LTO Ultrium drive) | Hard Error Rate | 1×10^{17} bits |


| Disk (FC, SAS, SATA) | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Enterprise FC/SAS | Hard Read Errors per Bits Read | 1 sector per 1×10^{16} bits |
| Enterprise SATA | Hard Read Errors per Bits Read | 1 sector per 1×10^{15} bits |
| Desktop SATA | Hard Read Errors per Bits Read | 1 sector per 1×10^{14} bits |

BER is the percentage of bits that have errors relative to the total number of bits received in a data transfer

LTO Tape: 1 bit error in 100 Petabytes
Ent. SATA disk: 1 bit error in 1 Petabyte

LTFS: What are the potential benefits?

"I am shocked!
This is exactly
what we need!"



"Now I can offer an
LTO-5 archiving
service to my
movie clients."



- **Easy to use**

- View contents in OS browser directory tree
- Simple "Drag & Drop" movement of data

- **Improved archive storage**

- "Memory stick like" self describing file system
- Tape can tell you what's on it now and in the future
- Up to 30 year shelf life

- **Increased data mobility-portability**

- Compatibility across OS environments
- No backup/archive software needed to view content
- A single storage media standard
- File, HW, SW and camera agnostic



"LTO-5
technology gives
tape-less work-
flow....with tape!"

- **Reduced costs and energy consumption**

- LTO tape is less expensive than other storage formats
- Tape is "green" ...a cartridge draws no power!



Some Independent LTFS Supported Developments



- **1Beyond**: high performance video production and post production, tapeless workflow and storage systems (<http://www.1beyond.com/>)
- **Arkivum**: assured archiving, 100% guaranteed safe data storage service (<http://arkivum.com/>)
- **Cache-A**: archive appliances serving the digital video industry (<http://cache-a.com/about.php>)
- **Crossroads**: online, file-based archive, combining disk storage with LTFS tape storage for a fast, cost effective, long-term data archive (www.crossroads.com)
- **Digital Media Logix**: LTFS enabled solutions for M&E, Video Surveillance, Archive Management (<http://digitalmedialogix.com/>)
- **FOR-A**: innovative products & advanced video/audio technology (<http://www.for-a.com/>)
- **Masstech**: media asset management (MAM) solutions for the media and entertainment industry (www.masstech.com)

And more...LTFS Supported Developments



- **Panasonic**: this product can easily archive P2 content and preview P2 content from LTO tape directly like video tape (www.panasonic.com)
- **Qstar**: enterprise-class archive, data management and archive disaster prevention software (www.qstar.com)
- **SGL**: content archive and storage management solutions to the media and entertainment (<http://www.sglbroadcast.com/>)
- **Storage DNA**: Intelligent LTO-5/LTFS archiving for file-based workflows, application archiving (Avid, Final Cut etc.) and continuous backup (<http://storagedna.com>)
- **T3Media (formerly Thought Equity Motion)**: large scale archive management and “smart content” metadata tools (www.t3media.com)
- **TOLIS Group Inc**: Bru Backup Software-Producers Edition version 2.3.0 provides native LTFS support for OS X users (<http://knowledgebase.tolisgroup.com/?View=entry&EntryID=260>)
- **XenData**: LTO video archives for the media industry scaling to multiple petabyte enterprise solutions (www.xendata.com)

FotoKem Uses LTFS for Reality TV Post Production

- **FotoKem background**

- 700+ employees; HQ in Burbank, California USA
- Film lab & post production facility

- **Business Need**

- Must have reliable long term archive from XDCam disks
- TAR tapes not self describing
- Need ease of use, reliable technology, low cost



www.fotokem.com

- **Solution - Benefits**

- LTO-5 tape library and LTFS; Open standard; Cross O/S platform compatibility
- Self describing tapes: Can easily determine tape contents with browser
- Offers long term reliable archive, easy to use, cost effective
- Can store 100 XDCAM disks on 1 LTO-5 tape
 - Saves considerable space
 - Allows reuse of XDCAM disks
 - Can make 2 LTO tape copies inexpensively (keep one copy onsite)

AlphaTV Reduces costs with LTFS and LTO-5 tape technology

The need:

AlphaTV in Greece needed to store huge amounts of television programming content while shrinking their storage footprint, creating efficient backups and reducing storage management costs.

The solution:

AlphaTV deployed the LTFS, LTO-5 tape drives and a tape library to handle their television programming archive.

The benefit:

- **Reduced physical storage footprint by 74%** from 1,507 sq. ft. to 388 sq.ft.
- **Lowered storage maintenance costs by 77%** from \$39,369 to \$9,186
- **Can now store three times the number of television series at 1% of the media cost** \$79-92, versus \$11,811 for one series on DVCPRO



“I had to do the calculations for the LTO solution twice, because I could not believe that the amount of savings could be true.”

*–Constantinos Colombus,
chief technology officer,
AlphaTV*

BAMM.TV Archives Music Videos to LTO-5 Tape and LTFS



“LTO-5 technology is very reliable. Over the last year we’ve used over 60 tapes and have had zero failures!”

Jamie Morganstern, Director of Operations

▪ **Company Profile: BAMM.TV**

- San Francisco based
- Produces and distributes video for independent musicians
- 12 video / audio editors
- In house production and post-production

▪ **Business Need:**

- Large storage need (HD, Hoard all footage)
- SAN storage is expensive
- Removable HDs are fragile (~8% failure rate), limited shelf-life, expensive and take up excessive space
- On site and off-site copies are needed
- Video/data is BAMM’s livelihood and must be protected!

▪ **Solution Results: LTO-5 Technology with LTFS**

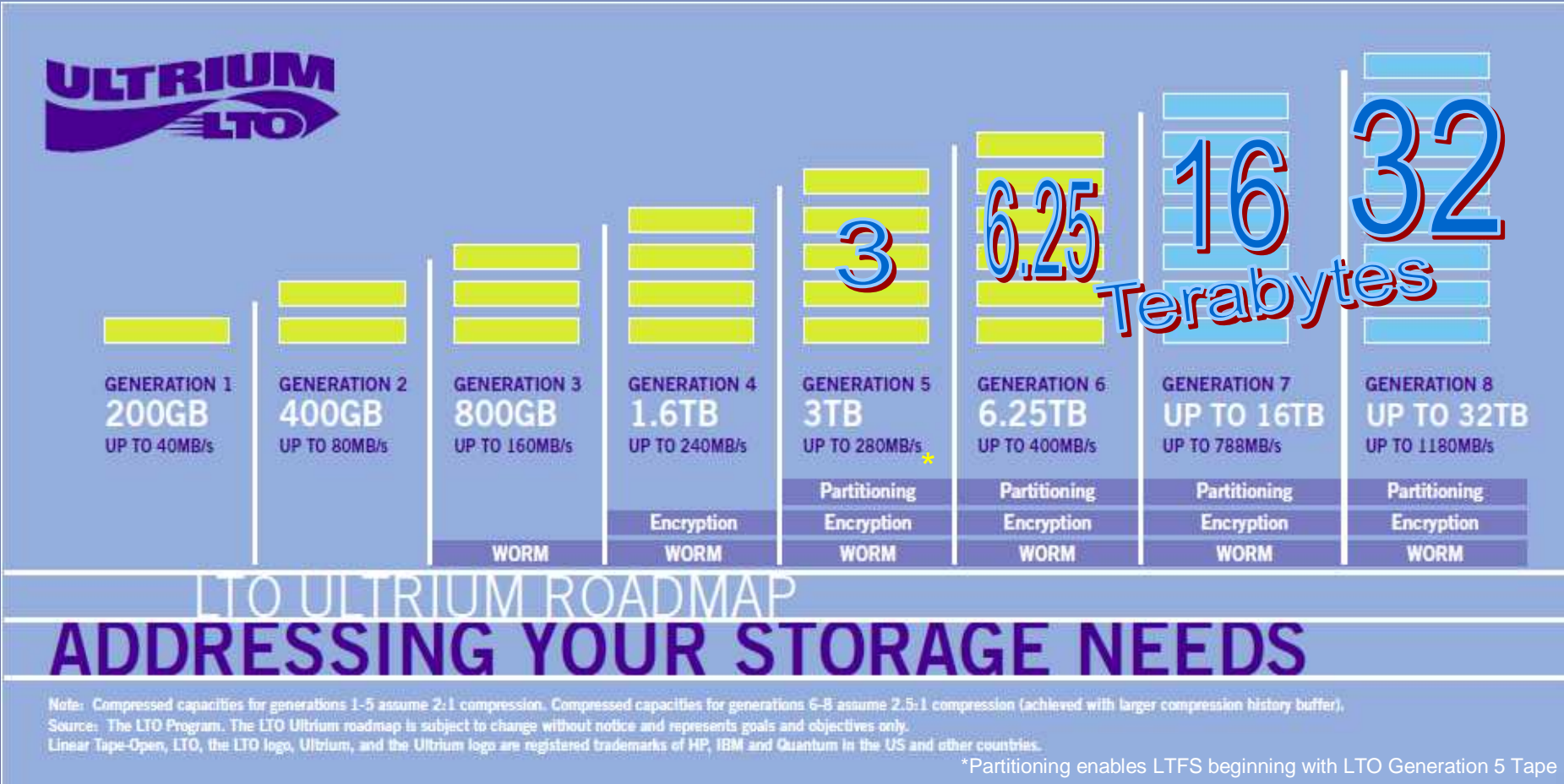
- Effectively backed up 80TB of uncompressed video and finished projects
- Slashed storage costs from ~ \$0.20/GB to ~\$0.05/GB
- Built an archive and restore workflow with fast recovery
- Scalable archive solution with a 30-50YR life
- LTFS standard format for easy sharing
- Assured data is protected with reliable off-line and off-site protection

What the experts are saying!



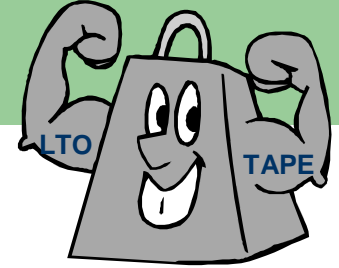
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LTO Ultrium Roadmap to the Future



- ✓ Over 4M LTO Tape Drive Shipments
- ✓ Over 200M LTO Cartridge Shipments

LTO-6 Specifications – Big Data Preservation



- Optimal Blend of Attributes:
 - Capacity, performance, compatibility, interchange, cost control
- Store more with LTO-6 Tape – Reduced Space
 - 2.5 TB/cartridge native: 6.25 TB / cartridge (2.5:1 compressed)
 - More than twice the compressed capacity of LTO-5 tape
 - That's about 50 DVD movies per cartridge
- Improve Job Productivity
 - Up to 160MB/sec native; Up to 400 MB/sec (2.5:1 compressed)
43% increase over LTO-5 data rate
 - That's nearly 1.5TB of saved data per drive / hr (compressed)
- Compatibility for Investment Protection – Ease Implementation
 - Read/Write LTO-5 cartridges, Read LTO-4 cartridges
 - Interchange between vendor drives

How do I get started using LTFS?

For stand alone drives it's free!

1- Get an LTO-5 tape drive and LTO-5 cartridge.



2- Download and install LTFS software from your drive vendor's weblink.

3- Format and mount an LTO-5 cartridge using LTFS

4- Start using files on tape from your browser directory tree.

Now you can drag and drop files to and from your LTO-5 tape!

Addresses the needs of industries with rich media such as:

- Media and Entertainment
- Digital Surveillance
- Medical Imaging
- Legal files / documents
- Architectural drawings
- Cloud applications and more!



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