Enhanced Disaster Recovery Options

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Some Definitions: (BC/DR/RPO/RTO)

- **Business Continuity**
  - The ability to continue operations smoothly after a failure or outage
- **Disaster Recovery**
  - The ability to recover from a disaster
- **RPO**
  - The Recovery Point Objective is how far back in time we need to go to be able to recover
- **RTO**
  - The Recovery Time Objective is how long it will take us to recover
Tapeless, Tiered Tapeless, Touchless and Break Link

- These are terms loosely used within Oracle and/or outside
- **Tapeless** means no tape is attached
  - This can be used for part or all of a configuration
- **Tiered Tapeless** means we have a tiered structure of capacity and performance in a tapeless configuration
  - Includes VLE (Virtual Library Extension) as a second tier
- **Touchless** is when we have any of the above and we add automated tape
- **Break Link** is an important concept where we break the automated link between disk and tape
  - This can be a critical feature of a disaster recovery design
### Hierarchy of Performance and Capacity

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Some VSM Recovery Options

- VTV copies
- Export/Import
- Auto Archiving
- Physical Vaulting
- RTV Utility
- Clustered VTSS
- Extended Clustering
- Cross-TapePlex Replication
- Concurrent Disaster Recovery Test
VTV Copies

- VTV copies
  - 1 to 4 VTV copies
    - On different MVCs
    - On MVCs in up to 4 different locations
    - On different media
      - for maximum performance
      - high capacity for archive
  - This allows customers to have VTV copies at their production site, DR site, and other site(s) automatically via parameter definitions
- VTV copies can be synchronous or asynchronous
Automatic Archiving

- VSM Archiving features allow customers ability to **automatically** archive virtual volumes from high performance to high capacity media based on customer-defined policies.

- ARCHAge(nnn) specifies the age (in days) from creation of a VTV before it is archived automatically as specified by ARCHPol.

- ARCHPol specifies up to four Storage Classes that specify:
  - ACS and media type of the archive MVCs
  - VTCS can archive multiple Storage Classes and can:
    - archive VTVs to different MVCs in different ACSs —or—
    - different MVCs in the same ACS

- If ARCHPol is defined, ARCHAge must also be specified on the Management Class statements.
Automatic Archiving (continued)

• Usage would be to migrate VTVs to high performance media for a period of time, say 90 days, when VTVs are considered to be ready for deep archive on high capacity media

• When VTVs meet the ARCHAge criteria, they would be automatically recalled back into the VTSS buffer and re-migrated out according to the ARCHPol parameters

• Some customers choose to make all copies up front and then when Archive executes, it will just delete the high performance copies
  • this eliminates the need to recall and migrate again later
  • saves on VTSS, VLE, and RTD resources
  • but, it does mean additional copies at creation time
EXPORT / IMPORT

• The VTCS EXPORT/IMPORT features allow the customer to EXPORT VTVs to a different site for DR testing or physical vaulting

• Volumes can be EXPORTed:
  - by VTV or VTV-range (VTVs are consolidated to new MVCs)
  - by Management Class(es) (VTVs are consolidated to new MVCs)
  - by MVC or MVC-range (additional MVC copy not made)
  - by Storage Class(es) (additional MVC copy not made)

• EXPORT creates a Manifest File, which contains all of the metadata that pertains to the volumes being EXPORTed

• IMPORT will import volumes using the Manifest File into a separate CDS and VSM system at another TapePlex
Physical Vaulting

• Off-site physical vaulting of DR tapes can be accomplished using LCM (Library Content Manager)

• LCM is a software product that was developed specifically for Oracle that interfaces with HSC and VTCS to provide tape management services for Nearline and VSM

• LCM 7.0 replaces the ExLM (Expert Library Manager) product

• LCM 7.0 controls off-site vaulting in concert with the customer's tape management system, in addition to other tape utility functions

• LCM 7.0 is a replacement for the standalone VSM Offsite Vaulting Utilities
Physical Vaulting (continued)

- LCM's off-site vaulting services interfaces with the following tape management systems:
  - CA-1
  - DFSMSrmm
  - CA-TLMS
  - Control-T

- LCM uses the VAULT statement to define to LCM an ELS-controlled Vault and allows assignment of attributes via parameters for volumes assigned to the Vault
  - LCM assigns vault slot numbers to each tape being vaulted
  - LCM assigns a time period that the tape should remain in vault
  - LCM controls library ejects of cartridges to be vaulted off-site
  - LCM determines when tapes should be returned to the production environment from the vault and produces a pick list
  - Returning tapes are entered back into Library
RTV (Real Tape Volume) Utility

- RTV is a standalone VTCS utility that is designed to read VTV data directly from an MVC, without any assistance from VTCS, mounted on a native tape drive

- Can be run when VTCS is down

- Used to recover VTV(s) in the event VTCS cannot be brought up due to an outage or disaster of some nature

- Used to read VTVs in TapePlex that has no VSM systems

- RTV works by reading a single VTV directly from an MVC, decompressing the VTV, then writing the data to a single output tape
Clustered VTSS

- With Clustered VTSS, virtual volumes are written to a primary VTSS and then upon dismount are replicated to a secondary VTSS
- Uni-directional - one site replicating to a second site
- Bi-directional - each site replicates to the other
- Replication can be:
  - via ESCON, FICON or IP
  - synchronous or non-synchronous
  - requires no host involvement
  - runs in background
- Secondary acts as a warm standby
- Provides immediate Business Continuance
- Eliminates single point of failure
Uni-Directional Clustered VTSS

Production Site

Primary VTSS

Uni-Directional Replication via ESCON, FICON, or IP CLINKs

CDS

Remote RTDs

Secondary VTSS

DR Test/Remote Site
Bi-Directional Clustered VTSS

Production Site

VTSSA

CDS

Bi-Directional Replication via
ESCON, FICON or IP CLINKS

DR Test/Remote Site

VTSSB

Remote RTDs
Extended Clustered VTSS

- Many-to-one VTSS Clustering - introduced with VTCS 7.0
- Allows many sites to replicate to a single DR repository
  - Customers could have multiple sites with a requirement to store a DR/BC copy at a common site
Extended Clustered VTSS (continued)

- **One-to-many** VTSS Clustering
- Allows one site to replicate to multiple sites
  - Customers may have requirement to have some workload replicated to one site and another workload to a second or third site
Cross-TapePlex Replication

**SENDING** Site A
- **TAPEPLXA**
  - LPARA
  - SMCA
  - HSCA
  - VTCS

**RECEIVING** Site B
- **TAPEPLXB**
  - LPARB
  - SMCB/HTTP Server
  - HSCB
  - VTCS

**DATA Flow**
- **Data** from TAPEPLXA to SL8500
- **Data** from SL8500 to VTSS
- **Data** from VTSS to TAPEPLXB
- **Metadata** from TAPEPLXA to TAPEPLXB via TCP/IP

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- **TYPE(MVC)**
  - **NAME(AMVCCTR)**
    - (BM1000-BM1099)
- **TYPE(MVC)**
  - **NAME(AMVCDR)**
    - (BM2000-BM2099)
Cross-TapePlex Replication with DR Test

**Sending Site A**
- **TAPEPLXA**
  - **LPARA**
  - **SMCA**
  - **HSCA**
  - **VTCS**
  - **CDS**
  - **VTSS**
  - **SL8500**

**Receiving Site B**
- **TAPEPLXB**
  - **LPARB**
  - **SMCB/HTTP Server**
  - **HSCB**
  - **VTCS**
  - **CDS**
  - **VTSS**
  - **SL8500**

**Metadata**
- **TCP/IP**
- **ECAM-T**
- **Data**
- **IP CLINK**

**DR Test LPARA**
- **SMCA**

**Storage Systems**
- **SL8500**

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Concurrent Disaster Recovery Test
QUESTION TIME