



## Panel Discussion – The Benefits of Going Tapeless

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## **Discussion Topics**



- Most Mainframe Data Centers Have Similar Challenges
- Overview of Mainframe Virtual Tape Control Units
- Introduction of the Customer Panel
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Additional Questions from the Audience



# Most Mainframes Data Centers Have Similar Challenges and Goals...

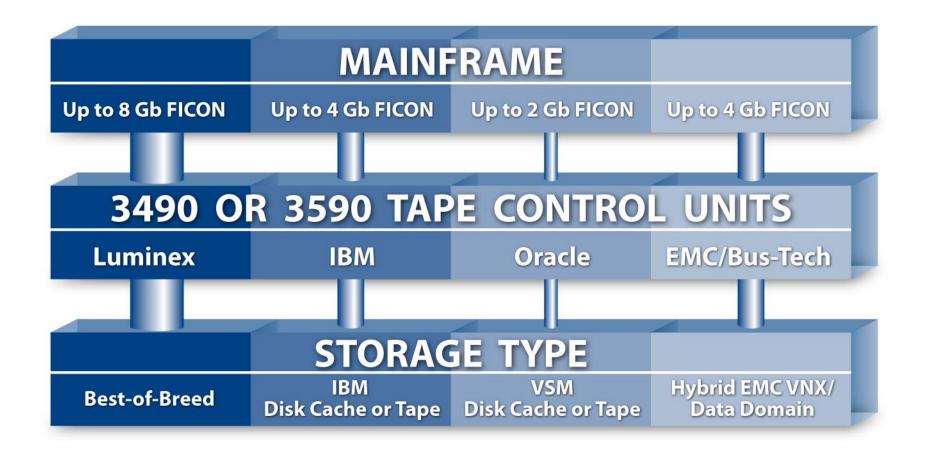


Specific Challenges and/or Goals :	Agribank	LexisNexis	Texas DPS
Must replace aging mainframe tape products or products facing End of Support	$\checkmark$		
Reduce tape drive or library maintenance cost	$\checkmark$	<b>√</b>	$\checkmark$
Reduce tape media, shipping & storage cost	$\checkmark$	<b>√</b>	$\checkmark$
Reduce or eliminate physical tape	$\checkmark$	<b>√</b>	$\checkmark$
Need long term access to existing tape volsers	1	<b>√</b>	$\checkmark$
Improve & simplify all tape operations (Batch, HSM/ML2, Archiving, Backup & Rec.)	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$
Physical tape limited the ability to improve the disaster recovery plan RPO & RTO	$\checkmark$	<b>√</b>	$\checkmark$
Improve remote disaster recovery plan (RPO & RTO)	✓	<b>√</b>	1
Reduce network bandwidth requirements to replicate virtual tape data to the DR site	1	1	1
Prefer a common virtual tape storage solution for mainframe & open systems DR	1		1



## Mainframe Virtual Tape (MVT) Control Units









## What To Look For In A Tapeless Solution

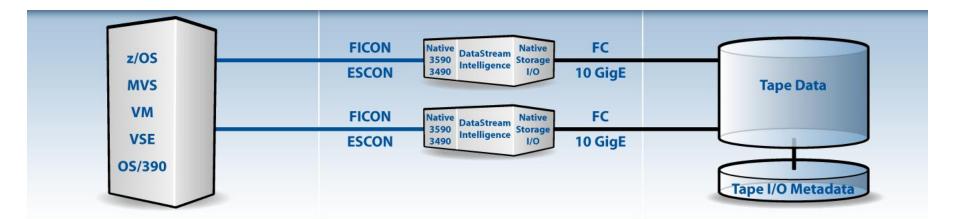
- Subject Matter Experts (SME)
  - SMEs for disk-based virtual tape
- Application Transparent Solution
  - No changes to tape applications required
- Future Proof Up to 8 Gb FICON support at wire speed
- Scalable in throughput and capacity
- Tape Migration Tools & Services to ensure a smooth transition
- Writes data exactly as the mainframe wrote it
- Worldwide Customer References Available







#### **How Luminex MVT Solutions Work...**



#### Mainframe

- Application transparent nonintrusive
- No MIPS required
- z/OS, MVS, VM, VSE and OS390 supported
- Works well with all major tape management systems
- SMS, MTL or Esoterics can be used

#### **Luminex Channel Gateways**

- Emulates 3490 or 3590 mainframe tape drives
- DataStream Intelligence optimizes deduplication
- Compression & replication options
- Active Active with NSPOF
- Multipathing for HA configurations
- Writes blocks of data exactly as the mainframe wrote it

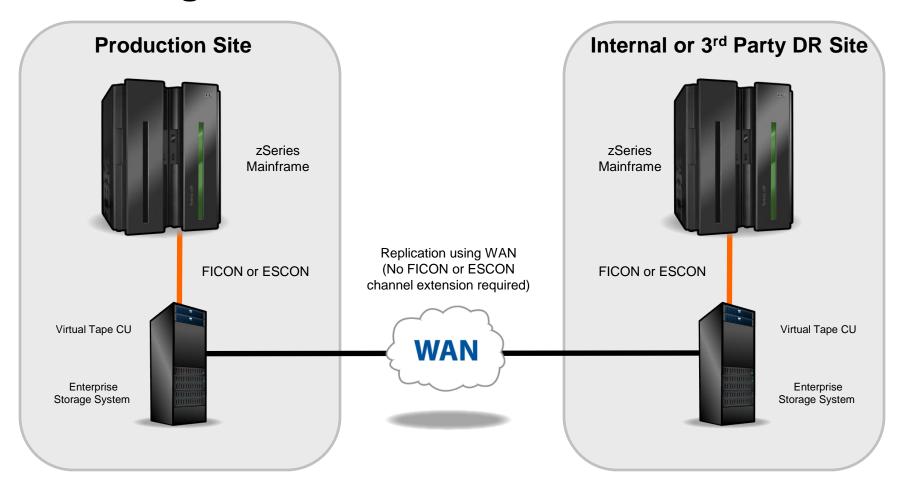
#### **Enterprise Storage System**

- NFS or FC attached
- Use new or existing storage systems
- Mainframe Tape Volumes stored as standard files
- Deduplication options
- Replication for backup and Disaster Recovery
- RAID 6 data protection



# Typical Tapeless Production and DR Configuration

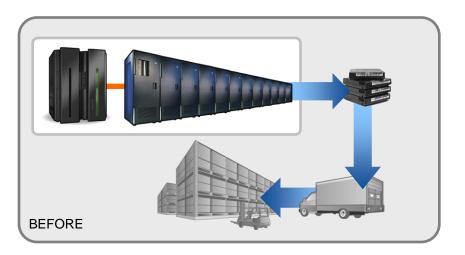


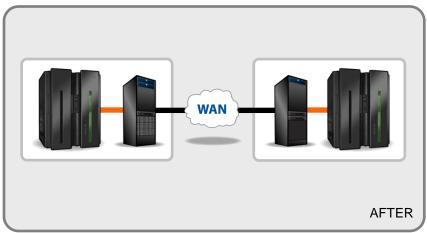






#### Before & After...





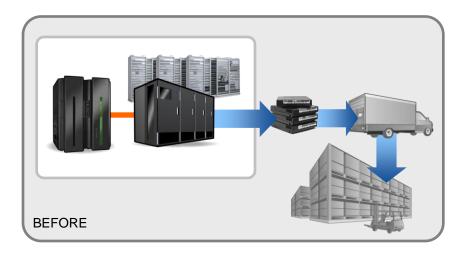
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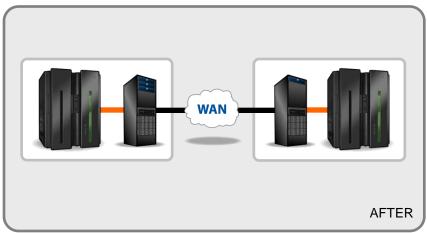
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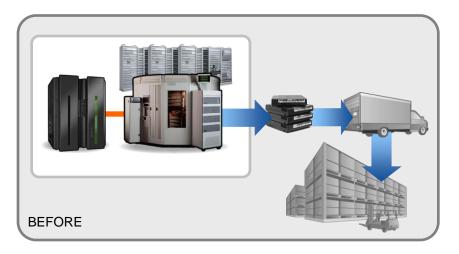


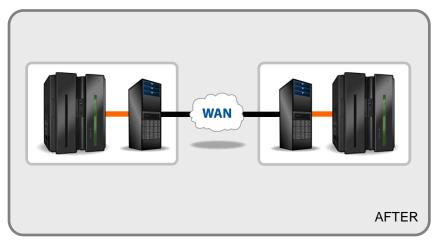
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### **Q&A Topics**

### **PHYSICAL TAPE**

## MAINFRAME APPLICATIONS

## REMOTE DISASTER RECOVERY

# REMOTE REPLICATION





## **Q&A: Physical Tape**

- Why did you replace your previous tape drive, library or virtual tape products?
- Have you reduced or eliminated physical tapes (If so, please quantify the reduction in tape use)?
- How do you share tape cartridges between partners, vendors and internal remote sites?
- How do you meet security requirements for tape?
- How did you migrate the old physical tapes to the new solution? ...





## **Q&A: Mainframe Applications**

- Which tape backup applications and tape management systems are you using?
- Did you have to make any changes to your tape applications?
- How does the solution integrate or sync up with your tape management system for scratch management?
- Which of the following is the solution used for:
  - Production tape and batch processing
  - HSM/ML2/Archiving
  - Backup & Disaster Recovery ...





## **Q&A: Remote Replication**

- What type of WAN connection are you using to replicate your tape data to the DR site?
- Do you replicate all of your mainframe tape data, including development, HSM/ML2, batch & backups?
- How long does it take to complete the replication to DR?...





## **Q&A:** Remote Disaster Recovery

- Do you use an internal DR site, Sungard, IBM BCRS or other provider for DR?
- Do you own the solution at the DR site or does the third party provider own/provide it?
- Please describe your DR process or DR test process? ...







#### **Thank You**

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