Information Governance Solution from Symantec

Shine the light inside your dark garage

Data Sheet: Storage Management

Garages can often get overloaded. When the clutter gets out of hand, cleaning the garage becomes a project that sometimes is larger than expected. Most likely, you need to get rid of some of the clutter to gain more space when embarking on a spring cleaning project, moving houses or welcoming a new family member.

Of the many items inside the garage, you don't know who owns what or if you can throw some of it away. Some are worth pennies while others still have financial or sentimental value. What's more is that you can't lock your luxury car inside your garage due to all the junk and have to park it on the driveway where there is a greater chance of the car getting broken into.

Furthermore among the pile of junk, you might find something valuable, such as vintage jewellery or family heirloom that is worth a few hundred dollars. You also notice that dusts are settling between the many boxes of clutter. You certainly do not want your family members to be exposed to that kind of environment. As you start your project to cleanup your garage, you will need to make a trip to the home improvement store to get the tools you need to make sense of all that clutter (Figure 1).

Comparatively in the data center, unstructured dark data is growing, but you do not know detailed information of the data you have. IT staff needs to gain a better understanding of what is in their file storage prior to embarking on projects, such as data migration, remediation, moving file shares, etc. They need to identify data owners, the type of data and how old it is in order to confidently archive or delete it without disrupting the business. Simultaneously, data needs to be secured against malicious activities.

With the Information Governance Solution from Symantec, you can, analyze, protect and remediate unstructured dark data.

Figure 1 Using Symantec's integrated information governance tools, clean up your garage or storage repositories to make it clean, organized and safe.

Analyze - Understand your data. **Symantec™ Data Insight** tracks usage and helps you identify the owner, permissions, age and the type of data that you have. This understanding is critical to making informed data protection and data management decisions.

Protect – Find and fix your data. **Symantec™ Data Loss Prevention** scans your data center to discover where sensitive data is stored, prioritizes the highest risks to expedite remediation, and encrypts, moves or deletes sensitive files and folders. With Data Loss Prevention, your information is protected against loss and theft.

Remediate- Organize it! Now that you know what's important and who the owner of the data is, you can remove or archive the duplicated, unwanted, orphaned or ageing data using **Symantec™ Enterprise Vault**. Hang on to the data that you need and set retention policies to manage the data long-term. Archived content is still readily accessible until the data meets its retention period and is ultimately expired. As a result, IT administrators have less data to manage both in the active storage as well as in the archive, making service level agreements for backups and eDiscovery achievable.

Now that you have shed the light on your dark data, it is clean, organized and safe. With the help of Symantec's information governance tools, you were able to weed out the excessive clutter in your garage and organize the data that is of value.

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You can sleep better at night knowing that your file storage repositories are secured. With dark data that is better managed and accessible, you also decreased storage costs. Through the help of Symantec Data Insight integrated with Data Loss Prevention and Enterprise Vault, your data has been identified, protected and archived, creating a better understanding of its value to your organization.

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