

Information Strategy & Economics

Storage Strategy Blueprint & Storage Assessment

At a Glance:

- Gain control of storage and manage data growth
- Align technology with business needs using a proven methodology
- Budget, plan and collaborate with stakeholders
- Develop a 36-month strategy for capacity planning, architecture, operational processes and economic analysis

Getting to an Actionable Storage Strategy

The complexities and dynamics of storage management today are unprecedented. Increasing capacity demands and complicated business requirements, combined with heterogeneous and decentralized storage environments, increasing budget pressures and data explosion have put many organizations in a reactionary mode when it comes to managing information. Today's rapidly changing business climate increases the pressure on IT organizations to deliver the right information to the right place at the right time. What's more, new regulatory and compliance requirements dictate stringent guidelines for information availability, recovery, retention, security, and privacy.

Forsythe's Storage Strategy Blueprint and Storage Assessment services offer you a strategic approach to managing information. We help you:

- Align your storage infrastructure with business objectives through a proven methodology
- Realize cost efficiencies and savings
- Optimize your storage environment for long-term growth and agility with strategic capacity planning
- Manage your rapidly growing storage environment
- Manage risk and ensure compliance with increasingly complex regulatory requirements
- Manage, leverage and protect data and information assets
- Reduce the time to develop a complete storage solution

Storage Strategy Blueprint

Forsythe's Storage Strategy Blueprint is a concentrated, high-value diagnostic consulting engagement which profiles your current storage infrastructure, aligns your storage needs with business requirements and offers recommendations for navigating the complex choices available to you for networked storage. This process is carried out in a condensed time frame using structured interviews, empirical data collection, and observation techniques. With input from your technical teams and business representatives, Forsythe examines your infrastructure and matches technology to business needs. Our consultants then provide you with a 36-month Storage Strategy Blueprint—a customized, systematic plan addressing your business objectives for growth, capacity, processes, data protection and budgeting.

The benefits of the Storage Strategy Blueprint include reducing the time to a solution by only looking at technologies that meet or exceed business and technical requirements. The results include a sequential list of projects that leverage existing assets and skill sets to meet your business needs today and for the next 2-3 years. The final deliverables are the documented methodology and training for your staff to perform ongoing systematic capacity planning.

Storage Assessment Services

Through our Storage Assessment services, Forsythe helps you build a storage plan that optimally balances cost, risk, growth and flexibility. We examine the goals of your enterprise and match them with the storage management practices that are best for your environment. This comprehensive assessment and analysis delivers an unbiased solution that will help your company protect and deliver its most important asset-information.

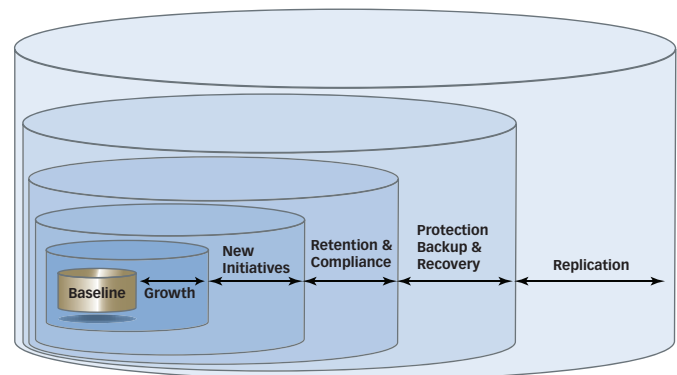
The result: An optimized plan for storage and information management that communicates a roadmap forward, along with a realistic capital and operational investment plan to achieve your objectives.

Forsythe's Storage Assessment may be customized to focus on any or all of the following:

- Platform, technology and tool requirements, and selection criteria through a vendor-independent perspective
- Consolidation or decentralization of storage assets
- Conversion, integration, and migration to networked storage
- Storage virtualization

- Information archiving planning and architecture
- Data mobility and migration planning
- Storage security
- Information lifecycle management
- Data optimization and performance analysis
- Storage and information policy for operating and service level agreements
- Implementation of storage resource management tools and integration with enterprise management infrastructure
- Storage recovery for both operations and disasters
- Backup optimization
- Continuous data protection technology and alternatives
- Total cost of ownership and return on investment

Storage Architecture & Technology Blueprint (Sources of Growth)



Get the Forsythe Advantage.

For more than 35 years, Forsythe has delivered forward-thinking advice, technology, and operation-enhancing solutions. As an independent advisor, Forsythe can help you address every aspect of your infrastructure, including how new solutions may affect the bigger picture. Working with every major provider, Forsythe acts as your single point of contact for managing the cost, effectiveness, and risk related to your information systems.

Let Forsythe Help.

Business objectives—and business issues—don't exist in a vacuum. Forsythe identifies and addresses IT interdependencies to deliver solutions that work across your enterprise. Call us today.

