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Unlock the value of your data and information

The HP Information Lifecycle Management (ILM) Data and Information Discovery Service is designed for enterprises interested in knowing more about the data and information that lives within their storage environment, and how they can use that knowledge to develop and implement an effective ILM policy for their organization. The objectives of this service are to unlock the secrets of where data and information are consumed within an organization, and then to determine intelligent solutions and policies that will enable information to be more efficiently managed in the future.

This highly customized, interactive service is tailored to the specific needs and requirements of an individual enterprise, and it makes use of a set of HP technologies that will analyze the company’s current state and processes involving information management. HP consultants will then collaborate with the company’s representatives to determine the right ILM strategy based on that analysis, identifying the potential financial benefits of storing data in a more cost-effective manner based on the data’s business value.

Information Lifecycle Management: an overview

Successful enterprises rely on access to accurate and timely information to achieve the necessary agility to respond to constantly changing internal and external pressures. ILM is a set of policies, solutions, architectures, and services used to manage information effectively, automatically, and quickly—from the time the data is created to the time it’s no longer needed. Huge quantities of information—frequently months and even years old—are required in real time to drive business decisions. This entails the capturing, placement, managing, protection, retention, accessibility, and delivery/display of that information according to its business relevance.

ILM is much more than data storage. It’s about putting information to work to reduce costs and generate new revenue streams. In addition, effective ILM is more important than ever because of the introduction of regulations, such as Sarbanes-Oxley, Basel II, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accounting Act (HIPAA), that mandate strict controls on the retention, retrieval, auditing, privacy, and security of data. Therefore, at its core ILM is a matter of good business practice and sound corporate governance.
Key features of the HP ILM Data and Information Discovery Service

- Dedicated tools for data gathering
- Comprehensive consultations regarding the current and desired state of data collection and storage
- Data and information analysis
- Findings and recommendations to enable information to be more efficiently managed

How the HP ILM Data and Information Discovery Service works

The HP ILM Data and Information Discovery Service is designed to better understand the value of stored enterprise data and how it is gathered and stored, and to highlight several “quick wins” that will enable information to be more efficiently managed in the future. The service utilizes a standard, proven process based on years of HP expertise within the ILM field. Although some specific tasks differ from customer to customer, every service follows the same basic methodology. HP will provide a lead consultant to provide end-to-end support, ease coordination among personnel, facilitate the implementation of the service, and manage issue resolution.

A typical ILM Data and Information Discovery Service includes:

- Discussion between HP and the client regarding the scope and timetables of the data-gathering process
- Development of a high-level plan of activities and confirmation of resources required by HP and the customer
- Identification of the systems and storage environment to be assessed
- Agreement on the characteristics of the data; for example, how old is the data, how many files belong to each user, and how many PST files exist
- Installation of tools geared to gather data from client systems
- Data collection from various systems, with the least possible disruption to ongoing operations
- Analysis of client data
- Delivery of the report and raw data
- Presentation of findings and recommendations by HP consultants

The final report and presentation is tailored to meet each business’s specific needs and is delivered in Microsoft® Word or PDF format. A summary covering the findings and recommendations is presented in Microsoft PowerPoint format. All data collected during the discovery and analysis phase is made available to the client on CD-ROM.

The HP ILM Data and Information Discovery Service is part of a process to create a business-focused data management solution. HP also offers related services for HP ILM and storage customers, including the HP ILM Discovery Workshop, HP ILM Business Requirement Analysis Service, HP ILM Architecture Solution Blueprint Service, and HP ILM Legacy Data Load.

To learn more

For more information on the HP ILM Discovery Workshop or HP’s comprehensive ILM solutions, please visit: www.hp.com/go/ilm