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Tape Storage Futures at Sandia

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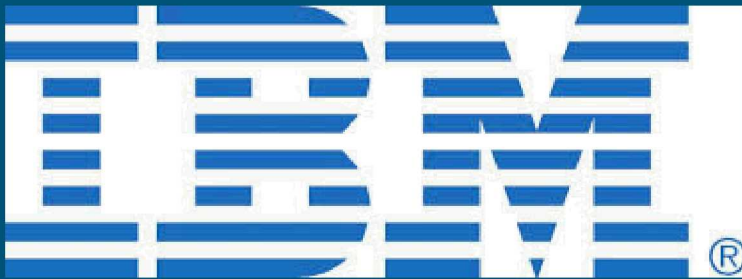Production Lead, Data Management/HPSS

Currently…..

➢ Sandia supports HPSS and high speed data transfer in four different environments

➢ All on Oracle/Sun/StorageTek tape hardware
- 2 SL8500s, 1 SL3000, 5 SL150s
- T10k-C and D drives, LTO6 drives
- ACSLS (tape robotics control) and STA (tape analytics) systems

➢ Maintenance costs on hardware and associated systems continue to go up

➢ Parts harder and harder to come by

Future Considerations/Requirements

- ➢ Increase overall capacity
- ➢ Refresh technology
- ➢ Reduce maintenance costs
- ➢ Reduce footprint
  - Floorspace
  - Number of systems
- ➢ Consistency across environments

Only two…..

So, what to do?

Testing

- ➢ Obtaining loaner/test systems
  - IBM TS4500
  - Spectra Tfinity
- ➢ Typical performance/reliability tests
- ➢ Compatibility with current environment
- ➢ Analytics, analytics, analytics
- ➢ Maintenance processes/procedures
- ➢ Discussions with counterparts at other labs

Opportunities

➢ Choose a maintenance model we prefer
- More "self" maintenance vs.
- Traditional direct vendor maintenance

➢ Simplification and consistency
- LTO only - across all environments (option to add enterprise at a later date)
- Single library interface

➢ Elimination of external library systems (ACSLS, analytics)

➢ Bonus possibility: Spectra provides option to use Oracle T10k drives and tapes (read only) within the Tfinity library

Questions/Comments