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ESG Briefs

[The Hitachi Content Archive Platform 2.0: A New Revision and A Great Vision](#)

The Hitachi Content Archive Platform 2.0 is the latest revision of this best-in-class solution providing new valuable features and capabilities. This ushers in not only a more compelling solution for HDS but also a leap towards a greater vision based on the shift from structured data-dominated environments to a future in which unstructured data becomes king.

[NetApp A-SIS Deduplication: Universal Data De-Duplication](#)

ESG is a vocal proponent of data de-duplication and we believe that it should be utilized in all tiers of storage—including primary & secondary data, archival storage and disk-to-disk backup. NetApp is the first vendor to bring block-level data de-duplication to all of these tiers.

[HP XP24000 - Bigger and Thinner \(and Better\)](#)

The HP XP24000 raises the bar in functionality, performance and scalability. HP has the distinct advantage of being a total solutions provider, which could make a big difference in how their customers embrace this leading Enterprise-class storage solution.

[Brocade Enters the HBA Market](#)

Brocade's entrance into the HBA market potentially ends the tightly controlled duopoly of Emulex and Qlogic. Others have tried and failed to disrupt this two horse race, so will Brocade be different?



[EMC Introduces Symmetrix-Based Disk Library](#)

A few months back, EMC dropped the “C” from the name of its CDL platform, hinting at the likelihood of a future Symmetrix-based virtual tape library (VTL) offering. Well, it’s here. At its annual user conference this week, EMC announced the highly scalable DL6000 family, which is based on the Symmetrix DMX-3 series of high-end disk arrays. The DL6000 scales to 1.8PB of capacity (compressed).

[ProStor Sets Sights On Still-Strong DAT Market](#)

Despite all the push around disk for data protection, there is still a lot of tape out there. This is particularly true in the low-end of the market, in SMB, entry-level server and even power desktop markets where DAT/DDS technology still abounds. ProStor, a vendor of removable disk drives, is in a good position to convert these steadfast tape users to its RDX technology.

[CA Supports—and Accelerates—Network Access Control \(NAC\)](#)

The technology industry has made Network Access Control harder than it should be, causing confusion and project delays. ESG believes it’s time to rationalize NAC and use it for its intended purpose—enhancing security. NAC best practices suggest that the recipe for success is a phased implementation and enforcement. Throughout this process, CA can help accelerate implementation, lower costs, increase security and link NAC benefits to business processes.

[Data Domain: A Leader in D2D Backup / Data De-duplication](#)

Data Domain is a pioneer and leader in data duplication-enabled disk-to-disk (D2D) backup and has essentially created a new category of data protection. Data Domain has the largest number of implementations and customers as well as a proven track record and years of experience in this market. ESG has direct knowledge of what we speak—as we have performed four hands-on analyses of the Data Domain solutions over the last three years and have spoken with dozens of their customers.

ESG Lab Reports

[ESG Lab Validation Report: Data Domain DDX: Scalable Protection Storage](#)

[ESG Lab Review Report: EMC Centera E-mail Archiving Performance Scalability](#)

[ESG Lab Validation Report: Quantum StorNext 3.0](#)

[ESG Lab Review Report: Emulex Optimized Server Virtualization](#)

[ESG Lab Review Report: IBM System Storage DR550 and Zantaz EAS](#)

[ESG Lab Validation Report: Hitachi USP V: Enterprise-Class Services Oriented Storage Solutions](#)

[ESG Lab Review: Symantec Anti-spam Effectiveness](#)

[ESG Lab Validation Report: HP-Cisco Multi-Site Replication and Recovery](#)

