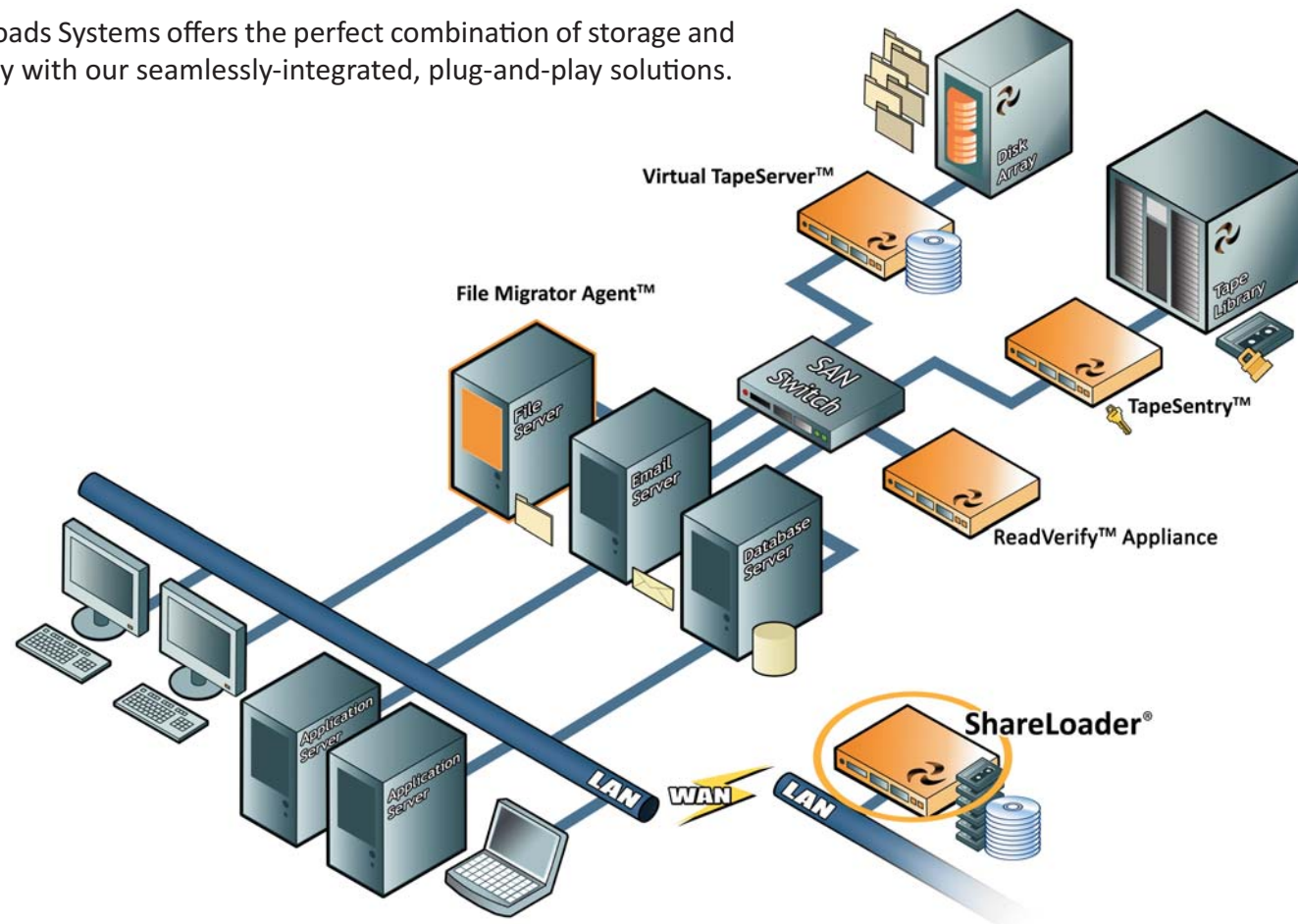


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ShareLoader®

Is Your Data Protected At The Edge?

ShareLoader Protects Your Data Easily and Automatically

ShareLoader is an intelligent IP-based data protection software solution delivered via an appliance that offers a simple, integrated and cost-efficient solution for backing up data using a single, shared asset.



Data Protection That Reaches The Edge

ShareLoader Highlights

- Easy, automatic data protection for clients and servers at the edge
- High performance, reliable backup and recovery – 10x faster than tape
- Securely isolates host data to achieve regulatory compliance
- Seamlessly integrates with existing backup applications
- Easily scales storage capacity with optional XpanDisk
- Supports disaster recovery with optional XpanTape

Whether company data is located at the central office, branch office or a remote network-connected client, the right resources must be deployed to protect business-critical data wherever it resides. Centralized data protection has been a primary focus of IT organizations, but a comprehensive approach should also address data stored remotely, where data is especially vulnerable. Poorly designed data protection solutions can cause an inability to limit data loss, restore data and meet legislated regulatory compliance. Though managed data protection at the edge is becoming a priority, remote resources are constrained and available solutions may be functionally lacking.

ShareLoader is a cost-effective, intelligent, disk-based virtual tape solution designed for remote offices and virtualized environments that enables end-user restores of data from Windows and Linux-based laptops, desktops and servers. Using a single, shared asset, ShareLoader centrally manages data protection in distributed environments by presenting each remote host with a secure virtual tape library with an IP-based network via an iSCSI connection. Optimizing and consolidating data access while simplifying media management makes ShareLoader an ideal solution for easy and reliable backup operations. When implemented with the optional XpanDisk™ disk array and/or XpanTape™ tape library, ShareLoader becomes a scalable, shareable, all-in-one solution enabling cost-effective protection of business-critical data.

Why Complicate Remote Backup and Restore?

Easy to Install and Configure, Seamless Integration

As a network-based appliance, ShareLoader is easy to install and configure, integrates seamlessly into existing Ethernet infrastructure and readily interoperates with industry-leading backup applications. Because ShareLoader uses disk-based technology, it's up to ten times faster than traditional tape and can restore local data much faster than using remote backup software. The user-friendly Web interface allows storage administrators to centrally manage data protection operations. Client backups can occur simultaneously and end users can restore their own data. ShareLoader keeps data protection at the edge simple, manageable and fast to allow recovery of data in a fraction of the time of existing solutions, achieve regulatory compliance and support disaster recovery operations.

Are You Compromising Your Data?

Secure Virtual Tape Library for Each Remote Host

ShareLoader securely manages remote backup and restore operations on up to 100 hosts systems (64 simultaneously) via authenticated host connections. Host initiators utilize Crossroads Patented Access Controls to ensure each uniquely assigned library and connection is protected from unauthorized access. By securely isolating host data, ShareLoader helps meet regulatory compliance—even in highly distributed environments. If offsite storage of physical tape media is required, adding the optional XpanTape tape library enables integrated support of physical tape for portability and disaster recovery. Your data is safe during all data protection operations.

How Can I Cope With Exploding Data Volumes?

Scalable as Your Business Needs Grow

The default configuration of ShareLoader has options to manage up to 6TB or 8TB of raw storage, but in today's business environment, data volumes often grow larger. Using optional XpanDisk, data storage can easily grow to 45TB raw capacity, 37.5TB usable (uncompressed) or approximately 68TB actual (compressed). With ShareLoader and XpanDisk you get flexible scalability to grow data protection at the edge to meet your specific business needs.

Why Worry About Remote Data Protection?

Manage and Protect Data at the Edge

Demanding requirements for data availability and the low acceptability of any kind of data loss, plus the requirements of legislated regulations are driving the need for comprehensive data protection solutions across the entire enterprise. ShareLoader meets the business need and keeps data protection investments to a minimum using the free Microsoft iSCSI initiator software and leveraging existing Ethernet networks to create an iSCSI SAN. Additionally, the burden of managing data protection operations is kept to a minimum using the centrally-managed Web-based interface. Imagine the value of avoiding even catastrophic event resulting in the loss of business critical data.

Large Regional Bank Chooses ShareLoader

THE CHALLENGE

- Old backup technology had limited throughput
- Unreliable tape drive causing media failures
- Backup window consistently exceeded
- Data recovery inconsistent and unreliable

THE SHARELOADER SOLUTION

- ShareLoader installed and configured within an hour
- Seamless interoperability with existing backup application
- Backup completed 50% faster
- Backup data reliably read during restore

BUSINESS IMPACT

- With ShareLoader, backup operations are now more reliable and efficient
- Tape media management simplified
- Cost-effective implementation demonstrated quick ROI

