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Benefits & Quick Wins

Immediate

SRA is delivered as a SaaS offering and therefore can manage quick turnaround of customers' data analysis. From the point of up loading the data (from simple running of scripts) the SRA portal can be made available the following day. This provides full access to the complete depth and detail of the storage estate in scope.

Accurate

SRA's analysis of storage estates is proven to provide detailed accuracy and depth. This means that all information can be relied upon in order to make remedial decisions for better storage efficiency.

Immediate visibility of capacity, allocation and "headroom"

You can't improve what you can't measure. SRA provides an immediate view "audit" of what is actually present. Identifies total capacity, what's allocated and presents headroom. This headline information is immediately presented on the landing page when logged in through the portal.

Immediate visibility of reclaimable storage at the array level

SRA immediately presents storage reclaim candidates and grades this from 1 to 5 depending on the ease to reclaim. This information can be handed onto the operations team to begin a reclaim programme. It is not untypical to see up to 20% reclaimable in any given estate.

Immediate visibility of configuration errors

SRA presents detailed configuration errors and warnings. This capability often highlights surprises and unknowns that represent "sleeping catastrophes". For example, SRA has been successful in highlighting configuration errors that would have contravened compliance regulations.

Host (consumer) Connectivity

SRA configuration provides access to information relating to LUNs through to Host and back from host to associated LUNs and its associated allocation and full back end storage. All detail is hyperlinked giving immense levels of information. This detail is made immediately available through the portal.

Global view of heterogeneous storage estate on one portal

As SRA has no boundaries both geographically and in scale the full global storage estate can be viewed using just one single portal.

Zero operational impact

In most instances there is little or no need for change control as there are no agents or collectors to install. This represents a low barrier for adoption and means that it is possible to get immediate value without compromise.

Instant view of system tiering

SRA provides an instant representation of the existing tiering across the entire scoped estate and can be analysed “drilled down” to immense detail. The standard tiering analysis has been based on SNIA’s tiering recommendation. However, there is further capability to apply specific custom tiering if an alternative is preferred.

Ability to present summary reports very quickly via export to pdf, Excel etc.

All reports and data can be easily exported into pdf, excel, word etc. This is often used by storage and IT managers to help present current state and benefits realisation after “get well” programmes.

Trending and compare

Multiple report point runs invokes the feature to evidence trends or even comparisons between 2 or more specific chosen report points. The latter is often used to show a comparison between a report just prior to a change and immediately after a change. The former shows change over time.

No training or requirement for specific expertise to use the system

SRA is all hyperlinked and very intuitive. It is common that SRA is immediately adopted with no training whatsoever as its ease of use is unparalleled.

No ongoing maintenance, support costs or upgrade issues (SaaS)

As SRA is presented as a SaaS offering there is no software to buy which means there is no asset or liability. With this comes the added value of no maintenance and constant access to latest software version

Immediate Impact both in terms of ROI and ROE (Effort)

Simple data collection process means that the return on effort and resource required is unsurpassed.

Cross-platform

SRA is truly heterogeneous with all major storage vendors’ common arrays included. This means there is no compromise to depth of analysis right across the scoped estate. SRA provides a complete and comprehensive analysis irrespective of vendor without discrimination.

Complimentary to, but NOT dependant upon, existing tools and PS services.

SRA is not dependant on any other software or tools. It is completely standalone. It is complimentary to existing or future tools and is often used to augment other on premise tools in this way due to its simplicity of use and depth of detail and value.