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Executive Summary

This report is the fourteenth report on data storage and emerging applications and the twelfth report on data storage in the entertainment and media market published by Coughlin Associates.

Data storage is a key element in the digital transformation of content creation, editing, distribution and reception. Data capacity and communication speed increases, changing form factors, lowered product prices and the growing familiarity with digital editing, digital intermediates and various forms of digital distribution are key components in the continued growth and development of entertainment.

Because of the large file sizes required for high resolution and multi-camera images there is increasing demand for high capacity storage devices. The entire content value chain of content creation, editing, archiving, distribution as well as consumer electronics content reception devices, provide an accelerating feed-forward mechanism. This drives growth in data storage for all entertainment content applications.

For many archiving and distribution applications where content is relatively static low cost/high capacity SATA HDD storage, optical discs and tape-based storage libraries will predominate. Hard disk drives as well as enterprise SSDs are also used in high performance storage applications where storage cost factors must be combined with performance requirements.

For applications requiring rugged field use or fast playback response flash memory either as cards or solid state drives (SSDs) are becoming more popular.

Due to input from industry groups, SMPTE, HPA, EBU (and other media and entertainment workers) survey results and discussions with industry end users and equipment providers we have adjusted many of our models for current storage estimates as well as future growth in 2016. We have modifications to the 2015 assumptions to better model current market conditions, in particular for content acquisition, post production, video on demand and media. This has resulted in significant increases in capacity assumptions, including for content archiving than earlier editions of this report.

We list some key points of the report in the following list.

Key Points

- Creation, Distribution & Conversion of video content creates a huge demand driver for storage device and systems manufacturers
- As image resolution increases and as stereoscopic VR video becomes more common, storage requirements explode
- The development of 4K TV and other high-resolution venues in the home and in mobile devices will drive the demand for digital content (especially enabled by high HEVC (H.265) compression).
- The slow down in areal density growth for HDDs will slow the historical \$/GB decline probably through the projection period.
- Activity to create capture and display devices for 8K X 4K content is occurring with planned implementation in common media systems by the next decade
- Active archiving will drive increased use of HDD storage for “archiving” applications, supplementing tape for long term archives
- Optical storage developments for Blu-ray optical cartridges are increasing and this will help slow the reduction in optical disc archiving
- Flash memory dominates cameras and will find wider use in post production and content distribution systems
- From 2015 to 2021 entertainment and media digital storage TAM (without archiving and preservation) will increase by about 4.1 X (from \$17.9 B to \$73.83 B).
- Between 2015 and 2021 media and entertainment storage revenue is expected to grow 3.7 X (from \$24.6 B to \$92.1 B).

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- In 2015 post-production is estimated to have been about 34% of the total storage revenue, followed by archiving and preservation and content distribution at 27% and content acquisition at 12%.
- In 2021 the projected revenue distribution is 41% content distribution, 25% post production, 20% for archiving and preservation and 14% for content acquisition.
- Between 2015 and 2021 we expect about a 6.2 X increase in the required digital storage capacity used in the entertainment industry and about a 5.6 X increase in storage capacity shipped per year (from 71,632 PB to 401,215 PB).
- The greatest storage capacity demand in 2015 is for digital conversion and preservation as well as archiving of new content (85.3%). Content acquisition follows at 7.8% with post-production at 4.4% and content distribution at 2.5%.
- By 2021 we expect 70% of archived content to be in near-line storage, up from 51% in 2015.
- In 2015 we estimate that 62.7% of the total storage media capacity shipped for all the digital entertainment content segments was in HDDs with digital tape at 27.0%, 6.5% optical discs and flash at 3.9%.
- By 2021 tape has been reduced to 18.6%, HDDs shipped capacity is 69.2%, optical disc capacity is down to about 2.3% and flash capacity percentage is at 9.9%.
- Media revenue is expected to increase about 2.45 X from 2015 to 2021 (\$3,217 M to \$7,871 M).
- The single biggest application (by storage capacity) for digital storage in the next several years as well as one of the most challenging is the digital conversion of film, video tape and other analog formats
- Over 290 Exabytes of new digital storage will be used for digital archiving and content conversion and preservation by 2021
- Storage in remote “clouds” is playing an important role in enabling collaborative workflows and in archiving
- Overall cloud storage for media and entertainment is expected to grow about 25 X between 2015 and 2021 (4,826 PB to 130,152 PB)
- Cloud storage revenue will exceed \$20.2 B by 2020
- Digital cinema conversion is almost complete in many countries with movement to 4K video wide-spread
- Silver halide film as a content distribution media will vanish before the end of the decade.
- AXF and other new standards may help format obsolescence
- Several petabytes of storage can be required for a complete stereoscopic digital movie production at 4K resolution and there is some production work as high as 8K
- By the next decade total video captured for a high end digital production could be hundreds of PB, approaching 1 exabyte

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- Non-linear editing requires high performance storage devices. Over the forecast period lower network storage costs and higher performing low cost storage networks will result in faster growth of network storage than direct attached and local.
- ATA HDD arrays are becoming the dominant mode for readily retrievable fixed content storage.
- Magnetic tape will remain as an archival media although use in other applications is in decline, particularly content capture
- Flash memory is the clear majority storage media in professional video cameras with survey results showing about 54% utilization in 2016
- The continued need to storage for higher performance and high capacity workflows are driving strong storage growth in the projection periods—assuming no great negative economic trends.

The data presented in this report is subject to change as the content storage market develops. We have additional information that we have gathered in addition to that included in this published report. We will continue to monitor and develop our models of this market as time goes on. We would be glad to work with customers on specialized presentations or reports and in general to conduct research to answer specific questions on a project or ongoing basis.



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This updated and expanded report is the twelfth annual comprehensive reference document on this topic. The report analyzes requirements and trends in worldwide data storage for entertainment content acquisition; editing; archiving and digital preservation; as well as digital cinema; broadcast; satellite; cable; network; internet and OTT as well as VOD distribution. Capacity and performance trends as well as media projections are made for each of the various market segments. Industry storage capacity and revenue projections include direct attached storage, cloud, real time as well as near-line network storage.

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