

# DELL EMC BLUEPRINT FOR BACKUP ARCHITECTURE

## Helping accelerate your data protection journey

### ESSENTIALS

- Establish a baseline understanding and high level strategy for your data protection program
- Provide specific strategic and design insights into your current backup environment and practices, along with recommendations for improvement
- Identify areas that can impact the ability to recover critical business applications and IT operations
- Examine ongoing program components and future growth requirements
- Design and implement a solution that reduces costs, provides significant improvements to your backup operations, and accelerates your evolution to a Data Protection-as-a-Service model

### BUSINESS CHALLENGES

IT organizations are demanding a more optimized and robust backup and archive environment as they seek to improve application availability and recoverability, handle explosive data growth, and improve service levels for their physical and virtual infrastructure. To accomplish these goals, they need a full understanding of the data protection services they provide, the gaps between these services and the requirements to protect and manage data, and whether their backup capabilities are aligned with business and technical objectives.

### SERVICE DESCRIPTION

Dell EMC Blueprint for Backup Architecture provides crucial recommendations to close gaps between the results achieved by current technologies, processes, and staffing, and those desired by the business. Taking a holistic and phased approach to data protection storage, our data protection experts provide recommendations based upon best practices to address immediate pain points such as failure to meet key backup metrics, questionable recoverability of critical operations, cost control, application growth and/or consolidation, and continued reliance on tape. This service also helps address longer-term strategies to eliminate difficulty with regulatory compliance, accidental architectures, development of service catalogs, and enablement of data protection as a value-added service.

We use Dell EMC's unique processes and expertise to reveal comprehensive baseline information for your existing backup, recovery, and archive capabilities. We then provide specific strategic and design insights into your current environment and practices along with prioritized recommendations for improvement. These recommendations can provide phased solutions that result in reduced costs, reduced risk, and significant improvements to your backup operations. The technical, operational, and architectural deliverables from this service can also help you accelerate your journey to Data Protection-as-a-Service model that evolves your legacy server-centric operational processes and architecture to a more infrastructure-and cloud-service-centric data protection model. Key steps in this multi-week engagement include:

- Data collection for existing infrastructure—determine maturity state for processes, architecture, technology, performance, capacity
- File system characteristics—identify and analyze current file system data characteristics correlated to retention policy attributes
- Application and storage tier alignment—identify and analyze current applications, policies, and storage tier assignment

- Data protection and gap and risk analysis—analyze technology, operations, and staffing changes required to meet capacity and SLO requirements
- Architecture, operations, staffing, cost analysis—determine if current practices support SLAs, data protection objectives, cost, and compliance requirements
- Future state recommendation and roadmap—provide recommendations to meet SLAs and data protection objectives along with a multi-phase roadmap to achieve lower operational costs, reduced risk, and improved agility

## SERVICE VALUE

Dell EMC Blueprint for Backup Architecture uses Dell EMC's deep knowledge, best practices, and data protection experience to develop the most effective recommendations that meet your technical and business requirements. This service is ideal for any organization looking to complete a review of its existing data protection environment with the intent of identifying challenges, opportunities, and longer-term changes needed to enhance or improve the backup environment. The result will be a multi-phased roadmap for improving your data protection infrastructure and operations that will result in lower costs, reduced risk, and increased value provided to application owners and to the lines of business, freeing them to drive innovation and increase revenue for the enterprise.

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