

EMC DATA DOMAIN BOOST FOR SYMANTEC BACKUP EXEC

Increase backup performance with advanced OpenStorage integration

ESSENTIALS

Faster Backups and Greater Resource Utilization

- Distributed deduplication process dramatically increases throughput
- Efficient CPU utilization on Backup Exec media servers
- Reduced network bandwidth utilization
- Enables faster “time-to-DR” readiness

Seamless Integration with Backup Exec

- Centralized management and tighter integration
- Heterogeneous backup server environment support

Backup Exec Managed Replication

- 99 percent bandwidth reduction
- Cost-efficient disaster recovery
- Multisite tape and disk consolidation
- Encrypted replication

Advanced Load Balancing and Link Failover

- Scalable link aggregation at the application layer
- Simplified Backup Exec configuration
- Seamless load balancing of jobs among available ports
- Link failover keeps backups operational

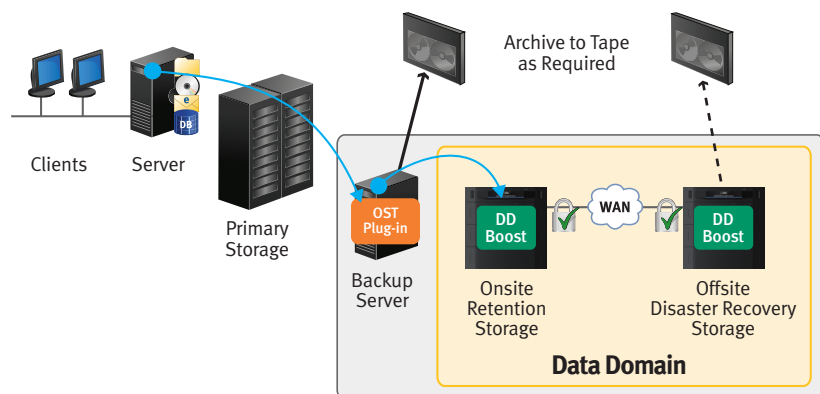
Ultra-Safe Storage for Reliable Recovery

- Continuous recovery verification, fault detection, and healing
- End-to-end data integrity

NEXT-GENERATION BACKUP AND RECOVERY

Symantec™ Backup Exec™ is one of the most pervasive data management tools used in small to medium size data centers across the world. Backup Exec is predominantly used in data protection of Microsoft Windows based systems and is a critical component of backup, recovery, and disaster preparedness strategies. Backup Exec directs the operation of disk and tape media that stores typically five times more data than what can be found on the primary storage in the same data center. As data continues to grow unabatedly and as more attention is focused on efficient data protection and disaster recovery (DR), traditional approaches to backup are no longer acceptable. Disk based deduplication solutions are becoming mandatory to meet the backup and recovery challenges in today’s data center.

These transformational backup and DR solutions must have a foundation of simplicity and flexibility that enable consolidated management from a single management pane within Backup Exec. Unfortunately, many disk-based backup technologies have only focused on improving the speed and reliability of backups, not advancing DR and ease-of-management. For example, some virtual tape libraries (VTLs) actually worsened the complexities and liabilities of tape-based backup and recovery. With many traditional VTLs, users have to provision virtual tape drives, slots, and cartridges which could increase management complexity. The inability of data management tools to handle multiple instances of the same tape barcode or image makes management of DR copies a breaking point.



EMC Data Domain Boost

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EMC® Data Domain® deduplication storage systems offer an alternative to traditional VTLs with a simple NFS/CIFS interface. Data Domain systems are simple to integrate with Backup Exec and allow users to enjoy the retention and recovery benefits of inline deduplication as well as the offsite disaster recovery protection of replication over the wide area network (WAN).

EMC Data Domain Boost extends the optimization capabilities of Data Domain systems. DD Boost significantly increases performance by distributing parts of the deduplication process to the media server, simplifies disaster recovery procedures, and serves as a solid foundation for additional integration between Symantec Backup Exec and Data Domain systems.

SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN BACKUP TIME

Prior to DD Boost, Backup Exec media servers would send all data, unique or redundant, to a Data Domain system for deduplication processing. With the distributed segment processing feature of DD Boost, parts of the deduplication process are distributed to the media server, enabling it to send only unique data segments to a Data Domain system. This dramatically increases the aggregate throughput, up to 31 TB/hr, and reduces the amount of data transferred over the network by 80 to 99 percent. These efficiencies can help eliminate future costs by leveraging existing backup servers and Ethernet networks.

In addition to performance improvements and network bandwidth benefits, the reduction in data transferred over the network also decreases CPU utilization on the media servers since sending data is significantly more CPU intensive than the distributed deduplication process. Consequently, this improved efficiency eliminates the need for upgrading the media server infrastructure and also provides an ability to drive more backups from a single media server.

DD Boost for Backup Exec also increases the speed of restart and completion of failed backups. Since only unique data is sent over the network, once a failed job restarts, the data that has already been sent to the Data Domain system for a given backup job does not need to be sent again. This not only reduces the load on the network substantially, but also improves the overall throughput for the failed backups upon retry.

Overall, DD Boost for Backup Exec significantly increases aggregate throughput, substantially reduces backup windows, and improves media server efficiency. Best of all, DD Boost is transparent to the backup application because the distributed segment processing is handled by the DD Boost plug-in, which is embedded in the OST plug-in installed on the media server.

SEAMLESS INTEGRATION WITH BACKUP EXEC

The combination of a Data Domain system and DD Boost for Backup Exec creates an optimized connection to provide a tightly integrated solution. DD Boost for Backup Exec offers operational simplicity by enabling the media server to manage the connection between the backup application and one or more Data Domain systems.

Unlike a VTL implementation, DD Boost for Backup Exec does not require any of the artifacts of tape or tape emulation. Similar to the Data Domain NFS/CIFS implementation, an image can be simultaneously written to and read from Data Domain systems in Backup Exec's native image formats. Images written to these systems can be expired one at a time, leading to improved storage efficiency over VTL-only implementations.

DD Boost for Backup Exec works seamlessly with the Backup Exec Central Administration Server Option and allows easy sharing and simultaneous use of disk pools among multiple heterogeneous media servers. This facilitates media server load balancing and the use of the "best" available media servers for completing a particular backup job based on pre-configured policies. DD Boost for Backup Exec works on multiple Windows backup server

operating systems providing a seamless experience to administrators in heterogeneous environments. Further, DD Boost for Backup Exec serves as a consolidated interface to all Data Domain systems. This simplifies the management of Data Domain deduplication storage systems.

BACKUP EXEC MANAGED REPLICATION—OPTIMIZED DUPLICATION

Network-efficient replication technology sends backup images from one Data Domain system to one or more remote Data Domain systems, when all systems are configured with DD Boost software. Using this approach, the bandwidth required for replication is reduced by up to 99 percent. This dramatically reduces the time and WAN bandwidth needed to create multiple copies of backups for tape consolidation or disaster recovery purposes. Resource usage on the media servers is also reduced as they are no longer in the data path when duplicate copies of the backup are being created and transferred.

With DD Boost for Backup Exec, the media server controls the replication of backup images between multiple Data Domain systems and provides backup administrators with a single point of management for tracking all backups and duplicate copies. This paradigm is designed to be very familiar to Backup Exec users because replication over the WAN using EMC Data Domain Replicator software feels similar to vaulting a copy of the data to tape. Replication sessions between Data Domain systems can also be encrypted transparent to Backup Exec to provide additional security for in-flight data over the WAN. All copies of the backup images are present and consistent in the Backup Exec catalog, which provides a single management console view to administrators for easy disaster recovery. This also enables administrators to manage retention periods for various copies individually, resulting in a more flexible DR deployment. If confidentiality is required, deduplicated and compressed data can be encrypted in-flight when being replicated between Data Domain systems, independently of the replication topology used.

Leveraging WAN-efficient replication, DD Boost for Backup Exec eliminates the need for tape-based backup and recovery procedures at remote sites. Recovery from backup copies at the central site also becomes simplified because all copies are tracked in the Backup Exec catalog. Since tape is no longer required at the remote sites, one can deploy Data Domain systems with DD Boost for Backup Exec software as the foundation of a multi-site tape consolidation strategy. However, if tape is a requirement, backup administrators can still create duplicate copies from within the Backup Exec console.

ULTRA-SAFE STORAGE FOR RELIABLE RECOVERY

Data Domain systems with DD Boost for Backup Exec benefit from the EMC Data Domain Data Invulnerability Architecture, which provides the industry's best defense against data integrity issues. Inline write and read verification protects against, and automatically recovers from, data integrity issues during data ingest and retrieval. Capturing and correcting I/O errors inline during the backup process eliminates the need to repeat backup jobs, ensuring backups complete on time and satisfy service level agreements. Unlike other enterprise arrays or file systems, continuous fault detection and self-healing features protect data throughout its lifecycle on all Data Domain systems.

DD Boost for Backup Exec extends this protection to the Backup Exec media server by generating checksums on the data that it sends to the Data Domain system. The checksums are then transferred along with the data. The Data Domain system receiving the data computes new checksums on the incoming data and then compares them to the computed values from DD Boost for Backup Exec for verification purposes. This ensures end-to-end verification of data.

Features	Benefits
Distributed segment processing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant reduction in backup time Up to 31 TB/hr aggregate throughput performance Improved network bandwidth utilization Efficient CPU utilization on media servers Less time required to restart failed backup jobs
Seamless integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centralized management and operational simplicity Easy sharing and simultaneous use of disk pools among multiple heterogeneous media servers Works with Central Admin Server Option (CASO) functionality of Backup Exec to centrally manage multiple media servers
Backup Exec managed replication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optimized duplication using WAN-efficient DD Replicator 99 percent bandwidth reduction Cost-efficient disaster recovery Multisite tape consolidation Encryption of replication session between Data Domain systems
Advanced load balancing and link failover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scalable link aggregation at the application layer Simplified configuration Optimize throughput of multiple links Link failover keeps backups operational in case of temporary network glitches and failures
Data Invulnerability Architecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ultra-safe storage for reliable recovery End-to-end data integrity

SPECIFICATIONS

SOFTWARE

EMC Data Domain Operating System 5.2 or later
 EMC Data Domain OST plug-in 2.4 or later
 EMC Data Domain Extended Retention software
 EMC Data Domain Replicator software
 Symantec Backup Exec 2010 or later

MEDIA SERVER PLATFORMS

Windows Server 2003 (x86, x86_64)
 Windows Server 2008 (x86, x86_64)
 Windows Server 2008 R2 (x86_64)

HARDWARE

EMC Data Domain Appliance Series

NETWORK CONNECTIVITY

IP connectivity between backup servers and Data Domain system

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