

## Mastering Storage Management Software



Sales of new licenses for storage management software are growing; with hierarchical storage management (HSM) and archiving expected to be the fastest growing segments of the market. According to Gartner, storage management software is slated to increase from a \$5.6 billion market in 2004 to \$9.4 billion by 2009.

So what exactly is storage management software? It has been defined as software designed to help administer functions such as backup, archival, disaster recovery, and HSM procedures within an organization. It is sometimes referred to as data storage software, infrastructure software, network storage software, or simply storage software. Although storage management software can be implemented on a standalone system, it is more frequently used in the distributed network of an enterprise.

That covers a lot of ground, so we'll start with the biggest question: why will HSM be the fastest growing segment of this market?



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