



VIEWDIRECT OPTIONS FOR Z/OS

ViewDirect® provides product options for the z/OS environment that facilitate migration and viewing stored content directly from different storage media.

The Challenge

Customers will not wait hours or even days for a document that has been moved to off-line storage. Cost-conscious information technology departments rely on diverse media platforms to construct hierarchies of storage to retain these aging documents. The challenge is to distribute content across a hierarchy of storage and still provide access at acceptable speed.

Maximize Investments in Storage Devices

ViewDirect provides a range of product options that help balance the cost of maintaining documents with the need for fast access. In conjunction with the industry-leading ViewDirect Repository, these options completely automate the content management process, enabling companies to develop a cost-efficient model of content storage that meets access and retention requirements and protects against media obsolescence.

Internet Speed Inexpensive Storage

ViewDirect allows you to store large volumes of information cost effectively while providing access to that content at Internet speed. ViewDirect can store and retrieve content directly from network-attached storage (NAS) systems, including EMC Centera, Network Appliance Nearstore, and StorageTek Intellistore. Report archives can be managed on these storage systems in the same manner used for other storage media types such as tape and optical.

Archives currently stored on tape and optical devices can be migrated to these less-expensive, disk-based storage systems. NAS systems can be used as the primary storage media for migration of ViewDirect archives from high-speed disk instead of using traditional optical and tape media.



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View Directly from Tape and Optical Media

Tape ViewDirect and *Optical ViewDirect* permit users to view content directly from tape and optical media with rapid response time—without recall to disk. They provide an ideal way to store and view long-term retention documents that have relatively low levels of access. These options are an economical COM (computer-output-to-microfiche) alternative, providing dramatic savings. Users can view requested pages directly without recalling the entire file to DASD.

Immediately Create Content on Alternate Storage Media

WriteDirect™ allows the immediate creation of archived content on a NAS device, tape or optical storage-based content. Bypassing DASD and writing documents directly to secondary storage reduces the costs of DASD consumption. This utility is especially useful for writing archived content to NAS systems where retrieval can be done at Internet speed, and for WORN (write-once-read-never) documents that have legal storage requirements but are not accessed by users.

ArcMover™ automatically copies or moves archived documents across disk, network-attached, tape and optical storage devices to more efficiently consolidate content on newer technology, such as NAS devices or high-density tapes. *ArcMover* updates the metadata information without manual intervention or recall to DASD. This may be desirable when older storage devices, such as KOSS optical disks, are being phased out and must be replaced. *ArcMover* protects your strategic enterprise content by ensuring that your archives will always be supported even if your current storage media are not.

Work Queues™ eliminates long retrieval processes and unproductive user wait time by using background searching to create easily accessible directories of information. The resulting pages are retrieved—from tape or optical disk as well as DASD—and cached in temporary areas called work queues. These work queues can be viewed, printed or packaged on CD-ROM for internal or external distribution. The *Work Queues* option helps organize work and improves user efficiency by performing complex searches and locating the required information without the need for the user to open and view the document.



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Payback

- ▶ Reduces costs associated with DASD consumption
- ▶ Optimizes storage utilization across the enterprise
- ▶ Reduces the risks of media obsolescence
- ▶ Automates archive migration
- ▶ Improves productivity by reducing wait time



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