

Top Ten Things You May Not Know Storage Manager Can Do

Across all industries, organizations rely on Micro Focus® Storage Manager to automate the management of user network home folders—resulting in the saving of thousands of dollars every year on tasks that are traditionally performed manually. But user home folder management is only one of many ways that Storage Manager can ease network storage management. Here are 10 more you may not know about.

For more than ten years, Storage Manager has been the means of easing IT workloads by automating storage management tasks. The most notable of these is user home folder management, in which Storage Manager provisions network home folders with applicable storage quota and access rights according to the user role, then archives or deletes these home folders when users leave.

While automated user home folder management might be compelling enough, the overall value of Storage Manager increases as customers leverage more of the product's other capabilities.

Here are 10 lesser-known capabilities of Storage Manager that make the product even more compelling:

- 1. Storage Distribution.** To help optimize your network, Storage Manager can automatically load balance the files located in home folders and collaborative folders throughout the enterprise. In a Storage Manager policy, simply define additional network target paths and storage parameters, and Storage Manager automatically distributes and balances the storage load.
- 2. Data Migration.** By simply changing the target paths of a Storage Manager policy, you can automate the migration of home folders and collaborative folders within Micro Focus or Microsoft networks. Additionally, the Cross-Empire Data Migration subsystem simplifies the migration of files and their associated rights from a Micro Focus network to a Microsoft network.
- 3. Profile Path Management.** For users in Active Directory who access the network through a profile, including remotely, Storage Manager can provision and manage a user's profile path or Remote Desktop Services profile path.

“I love Novell (now part of Micro Focus) Storage Manager. It’s one of the best things we have here. It saves me some time almost every day.”

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- 4. Collaborative Storage Management.** Storage Manager lets you easily create collaborative storage areas through policies that you assign to groups or organizational units. You can structure the collaborative storage as either a single project folder where all project members have access and have the same rights, or as a project folder with an owner and subfolders for each of the members of the group.
- 5. Integration with Identity Management Systems.** Identity management systems automate user account management but fall short when it comes to managing the associated user storage. Storage Manager extends the value of an identity management system by taking user-storage action while the identity management system takes user-account action.
- 6. Document Provisioning.** Within the home folders or collaborative folders that Storage Manager creates, Storage Manager can automatically create subfolders and even provision specific documents according to the role of the user.
- 7. Quota Management.** Storage Manager lets you establish user home folder and collaborative folder quotas for disk space. Additionally, you can designate individual users to be Quota Managers. When a user runs out of disk space, these Quota Managers can be the means of increasing user quota, without you having to grant these Quota Managers rights to the file system.
- 8. Path Analysis.** This graphical analysis feature built into the administrative interface of Storage Manager lets you navigate through the file system and see file names, file types, file rights and more.
- 9. File Grooming and Archiving.** A powerful feature of Storage Manager is the ability to remove or "groom" file types that you do not want stored on primary storage. By grooming .mov files, for example, Storage Manager moves all of the movie files from primary storage to an archive location.
- 10. Managing Renames.** When a network administrator renames a user in Micro Focus eDirectory™ or Active Directory, Storage Manager automatically renames the associated home folder and updates the home folder attribute in the directory, so the user can log in and access his or her storage.



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