

# Vertices® Impact Questions

Can Vertices® help you manage your media library? Vertices can manage and track all your media, regardless of platform, and protect your organization against loss of mission-critical data. Take the Impact Quiz below to see how important Vertices can be to your operation. For every “Yes” answer, Vertices can help meet your needs.

## 1. Do you need to control the media generated by the enterprise’s backup process?

*It’s easy to lose control over backup media when you must handle multiple servers, multiple sites, and diverse backup applications. Vertices can extend your control, from main site to remote sites to offsite facilities.*

## 2. Do you move tapes offsite for Disaster Recovery purposes?

*Most organizations rotate their disaster-recovery backups to safe offsite facilities. The rotation schemes vary depending on backup timing (daily, end of month, end of year, etc.) and backup type (full, incremental, etc.). Vertices can handle whatever rotation scheme you devise – and tell you exactly when and where to move your media.*

## 3. Have you ever lost or misplaced the media needed for a file recovery?

*When your backup system requires media for recovery, you must be able to locate that tape at a moment’s notice. Vertices can tell you immediately where to find any media it tracks.*

## 4. Have you ever mounted media selected for recovery only to discover that the contents are outdated, incorrect, or marked “scratch”?

*You may think all your backups completed successfully, only to find during disaster recovery that you’ve been storing the wrong media or rotating damaged media. Vertices keeps track of media usage, verifies media contents, and – when integrated with your backup application – notifies you when backups are not completed successfully.*

## 5. Must you keep data for extended periods of time?

*Many companies are required by law to save data for extended lengths of time: three to seven years, depending on industry type. If you must store financial data, emails, business transactions, or other data, for lengthy periods, you need a media-management system that guards such media against accidental or premature overwrites. Vertices has such protection built-in to its tracking mechanisms.*

## 6. Have your operators ever written over a tape prematurely, losing valuable data in the process?

*Accidents happen. Media that have not yet expired can be re-used prematurely, rendering their original data useless. Vertices has purge-protection safeguards that prevent such accidental re-use.*

## 7. Do you conduct audits to reconcile the media inventory?

*Most data centers periodically reconcile tape (media) inventory to make sure the tapes exist and that they reside in the correct location. At larger companies, both internal and external auditors perform such audits. Vertices has a simple, easy-to-use facility for reconciling physical inventory with the media-tracking database.*

## 8. Have you ever lost track of older media after compressing or updating your backup application's database?

*Most backup applications process so many files that the database grows to unmanageable proportions and must be decreased in size on a continuing basis. But such maintenance may break the data-to-media relationships for older (yet unexpired) media. Vertices does not lose those links, thus protecting all your media, regardless of their age or retention periods.*

## 9. Do you occasionally have trouble figuring out how to handle media with multiple backup files from multiple servers?

*New tape technology, such as DLT, allows a single tape to contain data from many different servers. This is especially true when one master server backs up other servers and/or desktops. Vertices easily handles the records for such "stacked" media, so you can keep track of server backups written to a single tape.*

## 10. Do you want a single source to handle information about all the media generated by all your backup systems, regardless of site, host, backup application, or platform?

*With many servers, many sites, and diverse backup applications, it is difficult to administer and control the backup process. Vertices helps you manage those resources by giving you access to all your media information in a single, comprehensive database.*



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