



Elsevier Science Selects Overland's Modular DLTape Library for Centralized Network Backup

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SAN DIEGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 17, 1999--Overland Data Inc. (Nasdaq/NMS:OVRL), a technology leader in data storage and backup products, Monday announced that international science and technology publisher Elsevier has ordered Overland's DLTape library equipment for its backup and restore needs in respect to disaster recovery and day-to-day restore service to users.

Elsevier Science will now have one Overland LibraryXpress(tm) DLTape library at its Oxford site employed in vital Y2K compliance testing, which is expected to be completed by August of this year.

The publisher has standardized on Overland systems for its worldwide network, which backs up more than 530 GB of information in daily increments of approximately 60 GB. The installed base of Overland LibraryXpress units at Elsevier is currently 18.

The majority of these systems are located at the Elsevier Science computer center in Amsterdam. Two UNIX servers, four LibraryXpress LXB 7210s, two LXG Global Control modules and six LXC capacity modules handle data such as Oracle databases, Web site information, production files, e-mail and word processing libraries from UNIX, NT and Novell systems on the network.

The process is executed and managed automatically using ADSM under UNIX operating systems. The company's New York and Oxford computer centers each house two UNIX servers with an LXB 7210 and an LXG.

"Backup is a bread-and-butter activity for any corporate data center," said Wim Zwama, project manager at Elsevier Science. "It simply cannot be allowed to fail. The Overland libraries have enabled us to recover single files and whole systems in the field. They are truly an install-and-forget box.

"Another major plus is the scalability of these systems. Other solutions require you to make an unjustifiable leap to large-scale units when your network grows. Overland's building-block approach and the barcoding set its libraries apart from competitive solutions that are not scalable or easy to configure."

"We are extremely pleased with the outcome," said Karel Auwerda, IT Operations director. "Every night ADSM backs up to disk cache, which then offloads to the Overland systems in parallel. The whole process of backing up 40 GB of data takes about five hours at a rate of between one and 13 GB per hour depending on the type of system and number of files.

"Elsevier Science is looking to introduce more and more automation into the backup and restore process," he said. "Our ultimate objective is to have all data processing in one dark room where everything is completely automated."

"We worked closely with Overland and Elsevier to provide the most efficient storage solution possible," said Ton Hus, account manager at Comparex, Overland's channel partner in Holland.

Of the 18 operational Overland libraries in the network, eight are LibraryXpress Base units (LXBs), six are capacity modules (LXCs) and four are Global Control Modules (LXGs), combined into four robotic systems with a total native capacity of more than eight TB.

About Overland

Overland is a global supplier of storage automation solutions and related technologies designed to meet and surpass the critical requirements of high-availability network computing environments, from entry level to the enterprise.

The company is a recognized leader in technology innovation for such achievements as the award-winning DLT LibraryXpress SmartScale Storage(tm) architecture that establishes new standards for intelligent automated storage and scalability, and the patented (No. 5,815,514) Variable Rate Randomizer (VR2(tm)) data encoding technology that can significantly increase the capacity and throughput of linear tape formats.

Overland has also earned a worldwide reputation for unmatched product quality and innovative warranty programs such as the Guaranteed Up Time Service (GUTS(tm)) Program that dramatically reduce the total cost of ownership. The Company's award-winning products meet the critical needs of end users, distributors and OEMs in industries worldwide.

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