



# Take Action to Protect Your Long-Term Digital Information

An IGI survey of IG practitioners reveals that most organizations cannot ensure protection and access of critical long-term digital information





The vast majority of practitioners (98%) report that their organizations have digital records and information they keep or need to keep for more than 10 years.



Most practitioners (97%) are aware that technology obsolescence could put long-term digital records and information at risk of not being readable or useable in the future.

### Currently used storage solutions are putting long-term digital records and information at risk

WHERE ARE DIGITAL RECORDS AND INFORMATION BEING STORED?	
Shared Network Drive	68×
Line of Business Applications (e.g. CRM, ERP, Manufacturing, HR Systems, etc.)	52 <sup>×</sup>
Enterprise Content Management System (ECM)	47 <sup>×</sup>
Disk or Tape Backup Systems	44 <sup>s</sup>
Records Management System (e.g. EDRMS)	43 <sup>x</sup>
Application-specific Archiving (e.g. email)	33 <sup>×</sup>
Removable Media (e.g. CD or USB)	22 <sup>×</sup>
Enterprise Information Archiving System (EIA)	14%
Purpose-built, Long-term Digital Preservation System	11%
Other	9*
Commodity Cloud Storage (e.g. Amazon)	8 <sup>x</sup>
I don't know.	1×

## Practitioners know digital records and information are at risk, but preservation strategies have not caught up

HOW ARE ORGANIZATIONS ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGE?	
We are currently considering our approach.	44 <sup>x</sup>
Convert official records to formats like PDF, TXT, CSV, etc.	33*
We have no comprehensive strategy.	31 <sup>x</sup>
Postpone action until required (such as on-demand conversion or migration)	16 <sup>x</sup>
Transfer to a standards based digital preservation system	16 <sup>x</sup>
Other	12 <sup>x</sup>
Convert to analog format (paper or film)	10 <sup>x</sup>
I don't know.	6 <sup>x</sup>



"It was vital to protect our unique digital assets from the risks of technology obsolescence by using digital preservation"

Valerie Komor, Director Associated Press Corporate Archives

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