



Solid State Drives (SSD) with Self Encryption: Solidly Secure

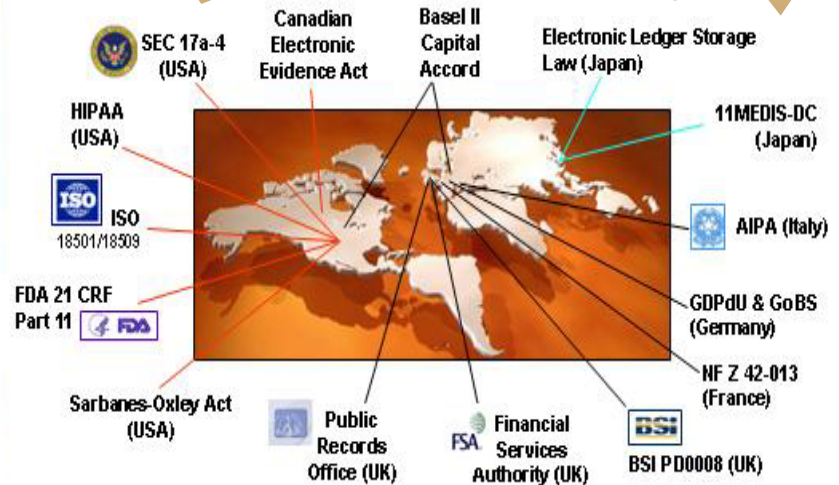
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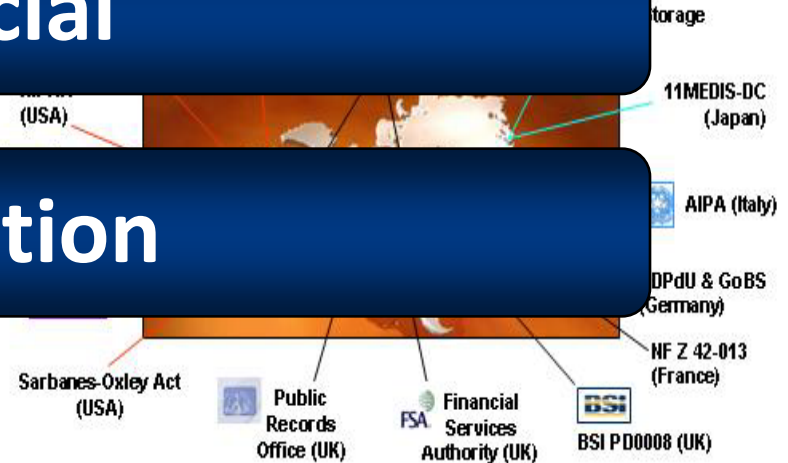
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Financial

Reputation



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Breach Notification Legislation

Example: California

... any agency that owns or licenses computerized data that includes personal information shall **disclose any breach** of the security of the system following discovery or notification of the breach in the security of the data to any resident of California whose **unencrypted** personal information was, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person...”



Encryption “safe harbor”

Trusted Storage Standardization



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Published Storage Specifications

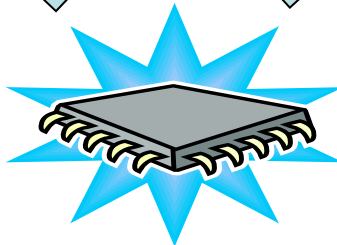
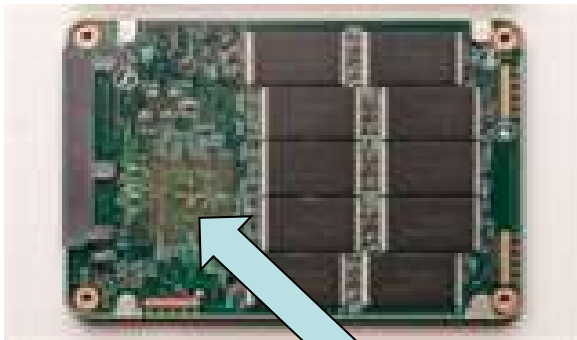


Self-Encrypting Drives (SED)

What is a Self-Encrypting Drive (SED)?

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SED Management Interface

I n t e r f a c e



AES Hardware Circuitry

- Encrypt Everything Written
- Decrypt Everything Read

Crypto Erase

Description

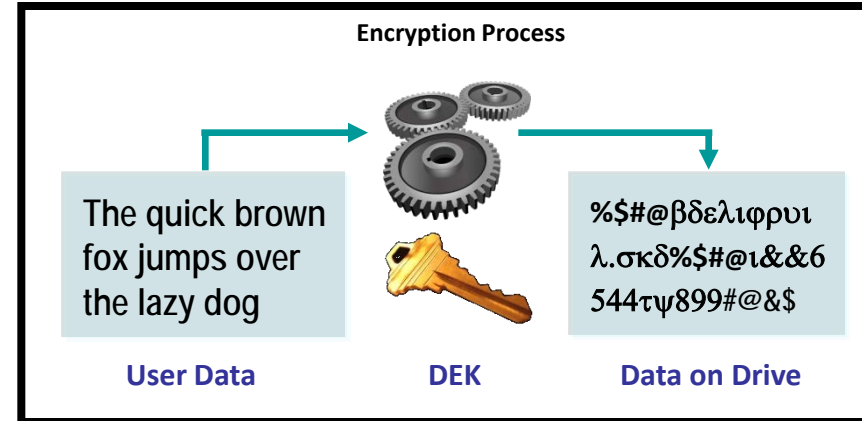
- Cryptographic erase changes the drive encryption key
- Data encrypted with previous key, unintelligible when **DEcrypted** with new key

Benefits

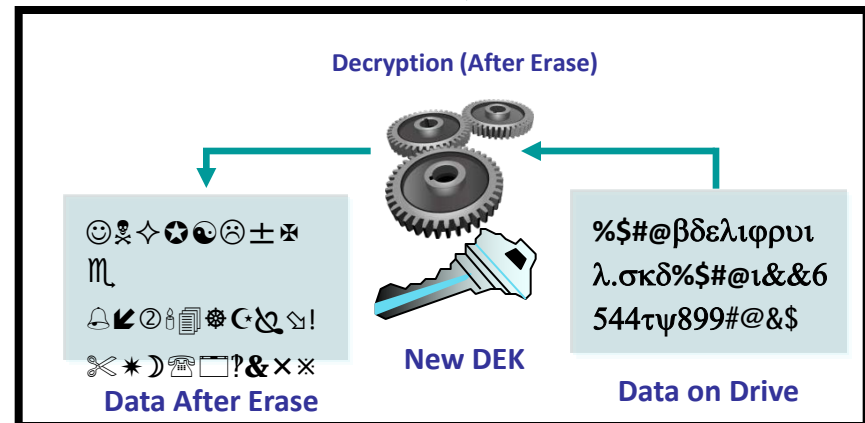
- Instantaneous “rapid” erase for secure disposal or re-purposing

- Revision 1 of U.S. NIST SP800-88: **Guidelines for Media Sanitization** under way to support Crypto Erase

http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/drafts/800-88-rev1/sp800_88_r1_draft.pdf



Change DEK
Command



No Performance Degradation



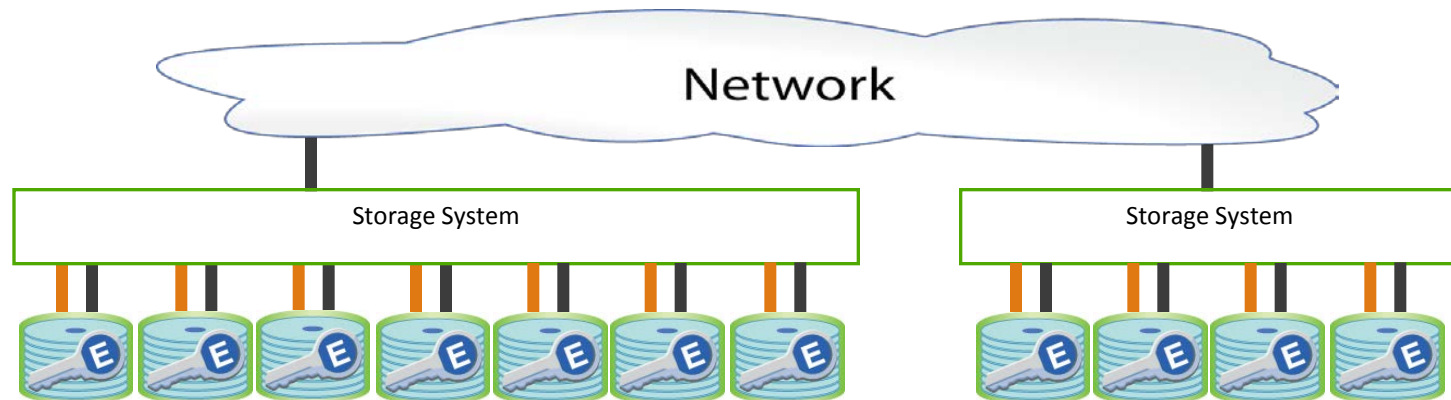
Encryption engine speed

Matches

Port's max speed

The encryption engine
is in the drive
electronics

Scales Linearly, Automatically



All data will be encrypted, with no performance degradation



Hardware-Based Self-Encryption versus Software Encryption

- **Transparency:** SEDs come from factory with encryption key already generated
- **Ease of management:** No encrypting key to manage
- **Life-cycle costs:** The cost of an SED is pro-rated into the initial drive cost; software has continuing life cycle costs
- **Disposal or re-purposing cost:** With an SED, erase on-board encryption key
- **Re-encryption:** With SED, there is no need to ever re-encrypt the data
- **Performance:** No degradation in SED performance
- **Standardization:** Whole drive industry is building to the TCG/SED Specs
- **No interference** with upstream processes

New hardware acquisition (part of normal replacement cycle)



Performance Comparisons:

HDD and SSD, software versus SED

MB/Sec	HDD: no encryption	HDD: S/W encryption	HDD: SED	SSD: no encryption	SSD: S/W encryption	SSD: SED
Startup	7.90	6.97	7.99	82.50	47.90	95.33
App Loading	7.03	5.77	5.71	48.33	30.77	60.37
Modest size file test	6.13	5.00	5.28	41.13	26.77	50.40
Large Scale Data Read	84.67	52.88	82.75	178.00	70.23	169.33
Large Scale Data Write	79.60	49.50	50.31	170.80	63.60	164.50

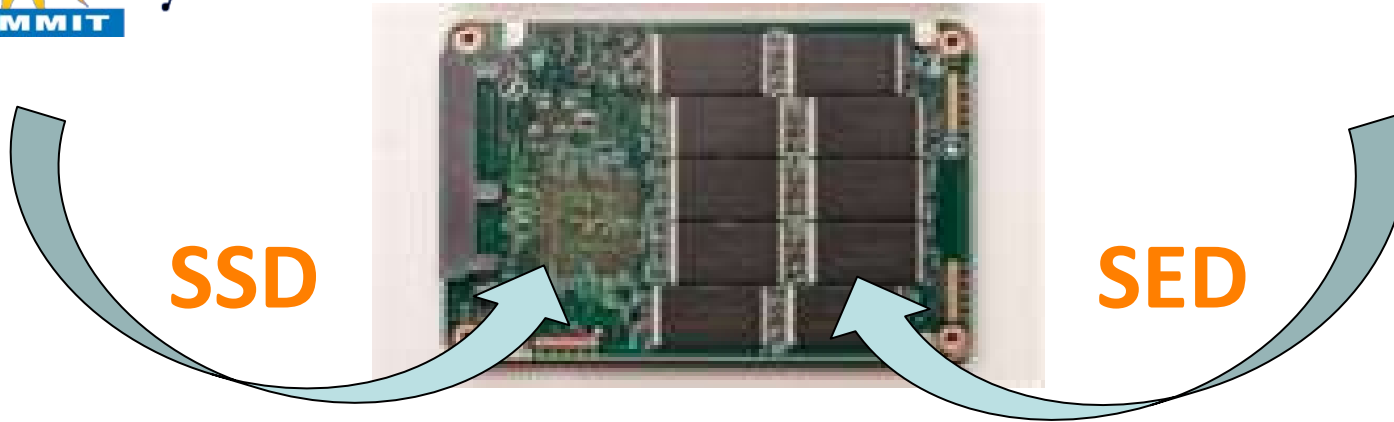
<http://www.trustedstrategies.com/>



Addressing the Hurdles...

Simplifies key management to prevent data loss	✓ Encryption key does not leave the drive; it does not need to be escrowed, tracked, or managed
Simplifies Planning and Management	✓ Standards-based for optimal manageability and interoperability ✓ Transparent to application developers and database administrators. No change to OS, applications, databases ✓ Data classification not needed to maintain performance
Solves Performance	✓ No performance degradation ✓ Automatically scales linearly ✓ Can change keys without re-encrypting data
Reduces Cost	✓ Standards enables competition and drive cost down ✓ Compression and de-duplication maintained ✓ Simplifies decommissioning and preserves hardware value for returns, repurposing

Solid-State Drive + Self-Encrypting Drive



SIMPLE SOLUTION

.Reduced TCO

- Increased productivity
- Better Performance
- More shock resistance
- Better reliability
- Less power use
- Approaching price parity re: HDD

- Simplified Management
- Robust Security
- Compliance “Safe Harbor”
- Cut Disposal Costs

- Scalable
- Interoperable
- Integrated
- Transparent

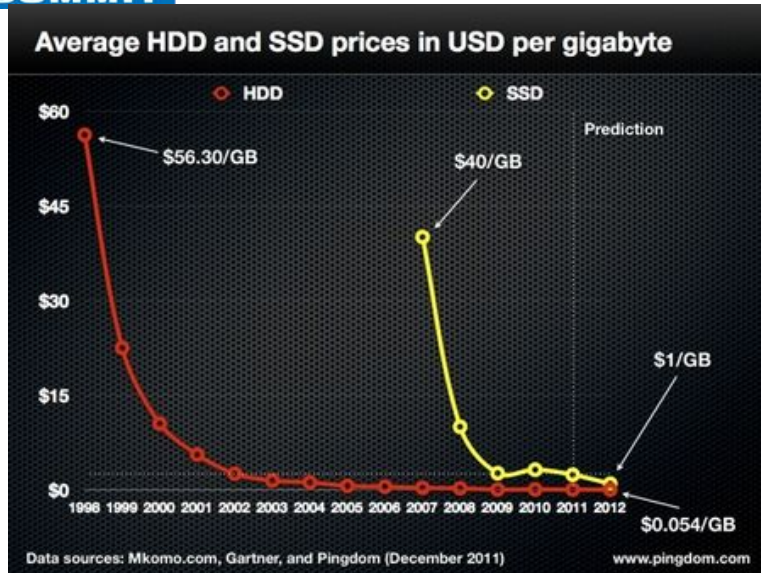
HDD versus SSD “Cost” Comparison



\$\$\$ / GB

\$\$\$ / IOPS

IOPS are critical to the Enterprise



<http://www.tomshardware.com/news/ssd-hdd-solid-state-drive-hard-disk-drive-prices,14336.html>

“... heat-assisted magnetic recording (HAMR) could push the (difference) even further....”

[http://www.diffen.com/difference/HDD vs SSD](http://www.diffen.com/difference/HDD_vs_SSD)

Whereas hard drives are around \$0.08 per gigabyte for 3.5", or \$0.20 for 2.5", a typical flash SSD is about \$0.80 per GB. This is down from about \$2 per GB in early 2012.

	Hard Drive (HDD) 1x 15,000RPM 300GB SAS	Solid State (SSD) 300GB
In/Out Operations per Second (IOPS – Higher is Better)	200~450 IOPS	10,000~25,000 IOPS
Sequential Read/Write Speeds (MB/s – Higher is Better)	Read: 240MB/s Write: 210MB/s	Read: 510MB/s Write: 310MB/s
Random Read/Write Speeds (MB/s – Higher is Better)	Read: 2MB/s Write: 5MB/s	Read: 60MB/s Write: 210MB/s
Sound	Low Hum, “clicky” sounds during Read and Write	Sound of Silence
Heat Output	Moderate	Very Low
Power Consumption (Idle/Load)	14~17 Watts	0.5~5 Watts
Sensitivity to Shock/Vibration	Yes w/ Data Loss	None
Sensitivity to Magnets	Yes w/ Data Loss	None
Fragmentation	Yes, degraded performance	None
Estimated Lifespan	1.5 Million Hours	2.0 Million Hours

<http://nutypesystems.com/rd-lab/ssd-vs-hdd-high-level/>



Saint Barnabas Health Care System: SED Case Study

• Organization

- New Jersey's largest integrated healthcare system
 - 25 functional facilities total
- Provides treatment for >2M patients/year
- 18,200 employees, 4,600 doctors

• Environment

- 2380 laptops
- Adopted SED as standard for desktops this year (2011),
 - used by healthcare professionals and executives
 - distributed across 25 functional facilities
- Protecting PII/PHI/diagnostic information
- HP shop using Wave-managed Hitachi SEDs



Business Case

- **Identify the data protection risks/requirements**
 - Regulatory requirement for data protection
 - Safe harbor exemption
 - Intellectual property/ Proprietary information protection
- **Build a business case**
 - Market place analysis
 - Embed into the asset lifecycle program to manage expense
- **Key Findings:**
 - 24 hours faster deployment on average per user over previous software-based encryption
 - Negligible boot time versus up to 30 minutes to boot a PC with software encryption

The Future: Self-Encryption Everywhere

➤ Encryption everywhere!

- ◆ Data center/branch office to the USB drive

➤ Standards-based

- ◆ Multiple vendors; interoperability

➤ Unified key management

- ◆ Authentication key management handles all forms of storage

➤ Simplified key management

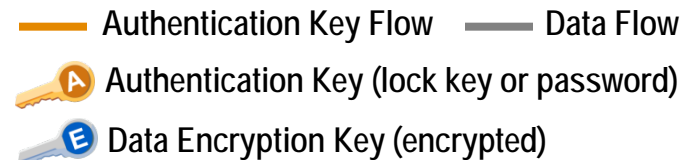
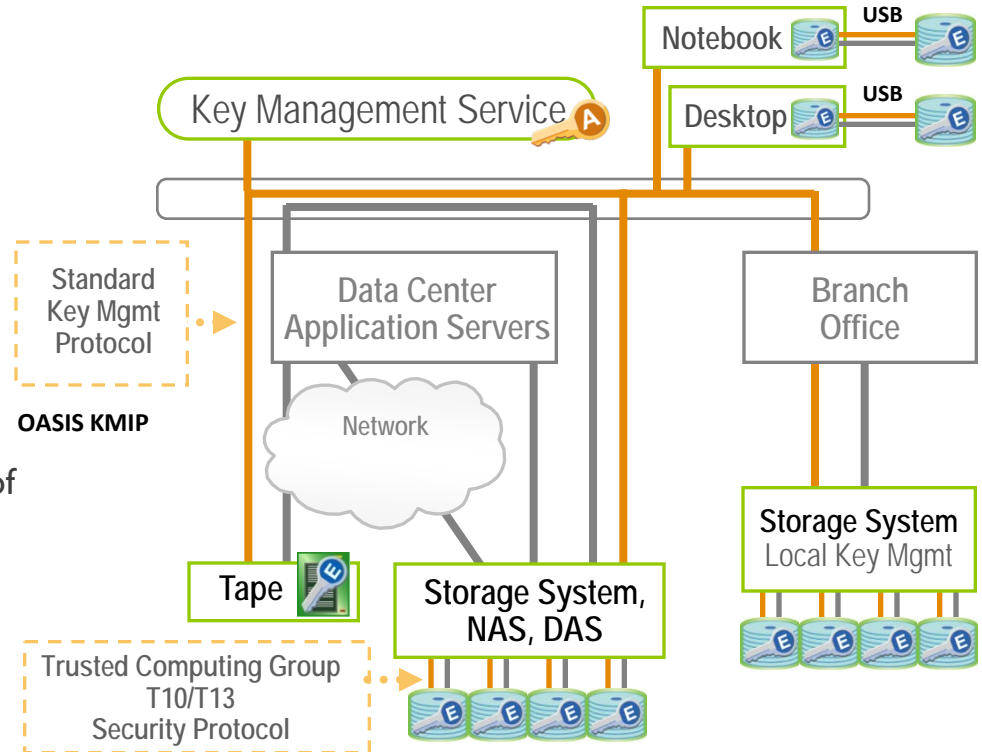
- ◆ Encryption keys never leave the drive. No need to track or manage.

➤ Transparent

- ◆ Transparent to OS, applications, application developers, databases, database administrators

➤ Automatic performance scaling

- ◆ Granular data classification not needed



Thank You!

