



Discovery and litigation support require preservation of digital objects immediately upon notification of a legal hold.

Litigation support requirements are identical to other long-term retention and preservation practices with these specific challenges:

- Identification and control of information and data assets upon notification of a pending lawsuit, preventing change, deletion or spoliation of the data or metadata
- Scaling to keep up with growth in the amount of information under hold control and the number of cases retained for extended periods of time while minimizing cost
- Legal hold policy control and its verification

XAM Enables Discovery and Litigation Support

XAM is a standard, open-source, application to storage interface for file sharing similar to CIFS or NFS with the distinct difference that XAM also standardizes the ability to use expanded metadata and create portable information objects. In the datacenter, XAM enables preservation to cost effectively “begin at creation,” enabling more cost effective achievement of litigation support goals.

Vision of Litigation Support with XAM

With business critical information captured in a XAM-enabled preservation store upon creation, discovery and litigation review practices are more scalable, cost effective, automated, and controllable across time.

XAM Value Propositions

- XAM metadata and object containers create the foundation for extended e-Discovery, analytics, and litigation support capabilities.
- Rich XAM metadata can be searched and analyzed.
- The extensible XAM container provides for security, integrity, authenticity, audit logs, chain of custody and litigation hold controls, and can hold litigation review metadata.
- XAM provides the capability of preservation services that will mitigate the cost, complexity, and potential spoliation caused by logical and physical migrations.
- Litigation hold and deletion hold instructions can be placed in each objects’ metadata further safeguarding against spoliation.

XAM objects enable preservation, litigation, and discovery controls to operate, supporting effective retention, deletion, and litigation support practices in the datacenter. In essence, XAM enables IT to implement a practical cost effective IT infrastructure that can provide litigation support.

XAM and EDRM

