



# STORAGE ASSESSMENT SERVICES BRIEF

## For optimal long-term storage management

For many organizations, hardware costs, optimization of data and its location, managing a hybrid cloud environment, rapid data growth and the running out of physical space are among the most common storage challenges. While these are familiar problems, the starting point for addressing them is a proper understanding of the current storage environment to guide building a plan for improvement. Getting to this understanding is often limited by inadequate tools and the added complexities introduced by multi-vendor environments.

Storage Assessments provide a way to assess, manage, and implement reliable long-term data storage solutions. Having the right technology is only part of the data equation. Knowing how to plan a complete system, manage it, and not pay too much for it are the things that set us apart. Our goal is to create a solid roadmap that adds value long after it's been implemented.

### OUR APPROACH



**High-Level Assessment.** As part of our Storage Assessment Service, our initial task will be to conduct a high-level assessment of the entire storage environment including on-premise and cloud implementations.



**Collect Data.** Collect data about the storage portfolio, storage processes & tools used, evaluate the team skillset, management practices in use and strategic business priorities.



**Risk & GAP Analysis.** Provide risk and GAP analysis of the current state, with measurements against industry best practices for people, processes, technology and financial impact.



**Recommendations & Roadmap.** Recommended next steps for remediation improvements and cost saving measures including a detailed roadmap.

### DELIVERABLES

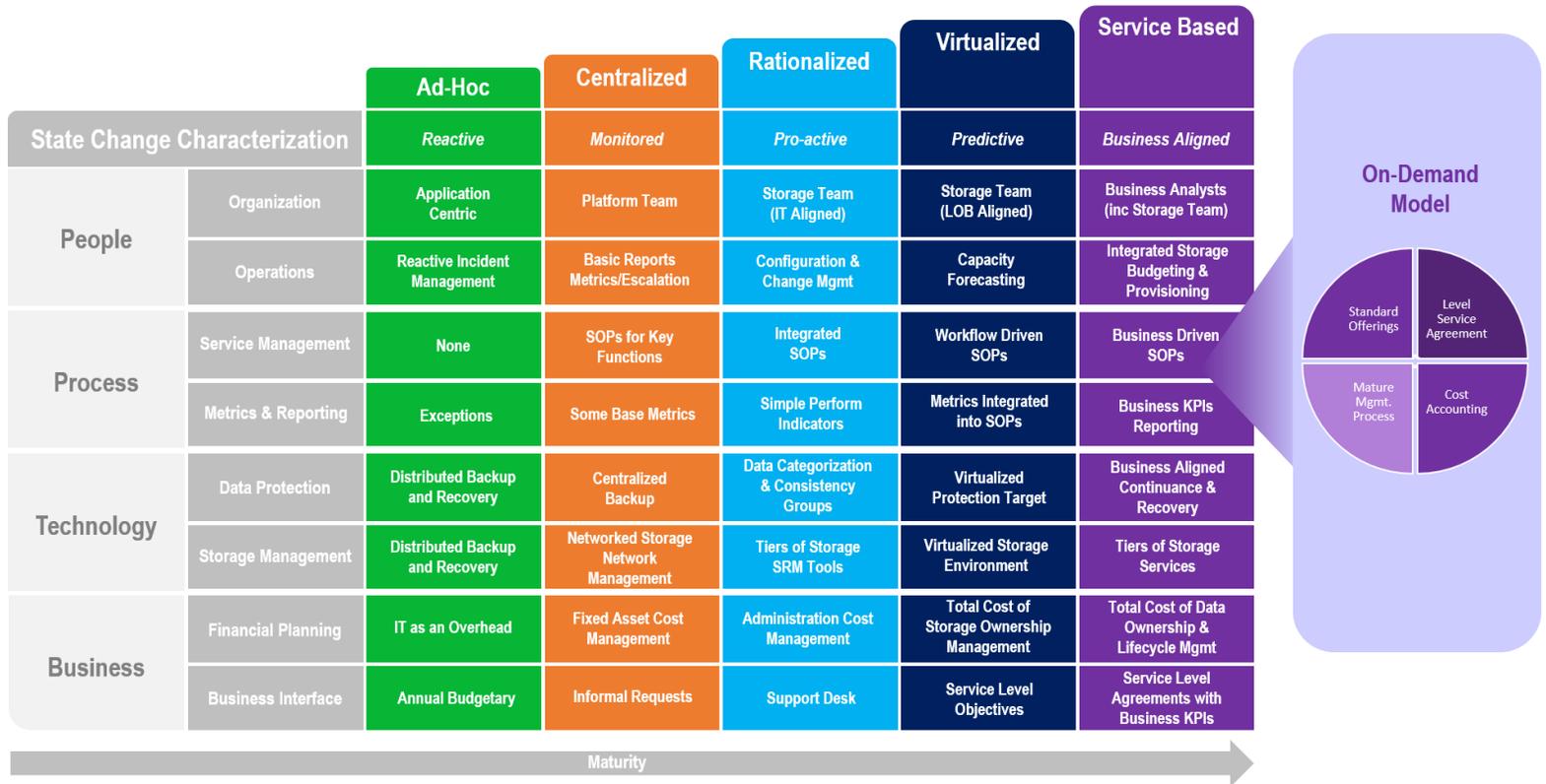
Our Storage Assessment is designed to provide the necessary information required by storage managers to make informed decisions about storage usage, forecasting, aligning back-up and recovery operations with business requirements and developing the data retention policies best suited for their business. Although every storage assessment may have different goals and initial areas of focus, our deliverables for each engagement are relatively consistent:

- 1.) Current state of findings
- 2.) High-level recommendations
- 3.) High-level roadmap with milestones
- 4.) Executive Presentation

# METHODOLOGY

Our Storage Service Maturity Model is our benchmarking tool used in the evaluation and assessment of a organizations environment. It allows us to rank an organization’s storage maturity against a set of industry best practices.

## STANDARD STORAGE SERVICE MATURITY MODEL



## Summary

Coquina can help keep your data systems up to date with the latest in storage management technology and innovations. It’s our job to assess the latest vendors and products to fit your specific needs. The right data management architecture can integrate seamlessly, leading to faster and more efficient systems. Improve your performance, reliability, and security.

Our storage assessment will provide essential information required to optimize your storage environment on an ongoing basis, enabling a wide variety of cost savings and management reducing practices that can be automated. The assessment is a low impact service that provides storage administrators visibility and a greater understanding of their data and storage environment, so they can make informed storage and data management decisions.