



Diskeeper Server Enterprise Terabyte Volume Engine (TVE) Performance Tests

OVERVIEW

A rigorous set of laboratory tests was conducted here at Executive Software to determine just how much better the *Diskeeper*[®] Server Enterprise Edition Terabyte Volume Engine^{i,iii} (TVE) is over the already industry leading defragmentation engineⁱⁱⁱ used in the Server Standard Edition and lower editions of Diskeeper. The improvement is significant across the entire range of disk volume sizes and number of files. On volume sizes of 100GB and more, the improvement is dramatic.

DATA

- The Terabyte Volume Engine is dramatically faster than the standard engine on all sizes of volumes from 40GB (the smallest tested) up, and all numbers of files from 50,000 (the least tested) up. In each test case, 10% of the files on the volume were fragmented, representing severe fragmentation impacting system performance heavily.

50,000 Files	Standard (hh:mm:ss)	TVE	Improvement
40GB	0:01:54	0:01:38	16%
60GB	0:01:55	0:01:43	12%
100GB	0:01:59	0:01:44	14%
250GB	0:02:19	0:01:50	26%
500GB	0:02:42	0:01:51	46%
1TB	0:03:31	0:01:38	115%

100,000 Files	Standard	TVE	Improvement
40GB	0:05:06	0:03:13	59%
60GB	0:05:11	0:03:14	60%
100GB	0:05:11	0:03:13	61%
250GB	0:06:01	0:03:22	79%
500GB	0:07:32	0:03:24	122%
1TB	0:08:37	0:03:28	149%

250,000 Files	Standard	TVE	Improvement
40GB	0:22:41	0:09:51	130%
60GB	0:23:56	0:09:58	140%
100GB	0:24:21	0:09:58	144%
250GB	0:25:09	0:10:01	151%
500GB	0:27:54	0:10:27	167%
1TB	0:29:35	0:10:07	192%

ⁱ A defragmentation “engine” is the process that performs file and free space defragmentation.

ⁱⁱ The Terabyte Volume Engine is also featured in Diskeeper Datacenter Edition.

ⁱⁱⁱ National Software testing Labs (NSTL) performed independent product evaluations of Diskeeper and native Microsoft[®] Windows[®] disk defragmenters. Results concluded Diskeeper’s standard defragmentation engine was far more thorough and up to 5 times faster.

500,000 Files	Standard	TVE	Improvement
100GB	0:58:38	0:19:04	208%
250GB	0:58:42	0:19:17	204%
500GB	1:03:52	0:18:16	250%
1TB	1:07:11	0:17:52	276%

1,000,000 Files	Standard	TVE	Improvement
500GB	2:21:37	0:34:29	311%
1TB	2:30:36	0:33:49	345%

2,000,000 Files	Standard	TVE	Improvement
500GB	6:21:37	1:10:09	444%
1TB	6:46:30	1:05:49	518%

- With the standard engine, the time required to defragment a terabyte volume increases geometrically (doubling and redoubling) as the number of files on the volume increases. With the TVE, the time increases linearly, meaning about the same number of minutes is required for each *additional* 250,000 files.

On a terabyte (1,000GB) volume:	Standard EngineTime	TVE Time	Improvement
250,000 files	00:29:35	00:10:07	192%
500,000 files	01:07:11	00:17:52	276%
one million files	02:30:36	00:33:49	345%
two million files	06:46:30	01:05:49	518%

- With the standard engine, the time to defragment *per gigabyte of volume size* is roughly constant on volumes up to 100GB. Above 100GB, the standard engine requires more and more time *per GB* to defragment the volume. The TVE, on the other hand, maintains a constant time to defragment per GB up to 1TB (1,000GB). Our TVE tests even showed a *decrease* in time per GB as volume sizes increased above 500GB.

SUMMARY

These tests conclusively show that the Terabyte Volume Engine included in the Diskeeper Server Enterprise Edition defragments volumes above 100GB in size dramatically faster than the industry leading standard engine included in other Diskeeper editions (and in earlier versions of Diskeeper). This benefits large-disk customers with faster defragmentation, lower overhead and dramatically lessened total cost of ownership (TCO). It is also apparent from these tests that, for volumes of 500GB and greater, with a million files or more, the performance and efficiency offered by the TVE is clearly a minimum requirement to maintain expected performance of enterprise class computer systems.

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