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# About this Book

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Virtual Tape Control System 5.1.0 (VTCS 5.1.0, hereafter referred to as “VTCS”) is MVS host software, which together the portions of NCS 5.1.0 that support VTCS and the Virtual Tape Storage Subsystem (VTSS), comprises Virtual Storage Manager (VSM).

## Audience

This guide is for StorageTek or customer personnel who are responsible for administering VTCS and VSM. Also see the following:

- *VTCS Installation and Configuration Guide* for information about installing and configuring VTCS.
- *VTCS Command and Utility Reference* for VTCS and NCS reference information.

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To perform the tasks described in this guide, you should already understand the following:

- MVS or OS/390 operating system
- JES2 or JES3
- System Management Facility (SMF)
- System Modification Program Extended (SMP/E)
- Nearline Control Solution (NCS)

## About the Software

This guide applies to VTCS 5.1.0 and NCS 5.1.0 and above. VTCS executes in the native MVS or OS390 environment and does not use or require OS390 OpenEdition services.

## How this Guide is Organized

This guide contains the following sections:

- Chapter 1 “VSM Overview”
- Chapter 2 “Managing VSM”
- “Glossary”
- “Index”

## What’s New in This Guide?

### First Edition

The *VTCS Administrator’s Guide* is a new book for VTCS 5.1, and consists of Chapters 1 and 7 of the VTCS 5.0 *Installation, Configuration, and Administration Guide*. The First Edition of this guide contains the updates described in Table 1.

**Table 1. Updates to VTCS Administrator’s Guide, First Edition**

This Enhancement...	...is described in...
Clustered VTSS enhancements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Clustered VTSS Configurations” on page 12</li> <li>• “How Clustered VTSS Configurations Work” on page 48</li> <li>• “Example: Single ACS Clustered VTSS Configuration” on page 53</li> <li>• “Example: Dual ACS Clustered VTSS Configuration” on page 57</li> </ul>

## Conventions for Reader Usability

Conventions are used to shorten and clarify explanations and examples within this book.

### Typographic

The following typographical conventions are used in this book:

- **Bold** is used to introduce new or unfamiliar terminology.
- Letter Gothic is used to indicate command names, filenames, and literal output by the computer.
- **Letter Gothic Bold** is used to indicate literal input to the computer.
- *Letter Gothic Italic* is used to indicate that you must substitute the actual value for a command parameter. In the following example, you would substitute your name for the “username” parameter.
- Logon *username*
- A bar ( | ) is used to separate alternative parameter values. In the example shown below either username or systemname must be entered.
- Logon *username|systemname*
- Brackets [ ] are used to indicate that a command parameter is optional.
- Ellipses ( ... ) are used to indicate that a command may be repeated multiple times.
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### Enter Command

The instruction to “press the [[ENTER]] key” is omitted from most examples, definitions, and explanations in this book.

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However, if the instructions asked you to “type” **Logon pat**, you would type in **Logon pat** and you would *not* press [[ENTER]].

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The following symbols are used to highlight text in this book.



**Warning:** Information necessary to keep you from damaging your hardware or software.



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**Hint:** Information that can be used to shorten or simplify your task or they may simply be used as a reminder.

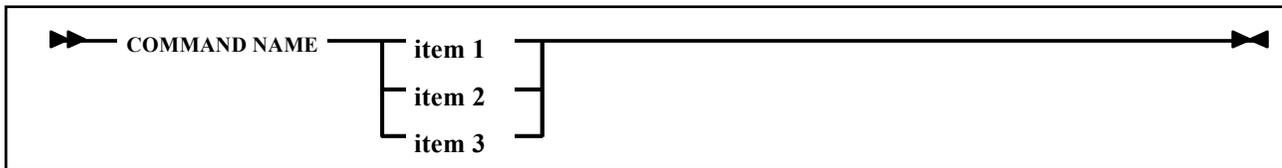


**Note:** Information that may be of special interest to you. Notes are also used to point out exceptions to rules or procedures.

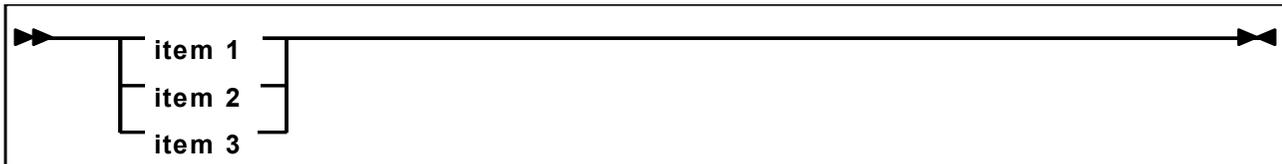
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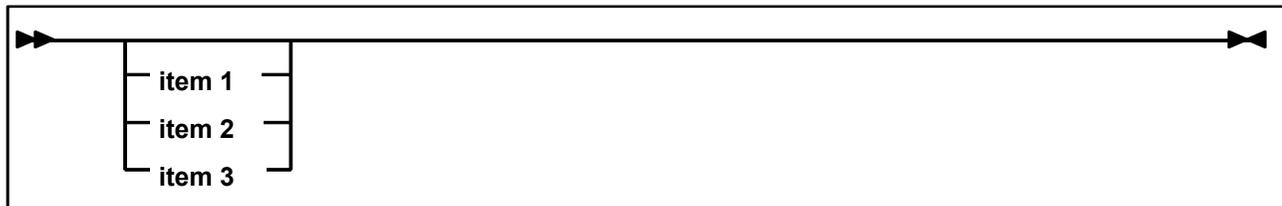
**Flow Lines**—Syntax diagrams consist of a horizontal baseline, horizontal and vertical branch lines and the command text. Diagrams are read left to right and top to bottom. Arrows show flow and direction.



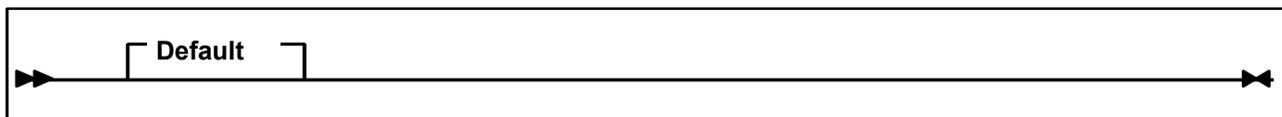
**Single Required Choice**—Branch lines (without repeat arrows) indicate that a single choice must be made. If one of the items to choose from is on the baseline of the diagram, one item must be selected.



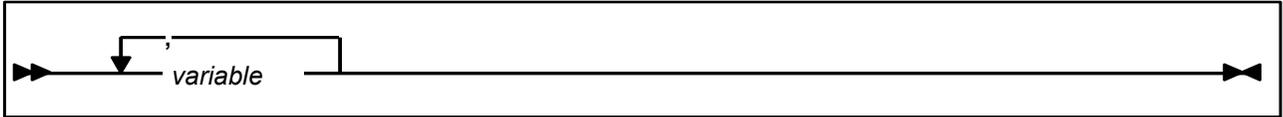
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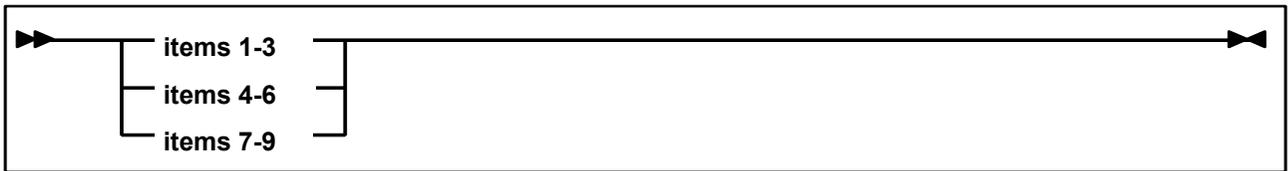
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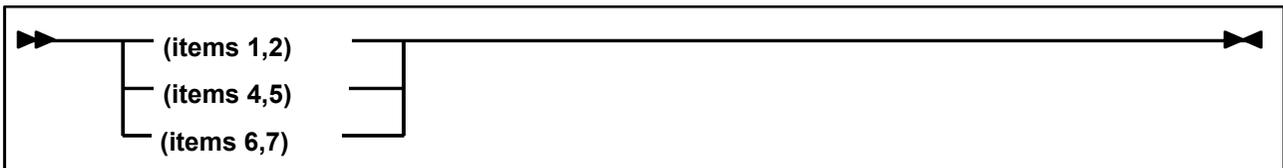
**Optional**—Brackets [ ] are used to indicate that a command parameter is optional.

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- The VTCS 5.1.0 Information CD-ROM, which contains PDF file formats of *Virtual Tape Control System Installation and Configuration Guide*, *Virtual Tape Control System Administrator's Guide*, *Virtual Tape Control System Command and Utility Reference*, *Virtual Tape Control System Messages*, and *Virtual Tape Control System XML Reference*
- *Virtual Tape Control System Installation and Configuration Guide*
- *Virtual Tape Control System Administrator's Guide* (this book)
- *Virtual Tape Control System Command and Utility Reference*
- *Virtual Tape Control System Messages*
- *Virtual Tape Control System Quick Reference*
- *Virtual Tape Control System XML Reference*
- *VSM Offsite Vault Disaster Recovery Guide* (supplied with the VSM Offsite Vault Disaster Recovery Feature)

### VTSS

- *Virtual Storage Manager Planning, Implementation, and Usage Guide*
- *Virtual Storage Manager Physical Planning Guide*
- *VTSS Installation Guide*

- NCS**
- *NCS Installation Guide*
  - *SMC Administration and Configuration Guide*
- HSC-MVS Environment**
- *Configuration Guide*
  - *Operator's Guide*
  - *System Programmer's Guide*
  - *Messages and Codes*
  - *System Programmer's Reference Summary*
  - *Operator's Reference Summary*
- LibraryStation**
- *Configuration Guide*
  - *Operator and System Programmer's Guide*
  - *Messages and Codes*
- MVS/CSC**
- *Configuration Guide*
  - *Operator Guide*
  - *System Programmer Guide*
  - *Messages and Codes*

## **ExPR**

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- *ExPR SMP/E Installation*
- *ExPR MVS Configuration*
- *ExPR MVS Reports*
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- *ExLM Installation Guide*
- *ExLM System Administrator's Guide*
- *ExLM System Administrator's Guide - Field Tables Supplement*
- *ExLM Messages and Codes*
- *ExLM Quick Reference*

## **ExLM 5.0.0**

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- *ExLM System Administrator's Guide*
- *ExLM Messages and Codes*
- *ExLM Quick Reference* (includes information formerly provided in the *ExLM 4.0.0 System Administrator's Guide - Field Tables Supplement*)

**IBM Publications**

- *IBM ESA/390 Common I/O-Device Commands and Self Description*
- *IBM 3490 Magnetic Tape Subsystem  
Models A01, A02, A10, A20, B02, B04, B20, and B40  
Introduction*
- *IBM 3490 Magnetic Tape Subsystem  
Models A01, A02, A10, A20, B02, B04, B20, and B40  
Hardware Reference  
(Referred to in this book as the *IBM 3490 Hardware Reference*)*
- *IBM 3490 Command Reference*
- *IBM 3480 Magnetic Tape Subsystem Reference*
- *IBM 3480 Installation Guide and Reference*
- *OS/390 V2R4.0 MVS Planning: Global Resource Serialization*
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# Chapter 1. VSM Overview

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This chapter provides an overview of VSM, including information about VTSS and VTCS and how the VSM solution works in a Nearline (HSC) system.

## What is VSM?

VSM is StorageTek's virtual storage solution to the problem of inefficient use of tape media and transports. VSM consists of VTCS, which is the MVS host software, and the VTSS.

HSC provides mount and dismount services for physical multi-volume cartridges (MVCs), and NCS, working with VTCS, provides the ability for greater than 16 MVS hosts running MVS/CSC to route data to VSM.

To help manage your Nearline and VSM systems, you can also separately license the following StorageTek software products:

- ExPR, which provides PC and mainframe performance reports and capacity planning tools for both Nearline and VSM systems.
- ExLM, which allows you to efficiently manage Nearline ACS contents, VSM resources (MVCs and VTVs), and VTV migration.



**Note:** As of January 1, 2002, StorageTek **no longer sells** Expert Tape Migrator (ExTM). StorageTek will continue to provide ExTM support for existing customers until December 31, 2002.

Figure 1 on page 2 shows a simple VSM configuration.

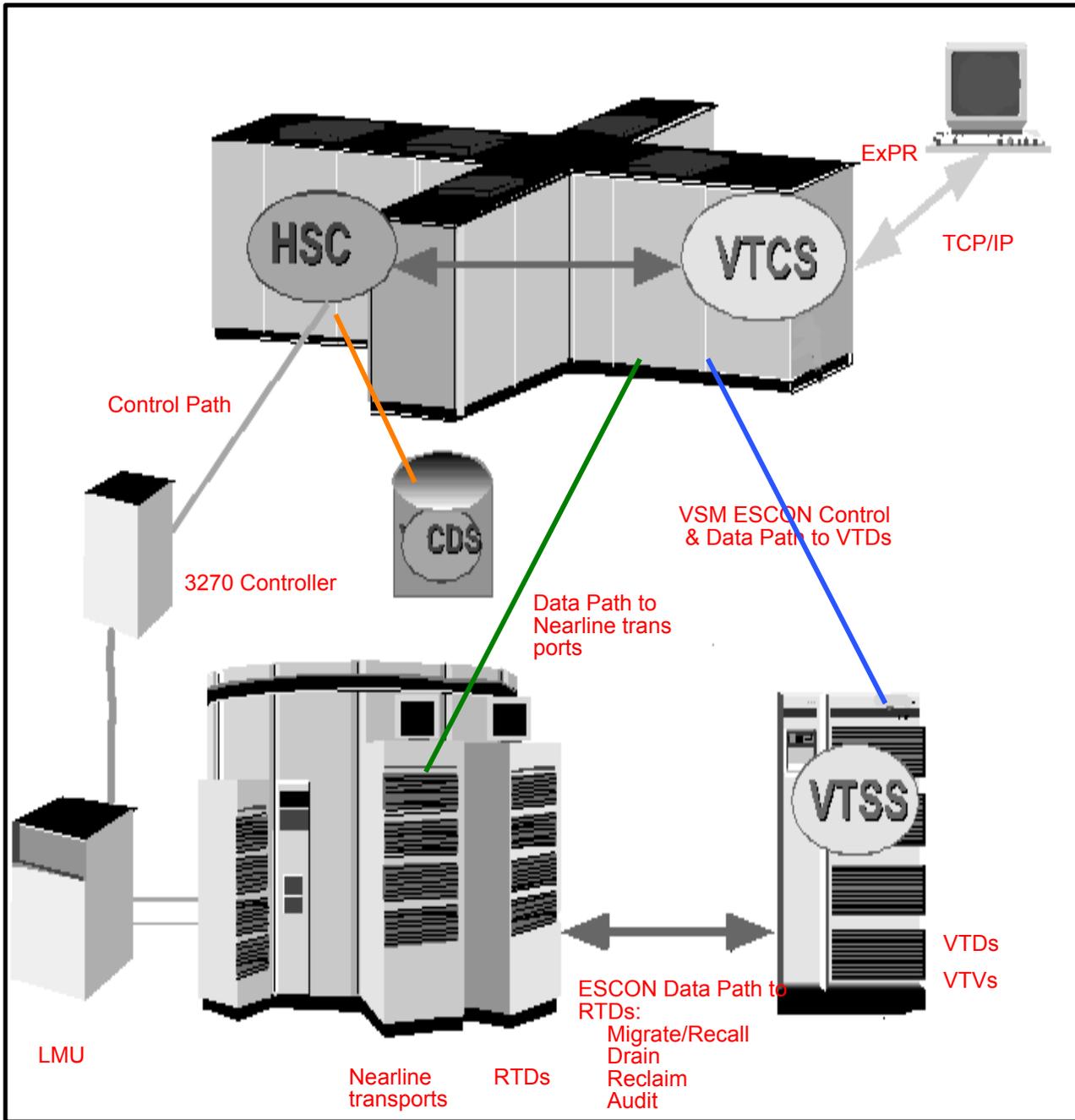


Figure 1. Simple VSM Configuration

## How Does VSM Work?

VTCS and HSC work together to provide several methods that you can use to route data to VSM. Each VTSS provides 64 virtual tape drives (VTDs) that emulate 3490E devices. VSM uses the VTDs to write data sets to virtual tape volumes (VTVs) on the VTSS. The VTSS storage is provided by a RAID-6+ DASD configuration. You specify the VTSS's high and low Automatic Migration Thresholds (AMTs), which control the VTSS space management/VTV migration cycle described on page 5. Real tape drives (RTDs) write migrated VTVs to physical multi-volume cartridges (MVCs). VTCS controls RTDs (although HSC provides mount and dismount services for MVCs), while HSC controls conventional Nearline tape drives that are not allocated to VSM. By default, VSM migrates a single copy of a VTV. You can, however, specify duplexing so that VSM migrates two copies of the VTV to separate MVCs.

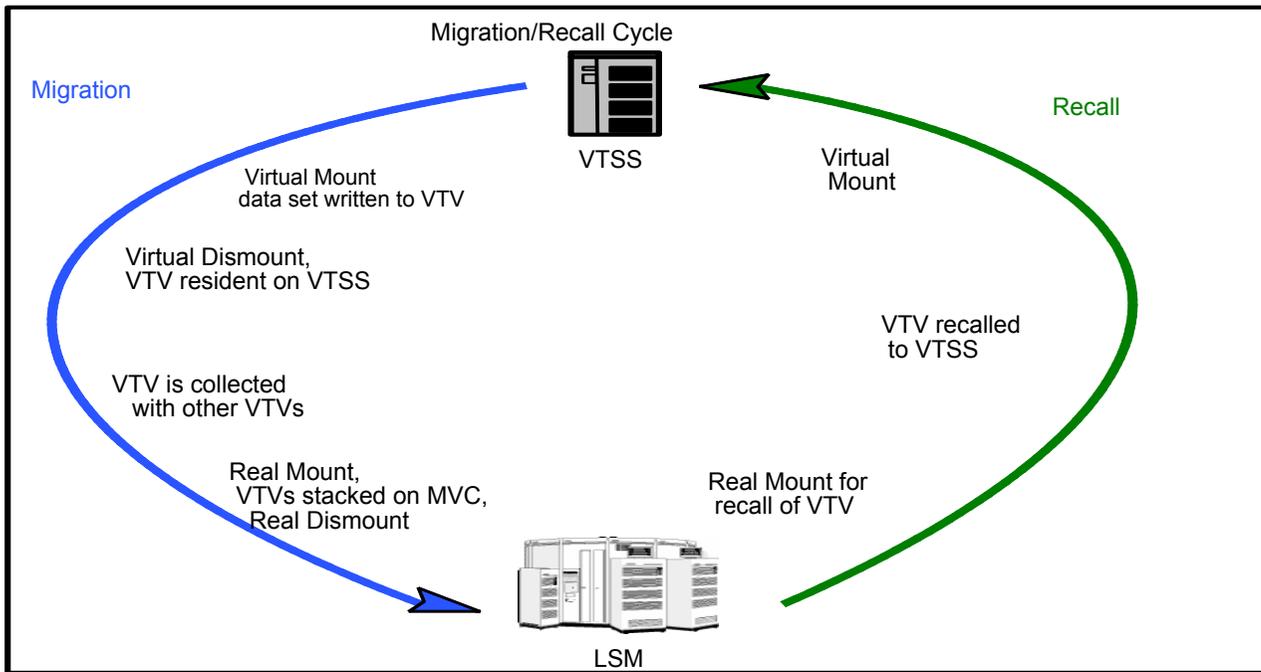
If the host requests a mount of a VTV that was migrated to an MVC and is not VTSS-resident, VSM automatically recalls the migrated VTV to the VTSS. Figure 2 on page 4 shows the VTV migration/recall cycle.



**Note:** VSM supports dynamic sharing of RTDs between VTSSs. **Note, however, that when VTSSs share RTDs, the VTSSs must have access to all the same hosts.**

Also note that VSM does **not** support dynamic sharing of transports between VSM and MVS. That is, a transport cannot simultaneously be online to both MVS and to VSM as an RTD. You can, however, manually vary a transport online to MVS and offline to VSM and vice versa.

Finally, note that StorageTek recommends that you run HSC/VTCS with a region size of **at least 5 MB**.



**Figure 2. VTV Migration/Recall Cycle**

The following sections provide more information about VTV migration and recall, MVC space reclamation, VTCS and NCS enhancements for 4.0.0 and above, VTV consolidation, an overview of how to export and import data, and an overview of Clustered VTSS configurations.

## How VSM Automatically Manages VTSS Space and Migrates VTVs

VSM automatically manages VTSS space and migrates VTVs as follows:

1. You route data sets to VSM.
2. VTCS mounts a VTV on a VTD, writes the data set to the VTV, then dismounts the VTV, which is now VTSS-resident.
3. Disk Buffer Utilization (DBU) is the percentage of space used on a VTSS compared to its capacity. VTCS starts automigrating VTVs once the DBU reaches or exceeds the High Auto Migration Threshold (HAMT) or the number of VTVs exceeds 97,000. Automigration continues until the Low Auto Migration Threshold (LAMT) is reached.



**Note:** VSM will initially start a number of automigration tasks according to the workload characteristics within the limits of the MINMIG and MAXMIG values. During the migration process, VTCS continuously adjusts the number of tasks based on the DBU, the HAMT, and the migration target (the LAMT or the migrate-to-threshold value).

VTCS selects VTVs for automigration in three modes, normal, high and space release:

- While the DBU is below or equal to the High Automatic Migration Threshold (HAMT), VTCS operates in *normal mode*. In this mode, VTCS selects VTVs for migration that are least likely to be re-referenced (based on VTV age) but also considers VTV size and any recommendation for the residency time of each individual VTV (RESTIME). VTCS migrates the selected VTVs and deletes the VTSS-resident copies until DBU reaches the Low Automatic Migration Threshold (LAMT).
- If the DBU exceeds HAMT but is less than 95%, VTCS switches to *high mode*. As DBU approaches 95%, VTCS progressively more heavily weights VTV size versus age to select VTVs for migration. VTCS continues to consider any RESTIME recommendations. VTCS migrates the selected VTVs and deletes the VTSS-resident copies until DBU reaches the LAMT.
- If the DBU reaches 95%, VTCS switches to *space release mode*. In this mode, any VTV that is resident but already migrated is first deleted from the VTSS, after which VTCS only migrates VTVs on a size basis until the LAMT is reached. VTCS does *not* honor any RESTIME recommendations in space release mode.



**Note:** You can also use MIGRATE to do demand migrations.

If you demand migrate specified VTVs, VTCS will start a single migration task. A migrate-to-threshold triggers automigration for the specified VTSS and temporarily sets the LAMT to the specified threshold value. The number of migration tasks is determined as described in Step 3. on page 5.

You can also specify that VTCS immediately schedules VTVs for migration on dismount. Just as with automatic migration and demand migrate-to-threshold, immediate migration spawns one or more migration requests per VTSS within the limits specified by the CONFIG VTSS MINMIG and MAXMIG parameters.



**Hint:** By default, in mixed-media VSM systems, VTV automatic and demand migrations go to MVCs by media type in this order:

1. STANDARD
2. ECART
3. ZCART
4. STK1R
5. STK2P or STK2

You can specify the media and ACS preferencing for migration via the Storage Class(es) specified on the MIGpo1 parameter of the MGMTclas control statement. To optimize recall processing in mixed-media systems, ensure that your MVC pool has at least one media type compatible with each RTD type.

## How VSM Automatically Recalls Migrated VTVs

If the host requests a specific mount of a VTV whose most current copy is VTSS resident, VSM mounts the VTSS resident copy of the VTV. Otherwise, VSM automatically recalls the VTV as follows:

1. For duplexed VTVs managed by Advanced Management Policies, VTCS selects the MVC to recall from as follows:
  - If one MVC is mounted, VTCS selects that MVC.
  - If neither MVC is mounted, VTCS selects the MVC from the first Storage Class specified by the MIGpol parameter of the MGMTclas statement. If the MVC in the first Storage Class is marked in error, VTCS selects the MVC from the second Storage Class specified by the MIGpol parameter.
2. VTCS selects an RTD connected to the VTSS containing the VTD specified in the mount request.
3. VTCS directs HSC to mount the MVC on the selected RTD.
4. VTCS recalls the entire VTV from the MVC.
5. VTCS directs HSC to dismount the MVC (unless it is needed for another VTV recall request).
6. VTCS mounts the VTV on the VTD.
7. The host accesses the VTV. If the host changes the contents of the VTV, VTCS marks the VTV space on the MVC as available for reclamation.
8. At the end of the job, the host unloads the VTD.



**Note:** You can also use RECALL to do demand recalls.

**Also note that** by default, VTCS recalls VTVs with read data checks. For example, if an MVC is defective, only part of a specific VTV may be readable, but VTCS still recalls the readable portion, which creates a “partial” VTV in the VTSS. If a VTV with read data checks contains critical data, you may choose to recall just the readable portion, or you may choose to only recall complete VTVs.

## How VSM Automatically Reclaims MVC Space

VSM uses automatic space reclamation processing (which runs once an hour) to reduce MVC fragmentation and increase available space. VSM reclaims space one MVC at a time by copying only current VTVs from the selected MVC to the VTSS, then copying these VTVs back to a second MVC. VSM copies only those VTVs placed after the first open space on the MVC, which saves I/O cycles. In a multi-VTSS environment, VTCS attempts to balance the recall and migration tasks required for reclamation across all VTSSs. Note EXPORT marks exported MVCs as readonly, so they are not candidates for space reclamation.

You can use RECLAIM to do demand reclamations.



**Hint:** By default, for automatic and demand space reclamations, VSM copies VTVs *from* input MVCs by media type in this order:

1. STANDARD
2. ECART
3. ZCART
4. STK1R
5. STK2P or STK2

By default, for automatic and demand space reclamations, VSM copies VTVs *to* output MVCs by media type in this order:

1. STK2P or STK2
2. STK1R
3. ZCART
4. ECART
5. STANDARD

You can specify the media and ACS preferencing for output MVCs for reclamation via the Storage Class(es) specified on the MIGpo1 parameter of the MGMTc1as control statement. Note that for output MVCs for reclamation, the media preferencing is the opposite of the order specified for the Storage Class. To optimize MVC space use in mixed-media systems, ensure that your MVC pools have at least one media type compatible with each RTD type.

**How VSM Maintains Data Integrity and Availability When Moving VTVs from One MVC to Another**

During a drain process (MVC drain or space reclamation), VTCS maintains data integrity and availability by not altering the MVC reference in the VTV record until that VTV has been recalled **and** successfully migrated to a new MVC. In addition, VTCS immediately migrates VTVs recalled by a drain process instead of allowing Automatic Migration to migrate the VTVs. If a drain operation does not complete (is cancelled, the system fails, and so forth), you must rerun the drain operation, but all in-transit VTVs will still point to the MVC that was being drained. If a VTV is duplexed and one MVC is in error, VTCS recalls the VTV from the alternate MVC and immediately migrates the VTV without waiting for subsequent processing of the in-error MVC.

Note that, for both MVC drains and space reclamations, VTCS does a Management Class lookup after the recall phase and honors any Management Class changes.

**VSM Basic and Advanced Management Features**

HSC 4.0.0 and above provides the Basic Management Feature that enables the MGMTclas control statement NAME, ACSlist, IMMEdmig, DUPlEx, and DELSCR parameters.

The Advanced Management Feature, which is available as a chargeable feature, enables the Basic Management Feature plus:

- The STORclas control statement; for more information.
- The MGMTclas control statement MIGpol, RESTIME, CONSRC, and CONTGT, and REPLICAT parameters.
- EXPORT and IMPORT.

The Advanced Management Feature, therefore, extends VSM Management Class function and enables VSM Storage Classes as described in “VSM Management and Storage Classes” on page 11. EXPORT and IMPORT let you create portable MVCs to move data from one VSM system to another.

Using the VTCS 4.0.0 enhancements, you can:

- Control media selection for migration, reclaim, and consolidation.
- Select the location for consolidation input.
- Specify preferred VTSS residency time for VTVs.
- Group or segregate workloads on MVCs.
- Quickly move data on VTVs and MVCs between VSM systems.
- Create and manage Clustered VTSS configurations.

## VSM Management and Storage Classes

VSM Management and Storage Classes provide the following VTV management capabilities:

- VSM Management Classes specify how VTCS manages VTVs. The `MGMTclas` control statement defines a VSM Management Class and its attributes. For example, the `DELSCR` parameter of the `MGMTclas` statement specifies whether VSM deletes scratched VTVs from the VTSS.
- VSM Storage Classes specify where migrated VTVs reside. The `HSCSTORclas` control statement defines a VSM Storage Class and its attributes. For example, the `MEDIA` parameter of the `STORclas` statement specifies a preference list of MVC media types. To control the output MVC media and ACS location for consolidation, for example, you can specify a Storage Class with the desired attributes on the `CONTGT` parameter of the `MGMTclas` statement.

For more information about VSM Management Features, see “VSM Basic and Advanced Management Features” on page 10. For more information about the VSM policies available through VSM Management and Storage Classes.



**Note:** For VTCS 5.0 and above, you can use the `VTVMaint` utility to change a VTV’s Management and Storage Class.

## The Import and Export Functions

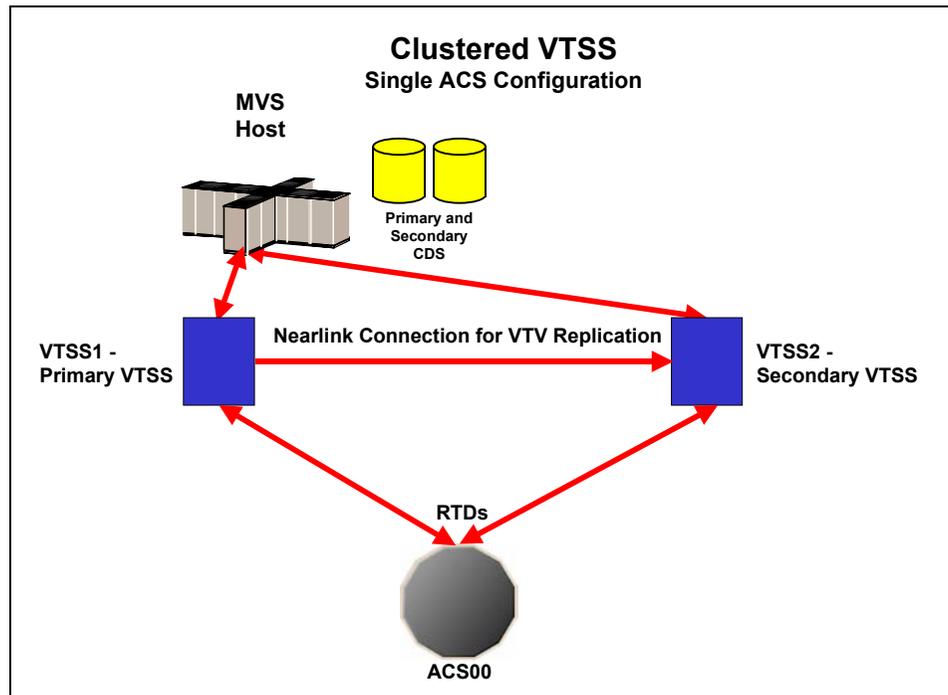
You can use `EXPORT` and `IMPORT` to move VTVs on MVCs from one VSM system to another, where each system has its own unique resources, including different CDSs. `EXPORT` and `IMPORT`, therefore, give you the ability to create portable MVCs that you can use to move VTVs from one system to another. For more information, see “Exporting and Importing VTVs” on page 40.

## Clustered VTSS Configurations

*Clustered VTSS configurations* consist of a *Primary VTSS* and a *Secondary VTSS* connected by one or more cluster links (CLINKs). Figure 3 shows a single ACS clustered VTSS configuration and Figure 4 on page 13 shows a dual ACS clustered VTSS configuration. You can use the MGMTc1as statement REPLICAT parameter (which requires the Advanced Management Feature) to direct the Primary VTSS to *replicate* (copy) a VTV to the Secondary VTSS via a cluster link (CLINK). If the Primary VTSS becomes unavailable, you can use the VARY VTSS to vary it offline to VTCS. You then vary the Secondary VTSS’s VTDs online to MVS to continue the workload. The Secondary, therefore, acts as a “warm standby” to the Primary VTSS.

Compared to a non-clustered configuration, a Clustered VTSS configuration can provide enhanced data availability (business continuance) and enhanced disaster recovery capability (business resumption) for your VSM system.

For more information, see “Implementing a Clustered VTSS Configuration” on page 47.



**Figure 3. Single ACS Clustered VTSS Configuration**

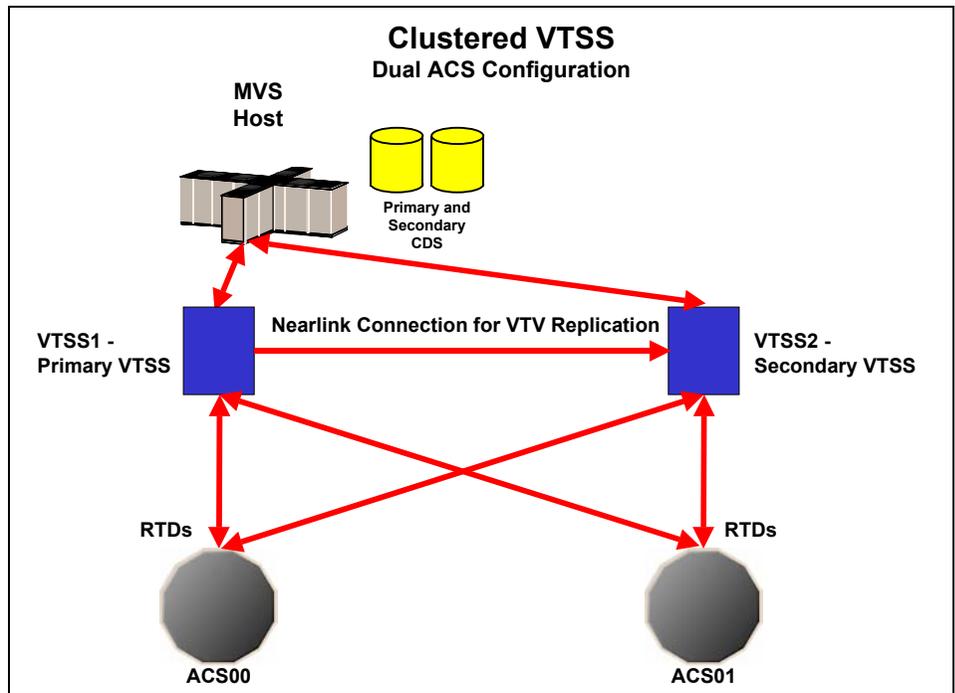


Figure 4. Dual ACS Clusted VTSS Configuration

## How VSM Measures Sizes and Capacities

VTCS uses the binary standard rather than the decimal standard in displaying and calculating sizes and capacities. Thus:

- 1 kilobyte=1024 bytes
- 1 megabyte=1024 kilobytes or  $1024*1024$  bytes
- 1 gigabyte=1024 megabytes or  $1024*1024*1024$  bytes

## Chapter 2. Managing VSM

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This chapter tells how to do the following VSM management tasks:

- “Managing VTSSs and VTDs” on page 17
- “Managing VTVs” on page 18
- “Managing MVCs” on page 20
- “Managing RTDs” on page 26
- “Doing CDS Maintenance and Recovery” on page 29
- “Expanding Your CDS” on page 33
- “Doing Demand Migrations, Recalls, and Space Reclamations” on page 35
- “Sharing Transports Between VSM and MVS” on page 36
- “Exporting from a Source VSM System” on page 43
- “Importing into a Target VSM System” on page 45
- “Implementing a Clustered VTSS Configuration” on page 47
- “Resolving Common VSM Problems” on page 68

“VSM Management Tools” on page 16 lists these tools and cross-references the sections of this book that describe these tools.



**Warning:** The extended format CDS is **not** required for VTCS 5.1.0 but **will** be required for a subsequent release. You must use the HSC 5.0 or higher MERGEcds utility to convert the CDS to extended format. **Note that** after you convert the CDS to extended format, you cannot run VTCS 4.0.0 or lower against the converted CDS. For more information, see “Converting the Formatted CDS to Extended Format” in Chapter 5 of *VTCS 5.1.0 Installation and Configuration Guide*.

## VSM Management Tools

VSM provides the following management tools:

- MVC reports.
- MVC pool summary reports.
- VTV reports.
- MVCMAINT and VTMVAINT.
- Query.
- VTCS messages; see *Virtual Tape Control System Messages*.

In addition, if you have ExPR installed, use ExPR reports to help manage your system, and if you have ExLM installed, you can use it to help manage MVC availability. You should also use your tape management system data set reports to help manage VSM.

## Managing VTSSs and VTDs

Use the following guidelines to manage your system's VTSSs and VTDs:

- Periodically review your VTSS management policies.
- Monitor VTD status with `Query VTD`.
- Monitor DBU and VTSS policies with `Query`, `ExPR` reports, and `VSM` messages.
- Monitor migration status with `Query` and, if necessary, use `SET MIGOPT` to change `AMTs` or `MINMIG` or `MAXMIG` settings.
- `AMT` settings are your primary tool for managing VTSS space and `VTV` migration.
- Consider the effect a policy has on VTSS space. For example, setting `IMMEDmig DELETE` on the `MGMTclas` statement ensures that `VSM` quickly migrates jobs in that class to `MVCs` and conserves VTSS space. Note, however, that immediately migrating `VTVs` uses `MVC` space more rapidly.
- Consider doing demand migrations to supplement automatic migration; for more information, see “Doing Demand `VTV` Migrations” on page 35.
- Ensure that you maintain sufficient free `MVCs` and usable `MVC` space; for more information, see “Managing `MVCs`” on page 20.
- Ensure that you have sufficient `RTDs` available, for more information, see “Sharing Transports Between `VSM` and `MVS`” on page 36.
- If you physically remove a VTSS from your configuration, rerun `CONFIG`.



**Note:** Before you remove the VTSS, ensure that you migrate and delete all copies of `VTVs` from that VTSS so these `VTVs` can be recalled to a different VTSS in your system.

- If a VTSS fails or you want to take it offline for service, you can recall `VTVs` migrated from the failed VTSS to an alternate VTSS.

## Managing VTVs

Use the following guidelines to manage your system's VTVs:

- Periodically review your VTV management policies.



**Note:** For VTCS 5.0 and above, you can use the VTVMaint utility to change a VTV's Management Class.

- Ensure that you have sufficient VTVs. Use Query and VTV reports to monitor VTV status.

If you need more VTVs, do one of the following:

- Free VTV volsers by scratching VTVs with data that is not current.
- Change your TAPEREQ statements or SMS routines to temporarily reroute tape work to Nearline HSC processing until you can define additional VTVs.
- Use CONFIG to add VTVs.

VTVs require additional definitions besides the CONFIG VTVVOL statement.

- Manage VTV scratch status:
  - If you use scratch subpools for VTVs, manage them as described in the guidelines in *VTCS Installation and Configuration Guide*.
  - Use Query, VTV reports, and tape management system reports to monitor VTV scratch status.
  - Use the HSC scratch utilities or the ExLM SYNCVTV function to scratch VTVs with data that is not current.
  - Use CONFIG to add scratch VTVs.
  - Use the enhanced HSC 5.0 Operator commands to manage VTVs.

- Manage VTV accessibility by ensuring that VTVs that are frequently referenced are VTSS-resident:
  - Review your migration policies, especially the settings for the following parameters:
    - The DELSCR parameter of the MGMTclas statement.
    - The RESTIME parameter of the MGMTclas statement.
    - The IMMEdmig parameter on the MGMTclas statement.
  - If these VTVs are not VTSS-resident, consider doing demand recalls before the data is needed; for more information, see “Doing Demand VTV Recalls” on page 35.



**Hint:** VSM supports host based tape stacking methodologies, which you do not have to disable to use VSM. However, because VSM provides a volume stacking solution, StorageTek does not recommend that you implement a stacking methodology with VSM if you are not already using a stacking methodology.

## Managing MVCs

Use the following guidelines to manage your system's MVCs:

- Periodically review your MVC space reclamation policies.
- Ensure that you have sufficient free MVCs and sufficient usable space on MVCs that contain some VTVs. Use Query and MVC reports to monitor MVC status.



**Note:** MVCs that contain VTVs that have a Storage Class cannot be used for migration of VTVs in other Storage Classes. In addition, some free MVCs can be limited to specific Storage Classes based on the MVC ACS location or media type. Use the MVC report to manage these restrictions.

Running out of free MVCs and/or usable MVC space can cause any of the following:

- Migrates fail. As soon as MVC space becomes available, automatic migration will restart, but you must restart any failed manual migrations.
- Unexpected automatic MVC space reclamation starts, which ties up RTDs and slows VTV migration and recall response time.
- Intervention is required on all output VTDs if a VTSS's DBU reaches 100% DBU. If this occurs, you must add or make available more MVCs.

If you need more free MVCs or usable MVC space, do one or more of the following:

- Review your current policies and adjust as needed. You may be able to create free MVCs or free space on MVCs by changing these policies.
- Free VTV volders by scratching VTVs with data that is not current, which marks MVC space for reclamation.
- Consider doing demand reclamation to free space; for more information, see "Doing Demand MVC Space Reclamations" on page 35.
- If necessary, add MVCs as described in "Adding MVCs to the MVC Pool" on page 22.
- If you have ExLM installed, ensure that ExLM does not move or eject your MVCs or update their HSC scratch status; for more information, see "Using ExLM with VTCS (All Versions)" in Chapter 2, "Using ExLM to Manage Nearline and VTCS Resources" of *ExLM 4.0 System Administrator's Guide*. Note that you can use ExLM LSM groupings to move MVCs into LSMs with RTDs attached.

- Compare the volsers on the MVC Summary Report to an HSC Volume Report. Are the MVCs actually in the ACS? If not, you must either reenter or replace any MVCs not listed on the HSC Volume Report. For more information about the Volume Report utility, see Chapter 5, “Utility Functions” of the *HSC System Programmer’s Guide for MVS*.
- Clear non-data check errors for MVCs as described in “Temporarily Removing MVCs” on page 24. Remove and replace MVCs with data check errors as described in “Permanently Removing MVCs” on page 23. This procedure also tells how to remove an MVC from VTCS use and return it to Nearline operations.
- For 9840/T9940 media:
  - VTCS automatically detects media end-of-life and sets the RETIRED status to ON. Alternatively, you can use SMF or LOGREG data to detect MVCs approaching end-of-life and use MVCMAINT to manually set RETIRED ON. See “Removing MVCs from the Pool” on page 23 for information about removing “retired” MVCs from the pool.  
  
You can also use MVCMAINT to set RETIRED OFF for MVCs erroneously marked as retired.
  - VTCS automatically detects an invalid Media Information Region (MIR) and sets the INVLDMIR status to ON. You can recover the MIR by using either the utility available through the operator panel for the transport or by using the utility available through MPST. After you recreate the MIR, you can use MVCMAINT to set INVLDMIR OFF for the MVC.
  - If an MVC is retired or has an invalid MIR, it is deprefferenced for migrate processing. For recall processing, an invalid MIR will cause the alternate MVC (if available) to be selected.
  - The MVC report, MVC Pool Report, and Query MVC report “retired” and invalid MIR status.

## Adding MVCs to the MVC Pool

You can often create free MVCs or free MVC space as described in “Managing MVCs” on page 20. You may still, however, occasionally need to add MVCs to your MVC pool to increase the available MVC space.

If you have defined MVCs via CONFIG that you are not using because they are not defined on your MVCPool statements, update your MVCPool statements to expand the range of in-use MVCs as shown in the following procedure. Otherwise, rerun CONFIG to define new MVC ranges, then do the procedure below.



**Note:** If you must rerun CONFIG to define new MVC ranges, you must restart VTCS/HSC after you rerun CONFIG.



**To add MVCs to the MVC pool by updating your MVCPool statements:**

1. **Edit the data set that contains your system’s MVCPool statements.**
2. **Add MVCPool statements for the new MVCs (or update your existing MVCPool statements) and save the data set.**
3. **Run the VT MVCDEF command on all hosts to activate the updated data set.**



**Note:** MVCs require additional definitions besides the MVCPool statements.

## Removing MVCs from the Pool

Occasionally, you may want to remove MVCs from your system's pool. As described in the following section, you typically temporarily remove an MVC to clear non-data check errors, and you permanently remove and replace an MVC with data check errors.

### Permanently Removing MVCs

If an MVC report or Query shows errors data check errors for the MVC, VSM will not migrate to the MVC. You must also remove MVCs from the pool for export as described in "Exporting from a Source VSM System" on page 43. Remove the MVC from the pool and replace it as described in the following procedure. You can also use this procedure to remove MVCs that do not have errors and return them to Nearline use.



**To remove an MVC from the pool and replace it, do the following:**

1. **Edit the data set that contains your system's MVCPool statements.**
2. **Delete the MVCPool statements for the MVCs you want to remove and save the data set.**
3. **Run the VT MVCDEF command on all hosts to activate the updated data set.**
4. **Enter MVCDRain Eject to drain and "logically" eject the MVCs.**

If the drain fails and the failure is a data check, continue with Step 5. If the drain fails and the MVC label was overwritten, go to Step 6. If the drain succeeds, go to Step 7.

5. **Audit the MVC.**

The audit will fail, but will identify the bad section of the tape. Go back to Step 4 and rerun the drain, which will work backwards from the end of the tape, avoiding the bad section.

6. **Reinitialize the MVC.**

**Caution:** If you reinitialize the MVC, you can reuse it, but you cannot recall VTVs from that MVC.



7. **Enter an HSC Eject command to eject the MVCs from the ACS.**

For more information, see *HSC/MVS Operator's Guide*. If the MVC has no data check errors and you want to return it to Nearline operations, go to Step 10. Otherwise, continue with Step 8.

8. **Remove the Nearline definitions, security restrictions, and tape management system restrictions you defined for the MVC.**

9. **Replace the MVC if necessary.**

10. **Change the external bar code label on the cartridge.**

You must change the external bar code label, because the original MVC volsers are retained in the CDS, and these volsers are only available for use as MVCs.

11. **Reenter the cartridge into the ACS.**

The volume is now available to Nearline operations, but is not available to VTCS. This concludes this procedure.

## Temporarily Removing MVCs

If an MVC report or Query shows errors other than data check errors for the MVC, an MVC drain clears most of these errors. You may want to use the following procedure to temporarily remove the MVC from the pool, then put it back into the pool.



### **To clear non-data check errors from an MVC, do the following:**

**1. Enter MVCDRain Eject for the MVC to make it unavailable to VSM.**

You can also use MVCMAINT to make the MVCs unavailable by marking them read-only.

**2. Rerun the MVC report or reenter Query.**

If MVCDRain cleared the errors, continue with Step 3. Otherwise, use the procedure in “Permanently Removing MVCs” on page 23.

**3. Enter a MVCDRain for the MVC.**

Entering MVCDRain without the Eject parameter for the MVC makes it available again.

## Moving MVCs Between ACSs

In multi-ACS VSM configurations, especially where you have different VTSS connections to each ACS, you can move MVCs from one ACS to another to make more MVC space available to one or more VTSSs.



### To move MVCs from one ACS to another:

1. **Eject the MVCs from the first ACS, then enter them into the second ACS.**

For more information, see *HSC/MVS Operator's Guide*.

2. **Enter the VT MVCDEF command to reload the MVCPool statements.**

## Managing MVCs in LSM Manual Mode

Managing MVCs when the LSM is in manual mode is just like managing any Nearline volume in this situation. For more information, see “LSM Manual Mode Procedures” in Chapter 3, “Operating an Automated Cartridge System” of *HSC Operator's Guide for MVS*. In manual mode, the transport display panel alternately displays the volser and cell location of the requested volume for both RTDs and Nearline transports that are not RTDs.

In automatic mode, the transport display panel alternately displays the volser and cell location of the requested volume for RTDs, but displays only the volser for Nearline transports that are not RTDs.

## Managing RTDs

Use the following guidelines to manage your system's RTDs:

- If VTCS detects a read/write error on an MVC, VTCS will swap the MVC to another RTD to verify the MVC media. StorageTek recommends, therefore, that for each MVC media type you have at least two compatible RTDs available at all times. You can use the Query RTD to check RTD availability, Query TASKs to monitor tasks associated with RTDs, and Cancel to cancel processes that use RTDs. Note that, depending on your configuration, RTDs may be available to multiple hosts, so you need to check RTD availability for each host.



**Caution:** If you cancel a task associated with migration scheduler (either with the MIGrate parameter or by specific process ID), this task will terminate but migration scheduler will start another migration task at its next timer interval. You can, however, use migrate-to-threshold to stop automigration by specifying a value greater than the current DBU.

- Note that VTCS balances requests that require RTDs by giving each request a variable time to complete; if the request does not complete in this time, VTCS allocates the RTD to another queued request. If, therefore, many requests are queued for RTDs, all requests can take longer to process because VTCS is mounting, dismounting, and repositioning MVCs instead of reading from or writing to them. The short term solution, as above, is to use Query RTD to check RTD availability, Query TASKs to monitor tasks associated with RTDs, and Cancel to cancel processes that use RTDs. The long term solution is to review your VSM policies, all of which affect RTD use.
- See “Changing RTD Device Types” on page 27 for more information about changing your system's RTDs from one transport type to another.
- Also see “Resolving Common VSM Problems” on page 68, which tells how to resolve common problems involving RTDs.

## Changing RTD Device Types

Use the following procedure to change RTD device types. For example, you would use this procedure if you change your system's RTDs from 9490 transports to 9840 transports.



**To change RTD device types, do the following:**

**1. Review your VSM policies.**

For example, you may want to change your MVC reclamation policies for the new MVC media type.

**2. If your transports and media are new, ensure that they have been defined to MVS and Nearline.**



**Caution:** Do **not** vary the new transports online to MVS! Otherwise, they can be allocated as Nearline transports, and write Nearline data to volumes that you want to use as MVCs.

**3. Rerun CONFIG to add some of the new RTDs to your system.**

For example, if you had eight 9490s attached to a VTSS, remove the definitions for six 9490s, leave definitions for two 9490s (to complete the drain in Step 4), and add the definitions for six 9840s.



**Note:** You must specify the RESET parameter to change RTD definitions.

**4. Edit the data set that contains your system's MVCPool statements.**

Delete the MVCPool statements for the MVCs you used with the *old* RTDs and create MVCPool statements for the MVCs you will use with the *new* RTDs.

In this example, you remove the MVCPool statements for the MVCs you used with the 9490s, then create MVCPool statements for the MVCs you will use with the 9840s.

**5. Run the VT MVCDEF command on all hosts to activate the updated data set.**

**6. Enter MVCDRain Eject to drain and “logically” eject the *old* MVCs.**

In this example, you drain the MVCs you used with the 9490s.

If the drain fails and the failure is a data check, continue with Step 7.

If the drain fails and the MVC label was overwritten, go to Step 8.

If the drain succeeds, go to Step 9.

**7. Audit the MVC.**

The audit will fail, but will identify the bad section of the tape. Go back to Step 4 and rerun the drain, which will work backwards from the end of the tape, avoiding the bad section.

**8. Reinitialize the MVC.**



**Caution:** If you reinitialize the MVC, you can reuse it, but you cannot recall VTVs from that MVC.

**9. After you drain or reinitialize all MVCs, rerun CONFIG to add the remaining new RTDs to your system.**

Also remove any remaining definitions for the old RTDs.

**10. Enter an HSC Eject command to eject the MVCs from the ACS.**

For more information, see *HSC/MVS Operator's Guide*.

If the MVC has no data check errors and you want to return it to Nearline operations, go to Step 12. In this example, if you want to retain the 9490s for Nearline operations, you can return the MVCs you used with the 9490s to Nearline use.

Otherwise, continue with Step 11. For example, if you remove the 9490s from your configuration, you also want to remove the definitions of the MVCs you used with the 9490s.

**11. Remove the Nearline definitions (such as VOLATTR statements), security restrictions, and tape management system restrictions you defined for the MVC.**

**12. Change the external bar code label on the cartridge.**

You must change the external bar code label, because the original MVC volsers are retained in the CDS, and these volsers are only available for use as MVCs.

**13. Reenter the cartridge into the ACS and create any Nearline definitions, security restrictions, and tape management systems restrictions required for use as a Nearline volume.**

The volume is now available to Nearline operations, but is not available to VTCS. This concludes this procedure.

## Doing CDS Maintenance and Recovery

StorageTek recommends the following guidelines for CDS maintenance and recovery in a VSM system:

- Ensure that the CDS is backed up *at least* daily, and more often if possible (VTV and MVC changes typically occur throughout the day and cause CDS changes).

If you lose the primary CDS and are recovering from a backup copy, make sure to use the most recent copy.



A VTCS audit is not a substitute for frequent backup of the CDS. A VTCS audit will regain access to your VSM resources, but in general it will not completely reconstruct the VSM records in a CDS. For example, if you delete all copies of the CDS, an audit will not recreate any Management Class definitions. Therefore, StorageTek strongly recommends that you do **not** delete all copies of the CDS, then run a VTCS audit!

- If you have lost all copies of the CDS, use the procedure described in “Recovering from Losing All Copies of the CDS” on page 31.
- If the primary CDS is intact but you lost information about some VSM resources, use the procedure described in “Recovering from Losing Information about Some VSM Resources” on page 32.

For example, you would use this procedure if VTCS and HSC abended while applications were writing VTVs to the VTSS and VTCS was doing migrate, recall, and/or reclaim operations. In this situation, VTV and MVC reports can help identify the lost information.

You would also use this procedure if the VTSS lost power. In this situation, the SYSLOG can help identify any MVCs mounted at the time of the power outage.

- A VSM audit of all MVCs will audit MVCs defined with CONFIG MVCVOL statements even if they are *not* specified in the MVCPool statements. If these volumes are not in an ACS that VTCS accesses, HSC issues message SLS2126I to prompt the operator to enter these volumes. If the volume does not exist or is not available, the operator should reply “I” (ignore). If the operator does not reply to this message, VTCS times out with this MVC after 20 minutes and continues with the next MVC.

- If you audit an export MVC, VTCS processes the VTVs on the MVC as follows:
  - VTVs have an MVC1 and MVC2 field in the CDS. If the VTV's time and date stamp matches the CDS and the MVC1 and MVC2 fields are empty (the VTV has not been migrated), VTCS marks the audited VTV as current, fills in the empty MVC1 or MVC2 field, marks the MVC as read-only and as a consolidation MVC, and issues warning messages.
  - If the VTV's time and data stamp matches the CDS and the MVC1 and MVC2 fields are filled in, VTCS ignores this VTV copy. If all VTVs on the MVC are in this state, VTCS marks the MVC as empty and read-only, and issues warning messages.
  - If the VTV's time and date stamp does not match the CDS, VTCS ignores this VTV copy.
- When HSC and VSM audits complete, run the HSC scratch conversion utility (SLUCONDB) or the ExLM SYNCVTV function. Also ensure that the CDS is backed up at this point.
- *Do not* use VTVs to back up the CDS!

## Recovering from Losing All Copies of the CDS

Use the following procedure to recover a VSM system after losing all copies of the CDS.



**To recover after losing all copies of the HSC CDS and update the MVC and VTV information, do the following:**

**1. To recover the HSC CDS, audit the library.**

For more information about the HSC AUDIT utility, see Chapter 5, “Utility Functions” in the *HSC System Programmer’s Guide for MVS*.

**2. Update your system’s MVC pool definition to load a null MVC pool.**

A null MVC pool prevents migrations, consolidations, recalls, and space reclamations, which ensures that MVCs are not overwritten during the audit.

**3. Prevent applications from writing data to or reading data from existing VTVs during the audits.**

Applications can write new VTVs to the VTSSs if the TMS is correct and sufficient VTSS space exists.

**4. To update the recovered CDS with your VSM system’s MVC and VTV information, do a full VSM audit.**

When VTCS encounters VTVs with the same volsers, VTCS determines which volume is the most current and uses that VTV. VTCS marks not current the other copies of the VTV.

**5. Update the scratch status of your VSM system’s MVCs and VTVs.**

After the VTCS audit, VTCS assumes that all VTVs are non-scratch. After the VTCS audit completes, run the HSC scratch conversion utility or the ExLM SYNCVTV function.

**6. Rerun any consolidation jobs that may have been impacted by the loss of the CDS.**

## Recovering from Losing Information about Some VSM Resources

Use the following procedure to recover after losing information about some VSM resources.

**To recover after losing information about some VSM resources, do the following:**

- 1. If necessary, recover information about HSC resources by running an HSC audit.**

For more information about the HSC AUDIT utility, see Chapter 5, “Utility Functions” in the *HSC System Programmer’s Guide for MVS*.

- 2. Identify which VTVs and MVCs have incorrect information in the CDS.**

If VTCS and HSC abended while applications were writing VTVs to the VTSS and VTCS was doing migrate, consolidate, recall, and/or reclaim operations, VTV and MVC reports can help identify the lost information. Compare these reports with the most current previous detailed reports.

If the VTSS lost power, the SYSLOG can help identify any MVCs mounted at the time of the power outage.

- 3. Update your system’s MVC pool definition to load a pool that *excludes* any MVCs with incorrect information in the CDS.**

The updated pool definition prevents migrations, recalls, and space reclamations for these MVCs to ensure they are not overwritten during the audit.

- 4. Prevent applications from writing data to or reading data from existing VTVs during the audits.**

Applications can write new VTVs to the VTSSs if the TMS is correct and sufficient VTSS space exists.

- 5. To update the CDS, specify the MVCs and VTSSs for the VSM audit.**
- 6. Update the scratch status of your VSM system’s MVCs and VTVs.**

After the VTCS audit, VTCS assumes that all VTVs are non-scratch. After the VTCS audit completes, run the HSC scratch conversion utility or the ExLM SYNCVTV function.

- 7. Rerun any consolidation jobs that may have been impacted by the lost resource information.**

## Expanding Your CDS

As your system grows, you may need to expand your CDS to accommodate additional VTV and/or MVC ranges. How you expand your CDS depends on which HSC facility you use as described in the following procedures:

- “Expanding Your CDS Using HSC RECONFIG”
- “Expanding Your CDS Using HSC MERGEcds” on page 34
- “Expanding Your CDS Using HSC CDS EXPAND” on page 34



**Hint:** Note the following:

- **For HSC 5.0 and above**, the CD EXPAND command lets you expand the CDS dynamically. That is, you do not have to bring down HSC and run the SLICREAT macro if you use CD EXPAND.
- StorageTek recommends that you use the MERGEcds utility over the RECONFIG utility, because MERGEcds provides more function than available with RECONFIG. In addition, a future release of HSC will drop support of the RECONFIG utility.

### Expanding Your CDS Using HSC RECONFIG



**To expand your CDS using HSC RECONFIG:**

1. **Run SLICREAT to format the new CDS.**
2. **Run HSC RECONFIG to transfer existing data from the old CDS to the new CDS.**

For more information about the RECONFIG Utility, see Chapter 5, “Utility Functions” of *HSC System Programmer’s Guide for MVS*.

3. **Run VTCS CONFIG to add the new VTV or MVC ranges to VTCS.**



## Doing Demand Migrations, Recalls, and Space Reclamations

The following sections provide guidelines for doing demand VTV migrations, VTV recalls, and MVC space reclamations.

### Doing Demand VTV Migrations

VSM automatically manages VTSS space and migrates VTVs as described in “How VSM Automatically Manages VTSS Space and Migrates VTVs” on page 5.

You can, however, do demand migration with either of `MIGRATE`. You may, for example, want to force VTV migration to free VTSS space before peak tape processing times by doing one of the following with `MIGrate`:

- Doing a demand migrate-to-threshold for specific VTSSs.
- Doing a demand migrate with `DELeTe (YES)` (the default) for VTVs not likely to be reaccessed.

With `SET MIGopt`, you can also lower the high AMT to force VSM to migrate VTVs.

You can also use demand migration to ensure that critical data is available and quickly migrated to tape by running a demand migrate with `DELeTe (NO)` for VTVs likely to be reaccessed.

### Doing Demand VTV Recalls

Before running applications that process data sets on migrated VTVs that are not VTSS-resident, you may want to use `RECA11` to do demand recalls of these VTVs to eliminate the delay caused by automatic recalls. Recalled VTVs are the last to re-migrate if they are not mounted.

You can do demand recalls with `RECALL`; for more information.

### Doing Demand MVC Space Reclamations

As described in “How VSM Automatically Reclaims MVC Space” on page 8, VSM automatically reclaims space only one MVC at a time on each host running reclamations. If your MVC summary report or `Query` shows a high level of fragmentation on your system’s MVCs (and this level is below the value specified on the `CONFIG RECLAIM THRESHLD` parameter or the `MVCPool THRESH` parameter), you may want to schedule demand MVC space reclamation as an off-hours batch job. Space reclamation runs as a background task and should not impact normal VSM activity.

You can do demand MVC space reclamation with `RECLAIM`.

## Sharing Transports Between VSM and MVS

VSM does not support dynamic sharing of transports between VSM and MVS. That is, a transport cannot simultaneously be online to both MVS and to VSM as an RTD.



**Warning:** Note the following:

- You **must have physical connectivity** from VSM and MVS to support sharing transports between the two. For example, you can use an ESCON director to allow both MVS and VSM to physically connect to the same RTD.
- **Do not**, therefore, use MIM, JES3, or tape autoswitch or similar facilities to manage RTDs, otherwise an RTD can be brought online to both MVS and VSM, which can cause data loss.

If the RTD is defined to MVS, however, you can use Vary RTD to vary the RTD offline to VSM, then use the MVS VARY command to vary the transport online to MVS. Note, however, that varying RTDs offline to VSM can impact migration, recall, and reclaim processing, especially during peak VSM workloads. Similarly, if a transport is defined to MVS and also defined to VSM as an RTD, you can vary it offline to MVS, then online to VSM. Each VTSS must have a minimum of two library-attached transports as RTDs for each media type used for MVCs.



**Hint:** You may want to define additional RTDs as backups (up to the limit of 8 RTDs per VTSS) and vary them offline to VSM until needed. If an online RTD malfunctions, you can vary it offline and vary a backup RTD online until the malfunctioning RTD is repaired or replaced. You can also vary backup RTDs online for peak load VTV migration or recall processing.



**Note:** When a transport is online to VSM as an RTD, the logrec type OBR and MDR records for the RTD always show a channel path ID of 00, which has no meaning to the host because the transport is not online to MVS.

## Consolidating VTVs

This section describes VTV consolidation and tells how to explicitly consolidate VTVs.



**Hint:** In general, VTV export, which creates a manifest file that allows VTV import, is preferable to explicitly consolidating VTVs. For more information, see

As described in “How VSM Automatically Manages VTSS Space and Migrates VTVs” on page 5, VSM selects VTVs to migrate to MVCs. You can, however, use the `CONSOLID` to specify which VTVs are written to a *consolidation MVC*. VTCS migrates VTVs to a *migration MVC*; consolidated VTVs and migrated VTVs are never mixed, therefore, on the same MVC. VSM selects migration and consolidation MVCs from the same MVC pool.

You typically consolidate VTVs so that you can eject the consolidation MVC from the ACS and vault the MVC. The VTVs are now grouped on the consolidation MVC; to access any of the VTVs in the group from the consolidation MVC, you reenter the consolidation MVC into the same ACS from which you ejected the MVC. Note, however, that VTCS does not consider a consolidated VTV to be migrated. After the VTV is consolidated, therefore, there is still a copy of the VTV either VTSS resident or migrated.

The following list summarizes how VTV consolidation works:

- Consolidation MVCs must be free MVCs, where a free MVC has 100% usable space and does not contain any VTVs.
- VTCS selects target MVC media for consolidation in this order:
  1. STK2P or STK2
  2. STK1R
  3. ZCART
  4. ECART
  5. STANDARD

This media preferencing is the default. You can specify the ACS and media preferencing via the via the Storage Class specified on the `CONTGT` parameter of the `MGMTclas` control statement. Note that for target MVCs for consolidation, the media preferencing is the opposite of the order specified in the Storage Class.

If you do not specify a `CONTGT` value, the `DEFLTACS` parameter of the `CONFIG` determines the consolidation MVC location. Note that the `DEFLTACS` value applies to a specific VTSS. If you are consolidating VTVs that reside in multiple VTSS systems, therefore, VTCS may select consolidation MVCs in different ACSs. If `DEFLTACS` is not specified for a VTSS, VTCS selects consolidation MVCs from the ACS with the lowest `acs-id` within the ACSs attached to the VTSS. If you want to consolidate to a specific ACS, you must control the placement of VTVs on only VTSSs connected to that ACS.

- You can use the `CONSRC` parameter of the `MGMTclass` control statement to specify the source MVC for consolidation of duplexed VTVs.
- If there are no available free MVCs, VTCS will issue a message requesting the operator to add more MVCs to the MVC pool. The maximum VTVs per MVC policy applies to both migration and consolidation MVCs.
- A consolidation group of VTVs can span consolidation MVCs, but a single VTV cannot span MVCs.
- VTCS will only consolidate a VTV once, and will ignore subsequent requests to consolidate the VTV.
- You can consolidate VTVs by specifying a Management Class. If the Management Class you use for consolidation specifies the `DUPlex` parameter, duplexing is ignored for consolidation for this Management Class but duplexing *is* supported for migration for this Management Class.
- When VTCS consolidates a VTSS-resident VTV, VTCS does not consider that VTV to be migrated. That is, a subsequent migrate request for that VTV causes VTCS to migrate the VTV to a migration MVC that is different from the consolidation MVC. A consolidated VTV will *not* be duplexed for migration, even if duplexing is specified for migration; only one copy will be migrated.
- Just as with migration, VTCS will not consolidate in-use, in-recovery, or unreadable VTVs. Unlike migration, however, VTCS will not consolidate scratch VTVs.
- Consolidation MVCs are not eligible for reclamation. You can, however, drain a consolidation MVC as described in “Draining a Consolidation MVC” on page 39.

The following sections further describe how consolidation works in different situations (for example, how VTCS consolidates a migrated VTV).

Consolidating a Resident VTV	VTCS consolidates the VTV on a consolidation MVC. As described above, VTCS will subsequently migrate the VTV to a migration MVC if so requested.
Consolidating a Migrated VTV	VTCS recalls the migrated VTV and consolidates it. If the VTV was duplexed for migration, the consolidation MVC will replace one of the duplexed migration MVCs in the list of MVC copies stored in the VTV record in the CDS. If high AMT is reached during consolidation of migrated VTVs, VTCS will ensure that the VTVs for consolidation remain VTSS-resident so that they can be consolidated.
Mounting a Consolidated VTV	VTCS recalls the consolidated VTV and mounts it. If the consolidation MVC is not in an accessible ACS, the mount request fails. If the VTV is modified while it is mounted, then the VTV will be invalidated on any MVC (either consolidation or migration) where it resides. Therefore, if a consolidated VTV is mounted and modified, it is considered not consolidated after the modification, and VTCS determines this state when it dismounts the VTV.
Scratching a Consolidated VTV	Scratching a consolidation VTV has no effect on the other VTVs on the consolidation MVC. If all VTVs on a consolidation MVC are scratched and reused, VTCS no longer considers it a consolidation MVC, and it is then available for reuse as a migration or consolidation MVC if it is in the MVC pool.
Draining a Consolidation MVC	<p>To drain a consolidation MVC, you can use <code>MVCDRAIN</code>.</p> <p>VTCS processes VTVs on drained consolidation MVCs as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a VTV is already VTSS resident, then the VTV will be marked non-current on that MVC.</li> <li>• If a VTV on the consolidation MVC is already fully migrated, then the VTV will be marked as non-current on that MVC.</li> <li>• Otherwise, the VTV will be recalled as is currently done by a drain operation; for more information see “How VSM Maintains Data Integrity and Availability When Moving VTVs from One MVC to Another” on page 9.</li> </ul> <p>After a consolidation MVC is drained, VTCS no longer considers it a consolidation MVC, and it is then available for reuse as a migration or consolidation MVC if it is in the MVC pool. A consolidation MVC can also become empty if the last remaining VTV is modified.</p>

## Exporting and Importing VTVs

This section tells you how to export and import VTVs as follows:

- “How to Export and Import VSM Data: General Procedures” on page 41
- “Exporting from a Source VSM System”
- “Importing into a Target VSM System”

## How to Export and Import VSM Data: General Procedures

You can use EXPORT and IMPORT to move VTVs on MVCs from one VSM system to another, where each system has its own unique resources, including different CDSs. To move VTVs on MVCs between systems, you use EXPORT and IMPORT to do the following general steps:

1. Identify the VTVs and/or MVCs for export as follows:
  - If you specify the VTV or MVC volsers on EXPORT, use an ExLM, tape management system, or VTVRPT or MVCRPT report.
  - If you specify Management or Storage Classes on EXPORT, review your Management or Storage Class definitions.
2. Run EXPORT to create a manifest file that specifies the VTVs and MVCs available for export from the source VSM system. The exported MVCs, which are marked readonly, are now available for ejection from a source system LSM.



**Note:** You can run EXPORT against an active or inactive CDS. For example, if you lose all resources at the source VSM system except a copy of the CDS and MVCs containing all the source system's VTVs, you can run EXPORT against the CDS copy at the target VSM system to create a manifest file, then do an import to recreate the source system resources.

EXPORT lets you export data in either of the following two ways:

- If you specify the VTV or MGMTclas parameters, which select VTVs for export, EXPORT consolidates (makes copies of) the selected VTVs on *export MVCs*. These copies are additional copies and are not recorded in the CDS. For example, if the VTV was duplexed before the export, the CDS records both duplexed copies, but the third additional copy used for consolidation is *not* recorded in the CDS. The original VTVs, therefore, are still available to the source system. You can use the data on the original VTVs or scratch and reuse them.
- If you specify the MVC or STORclas parameters, however, which select MVCs for export, the VTVs on the export MVCs are unavailable to the source system after ejection. You should use your tape management system to make the VTVs unavailable.

For both types of exports, the MVCs are marked as read-only and as exported in the CDS.

3. After entering the exported MVCs into a target system ACS, you run IMPORT, specifying the manifest file you created in Step 2 Typically, you do a “validate” import, followed by an actual import.

4. VTCS imports MVCs as readonly. To make them writable, you run MVCMAINT, specifying READONLY(OFF).



**Note:** Moving MVCs that contain VTVs between systems requires other work, such as possibly resizing the CDS on the target system, changing MVC pools, managing VTV scratch status, defining the new VTVs and/or MVCs to the target system via CONFIG, updating the tape management system, and so forth.

## Exporting from a Source VSM System

As described in “The Import and Export Functions” on page 11, you can use EXPORT to export MVCs that contain VTVs from a source VSM system. “Importing into a Target VSM System” on page 45 tells how to import these MVCs into a target VSM system.



**To export MVCs from a source VSM system, do the following:**

**1. Identify the VTVs and/or MVCs that you want to export as follows:**

- To export VSM data by specifying VTV volsers, use a TMS, ExLM, or VTVRPT report to identify the required VTVs.
- To export VSM data by specifying the MVCs volser, use a TMS, ExLM, or MVCRPT report to identify the required MVCs.
- To export VSM data by specifying Management Classes to be exported, review your Management Class definitions to identify the required Management Classes.
- To export VSM data by specifying Storage Classes to be exported, review your Storage Class definitions to identify the required Storage Classes.

**2. Run EXPORT to create a manifest file that lists the VTVs and MVCs available for export from the source VSM system.**

Schedule the export for a time when the exported data is not being updated.

Specify the EXPORT parameters according to your VTV selection in Step 1:

- To export VTVs by volser, specify them on the VTV parameter.
- If you want Management Classes to determine the VTVs for export, specify the Management Classes on the MGMT parameter.
- To export MVCs by volser, specify them on the MVC parameter.
- If you want Storage Classes to determine the MVCs for export, specify the Storage Classes on the STOR parameter.

**3. Remove the MVCs for export from the MVC pool.**

For more information, see “Permanently Removing MVCs” on page 23.

**4. Eject the MVCs for export from a source VSM system LSM.**

For more information, see *HSC/MVS Operator's Guide*.

**5. If desired, scratch or make unavailable the exported VTVs or reuse the data they contain.**

The source system retains the CDS records of the exported VTVs and MVCs. The MVCs are marked as exported in the CDS.

If selection was made by MVC on the MVC or STORc1 as parameters, you should use your tape management system to make the VTVs unavailable. If selection was made by VTV on the VTV or MGMTc1 as parameters, you can use the data on the original VTVs, scratch and reuse them, or make them unavailable. Use the HSC scratch utilities or the ExLM SYNCVTV function to scratch exported VTVs.

To import MVCs, see “Importing into a Target VSM System” on page 45.

## Importing into a Target VSM System

As described in “The Import and Export Functions” on page 11, you can use IMPORT to import MVCs that contain VTVs into a target VSM system. “Exporting from a Source VSM System” on page 43 tells how to export MVCs from a source VSM system.



**To import MVCs into a target VSM system, do the following:**

1. **If the VTVs and MVCs you are importing are not in the target system CDS, rerun CONFIG to add these volsers.**

If necessary, increase the CDS size on the target VSM system.

2. **Prevent applications from creating or updating VTVs (and migrating them to MVCs) on the target VSM system.**

3. **Enter the MVCs for import into a target VSM system LSM.**

For more information, see *HSC/MVS Operator's Guide*.

4. **Optionally, do a “validate” run of IMPORT.**

Specify the NOUPDATE parameter and the manifest file you created in “Exporting from a Source VSM System” on page 43.

5. **Do an actual run of IMPORT.**

For an actual import:

- Optionally, **ensure that you want to overwrite any duplicate VTVs**, then specify REPLACE(ALL) so that VTCS overwrites these duplicate VTVs.
- Optionally, import a subset of the MVCs or VTVs in the manifest file by specifying the VTV or MVC parameter.
- If you want to return the MVCs to the source system, specify IMMRAIN(YES) so that VTCS drains all imported VTVs to VTSS space.
- Do not specify NOUPDATE so that the CDS is updated.

6. **Adjust your VTV definitions as needed.**

For example, you need to define the new VTVs to the target system's TMS.

**7. Do one of the following:**

- Optionally, run MVCMAINT to make imported MVCs writable. VTCS imports MVCs as readonly. To make them writable, you run the MVCMAINT, specifying READONLY OFF.

Next, add the imported MVCs to the MVC pool. For more information, see “Adding MVCs to the MVC Pool” on page 22. At this point, the MVCs can be reclaimed, drained, migrated to, recalled from, and so forth.

- If you specified IMMRAIN(YES) in Step 5, you can return the MVCs to the source system.

## Implementing a Clustered VTSS Configuration

The following sections tell how to configure and manage Clustered VTSS configurations:

- “How Clustered VTSS Configurations Work” on page 48
- “Configuring Clustered VTSS Systems and Enabling Replication”
- “Managing Clustered VTSS Systems” on page 61

## How Clustered VTSS Configurations Work

The following list summarizes how Clustered VTSS configurations work as shown in Figure 5 on page 53 and Figure 11 on page 57:

- A VTSS cluster is a static configuration where one VTSS is **always** the Primary and the other is **always** the Secondary. The Secondary VTSS can either be at the same physical location as the Primary or at a remote location.
- Data flow is unidirectional from Primary to Secondary. That is, VTVs are **only** replicated from the Primary to the Secondary, **never** from the Secondary to the Primary.
- In normal operation, both VTSSs are online to VTCS. **For VTCS 5.1.0 and above:**
  - The Primary and Secondary VTSSs must both be VSM3 systems where the Secondary can be of any capacity. All hosts **must** be at VTCS 5.1.0 to enable this feature.
  - The Secondary can receive both replicated VTVs from the Primary and non-replicate production workload by any of the standard routing methods (for example, TAPEREQs)
- A VTV with REPLICAT(YES) is allocated to an online Primary VTSS unless none are available; in that case, the VTV is allocated to an online Secondary VTSS. If no online Secondary VTSSs are available, the VTV is allocated to a non-cluster VTSS. A VTV without REPLICAT(YES) can be allocated to any online VTSS including the Secondary of a Full-Function Cluster.
- At dismount time, a VTV with REPLICAT(YES) that resides on a Full-Function Cluster is queued for replication to the Secondary VTSS. If a VTV with REPLICAT(YES) is dismounted from a VTD in a VTSS that is not part of a Full-Function Cluster, the VTV is queued for immediate migration. **Note that** the replication requirements of data is determined following a dismount, **not** a recall. Merely recalling a VTV will not cause a replicate – so demand recall, MVCdrain and reclaim will not cause a replicate. However, if the VTV is recalled and mounted on a VTD, at dismount time it will be replicated to the Secondary VTSS
- When the Secondary VTSS receives a replicated VTV from the Primary VTSS, the VTV is then immediately migrated from the **either** the Primary or Secondary VTSS (with the KEEP option) regardless of Immediate Migrate Management Class settings for this VTV. For example, if you specify duplexing for a replicate required VTV, after replication, VTCS can elect to migrate one copy from the Primary and one for the Secondary to optimize VTSS and RTD use.

**Note that** for VTCS/NCS 5.1 and above, you can specify the source VTSS for migration of replicated VTVs on the MIGRATE parameter of the STORcl as statement. **Also note** that you **must** specify REPLICAT(YES) on a Management Class **that points** to a Storage Class **with** a MIGRATE parameter value to migrate from the desired VTSS. Otherwise, migration from the desired VTSS does not occur.

For example, your Management Class specifies replication and duplexing as shown below:

```
MGMTCLAS NAME(VSMDR) REPLICAT(YES) MIGPOL(LOCAL,REMOTE)
```

You can then use the MIGRATE parameter to migrate the source VTV from the Primary VTSS to the local ACS and the replicated VTV from the Secondary VTSS to the remote ACS as follows:

```
STORCLAS NAME(LOCAL) ACS(00) MIGRATE(PRIMARY)
STORCLAS NAME(REMOTE) ACS(01) MIGRATE(SECONDARY)
```



**Caution:** Because VTCS immediately migrates replicated VTVs regardless of the MGMTclas IMMEdmig setting, StorageTek **strongly recommends** that you **do not** explicitly set a MGMTclas IMMEdmig policy for replicated VTVs. If you do, VTCS honors the explicit immediate migrate request, and immediately migrates the affected VTV from whichever VTSS is first capable of performing the migration (that is, the first VTSS that has a resident VTV copy and an available RTD to satisfy the migrate). Setting an explicit MGMTclas IMMEdmig policy, therefore, is redundant and may interfere with optimal VTV replication and migration.

**Also note that** the implicit immediate migrate from the secondary with KEEP option (due to replication) is **not the same** as automigration. That is during the implicit immediate migrate, no VTVs are deleted from either VTSS to manage the DBU. Instead, the VTVs are simply “pre-staged” via migration to an MVC from the secondary VTSS, leaving both VTSS buffer contents unchanged. For VTCS 5.1 and above, for space management in a VTSS cluster, VTCS automigrates VTVs according to the space management/migration cycle of **either** VTSS. If the capacity of the Secondary is greater than or equal to that of the Primary, automigration on the Primary deletes a replicate VTV from **both** the Primary and Secondary. If the capacity of the Secondary is less than that of the Primary, automigration may start on the Secondary. In this case, automigration deletes a replicate VTV from only the Secondary, leaving the copy on the Primary still resident.

Finally, note that for VTCS 5.1 and above, **both the Primary and the Secondary VTSS** can manage all space reclamations.

- A Primary VTSS has available 8 total Nearlink connections for cluster links **and** RTD connections. If, for example, you allocate 4 Nearlink connections for Cluster links, you only have available 4 Nearlink connections on the Primary VTSS for RTD connections. The Secondary VTSS, however, can use all 8 Nearlink connections for RTD connections.

As shown Figure 5 on page 53 and Figure 11 on page 57, you can configure a VTSS Cluster in single or dual ACS environments. In dual-ACS environments, **both** VTSSs must be connected to RTDs in **both** ACSs. In addition, in dual-ACS environments, the same device types must be represented in the RTDs attached to each ACS so that data migrated by one VTSS can be recalled by the other VTSS.

For example, in a dual-ACS Clustered VTSS environment such as shown in Figure 11 on page 57, you might allocate the following Nearlink connections to optimize the use of the Primary as a replicate engine (but allow for any required VTV recalls/migrations) and the Secondary as a migrate engine:

- On the Primary, 4 Nearlink connections for Cluster links, 2 for RTDs on ACS00, 2 for RTDs on ACS01
- On the Secondary, 4 Nearlink connections for RTDs on ACS00, 4 Nearlink connections for RTDs on ACS01
- As described in “Clustered VTSS Operating Modes” on page 51, a Cluster can support different workloads in each of four operating modes. For example, only Full-Function Clusters can support active replication, but in Degraded Primary Mode, you can vary the Secondary’s VTDs online to MVS to take over the workload. You can use Query to display Cluster, Cluster link, VTV replication, and VTSS status. You can use VARY VTSS to change VTSS states and VARY CLink to change CLINK states.

Clustered VTSS  
Operating Modes

Active replication can only occur in a “Full-Function” Cluster where both VTSSs are online to VTCS. Table 1 describes Cluster operating modes and Table 2 on page 52 describes how VTCS manages VTVs in each of these modes.

**Table 1. Clustered VTSS Operating Modes**

Cluster Operating Mode	Primary VTSS State	Secondary VTSS State	Replication Workload Possible
<b>FULL-FUNCTION</b>	Online	Online	Workload goes to the Primary for VTV replication to the Secondary.
<b>DEGRADED SECONDARY</b>	Online	Offline or Quiesced	<p>Workload can run on the Primary. VTVs requiring replication, however, are allocated to the Primary only if no other Full-Function Clusters are available. If no Full-Function Clusters are available, replicate requests are allocated to non-clustered VTSSs and the replicate VTVs are migrated immediately with KEEP as described in Table 2 on page 52.</p> <p>When the Secondary comes back online, VTCS replicates any VTVs requiring replication that are resident on the Primary but not resident on the Secondary. VTCS <b>does not</b> recall and replicate any VTVs already migrated and deleted by automigration.</p> <p>Reconciliation also includes the migrate/delete actions described in Table 2 on page 52. The Cluster is now Full-Function again.</p>
<b>DEGRADED PRIMARY</b>	Offline or Quiesced	Online	<p>Workload can run on the Secondary. VTVs requiring replication, however, are allocated to the Secondary only if no other Full Function Clusters are available.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> When the Secondary takes over the workload, one VTD per Cluster link on the Secondary is reserved for replication and will not come online to MVS.</p> <p>When the Primary comes back online, VTCS replicates any VTVs requiring replication that are resident on the Primary but not resident on the Secondary (that is, VTVs that were queued for replication but not yet replicated). VTCS <b>does not</b> recall and replicate any VTVs already migrated and deleted by automigration.</p> <p>Reconciliation also includes the migrate/delete actions described in Table 2 on page 52. The Cluster is now Full-Function again.</p>
<b>NON-OPERATIONAL</b>	Offline or Quiesced	Offline or Quiesced	No workload is possible on this Cluster.

**Table 2. Clustered VTSS Operating Modes, VTV Allocations, REPLICAT Settings, and VTCS Actions**

<b>If the Cluster Operating Mode is...</b>	<b>And the VTV is allocated to a VTSS of type...</b>	<b>And the REPLICAT setting is...</b>	<b>Then VTCS does the following at VTV dismount</b>
<b>FULL-FUNCTION</b>	Primary	Yes	Replicates to Secondary then immediately migrates with KEEP from Secondary
<b>FULL-FUNCTION</b>	Primary	No	The VTV is managed by any other assigned Management Class attributes (for example, IMMEDMIG(KEEP))
<b>FULL-FUNCTION</b>	Secondary	No	Immediately migrates with DELETE
<b>FULL-FUNCTION</b>	Non-cluster	No	Nothing
<b>DEGRADED SECONDARY</b>	Primary	Yes	Immediately migrates with KEEP
<b>DEGRADED SECONDARY</b>	Secondary	Yes	Not possible
<b>DEGRADED SECONDARY</b>	Non-cluster	Yes	Immediately migrates with KEEP
<b>DEGRADED SECONDARY</b>	Primary	No	Nothing
<b>DEGRADED SECONDARY</b>	Secondary	No	Not possible
<b>DEGRADED SECONDARY</b>	Non-cluster	No	Nothing
<b>DEGRADED PRIMARY</b>	Primary	Yes	Not possible
<b>DEGRADED PRIMARY</b>	Secondary	Yes	Immediately migrates with KEEP
<b>DEGRADED PRIMARY</b>	Non-cluster	Yes	Immediately migrates with KEEP
<b>DEGRADED PRIMARY</b>	Primary	No	Not possible
<b>DEGRADED PRIMARY</b>	Secondary	No	Nothing
<b>DEGRADED PRIMARY</b>	Non-cluster	No	Nothing

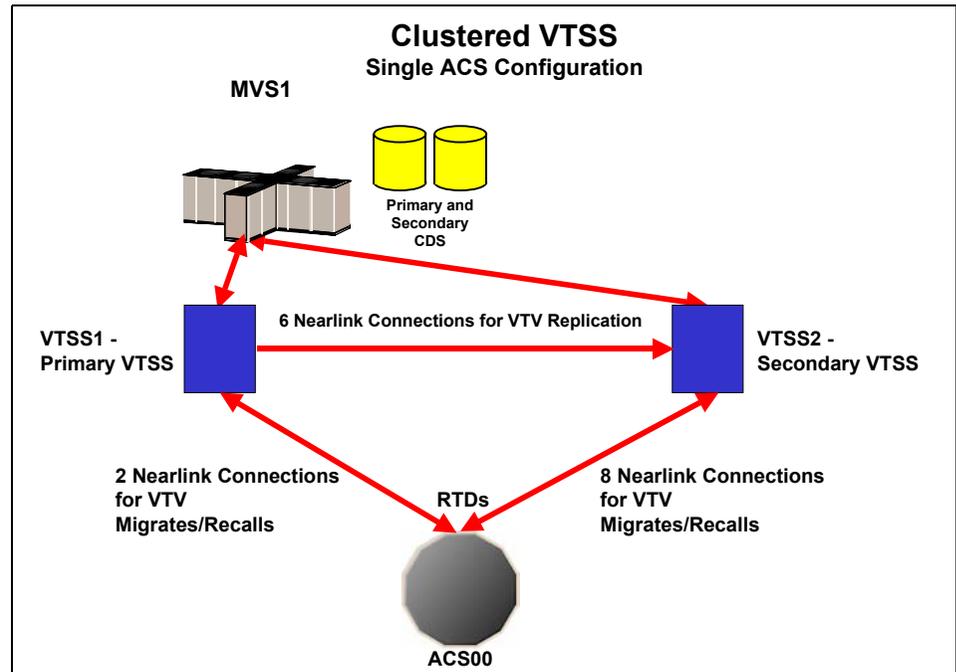
## Configuring Clustered VTSS Systems and Enabling Replication

### Example: Single ACS Clustered VTSS Configuration

See the following sections for examples of Clustered VTSS configurations:

- “Example: Single ACS Clustered VTSS Configuration”
- “Example: Dual ACS Clustered VTSS Configuration” on page 57

Figure 5 shows an example of a single ACS Clustered VTSS system.



**Figure 5. Single ACS Clustered VTSS Configuration**

As shown in Figure 5, to optimize the use of the Primary as a replicate engine (but allow for any required VTV recalls/migrations) and the Secondary as a migrate engine the Nearlink connections are allocated as follows:

- On the Primary (VTSS1), 6 Nearlink connections for Cluster links, 2 Nearlink connections for RTDs on ACS00
- On the Secondary (VTSS2), all 8 Nearlink connections to RTDs on ACS00



To configure the single ACS Clustered VTSS system shown in Figure 5. on page 53, do the following:

1. Ensure that your system has the Clustered VTSS requirements described in *VTCS Installation and Configuration*.
2. Use CONFIG to create CLUSTER and CLINK statements to define the VTSS Cluster and its connections.

Figure 6 shows the CONFIG JCL, including CLUSTER and CLINK statements, for this configuration. Note that on the Primary VTSS, MAXMIG is 2, which is the highest possible value because there are only two RTDs. On the Secondary VTSS, MINMIG is 2 and MAXMIG is 4 to allow the Secondary to migrate replicated VTVs and also to accept non-replicate production workload.

```
//CREATECFG EXEC PGM=SWSADMIN, PARM='MIXED'
//STEPLIB DD DSN=h1q.SLSLINK, DISP=SHR
//SLSPRINT DD SYSOUT=*
//SLSIN DD *
CONFIG
GLOBAL MAXVTV=32000 MVCFREE=40
RECLAIM THRESHLD=70 MAXMVC=40 START=35
VTVVOL LOW=905000 HIGH=999999 SCRATCH
VTVVOL LOW=C00000 HIGH=C25000 SCRATCH
VTVVOL LOW=RMM000 HIGH=RMM020 SCRATCH
MVCVOL LOW=N25980 HIGH=N25989
MVCVOL LOW=N35000 HIGH=N35999
VTSS NAME=VTSS1 LOW=70 HIGH=80 MAXMIG=2 RETAIN=10
RTD NAME=VTS18800 DEVNO=8800 CHANIF=0A
RTD NAME=VTS18801 DEVNO=8801 CHANIF=1A
VTD LOW=8900 HIGH=893F
VTSS NAME=VTSS2 LOW=70 HIGH=80 MAXMIG=2 MINMIG=4 RETAIN=10
RTD NAME=VTS28802 DEVNO=8802 CHANIF=0A
RTD NAME=VTS28803 DEVNO=8803 CHANIF=0E
RTD NAME=VTS28804 DEVNO=8804 CHANIF=0I
RTD NAME=VTS28805 DEVNO=8805 CHANIF=0M
RTD NAME=VTS28806 DEVNO=8806 CHANIF=1A
RTD NAME=VTS28807 DEVNO=8807 CHANIF=1E
RTD NAME=VTS28808 DEVNO=8808 CHANIF=1I
RTD NAME=VTS28809 DEVNO=8809 CHANIF=1M
VTD LOW=9900 HIGH=993F
CLUSTER NAME=CLUSTER1 PRIMARY=VTSS1 SECONDRY=VTSS2
CLINK VTSS=VTSS1 CHANIF=0E
CLINK VTSS=VTSS1 CHANIF=0I
CLINK VTSS=VTSS1 CHANIF=0M
CLINK VTSS=VTSS1 CHANIF=1E
CLINK VTSS=VTSS1 CHANIF=1I
CLINK VTSS=VTSS1 CHANIF=1M
```

Figure 6. CONFIG example: Single ACS Clustered VTSS System

### 3. Enable the Advanced Management Feature.

The Advanced Management Feature is required to enable the REPLICAT parameter of the MGMTclas statement.

### 4. Create a Management Class that specifies VTV replication and a Storage Class for the MVCs that contain the replicated, migrated VTVs.

```
MGMT NAME(VSMREPL) REPLICAT(YES) MIGPOL(REPLSTOR)
```

**Figure 7. Management Class for VTV Replication**

In Figure 7, Management Class VSMREPL specifies VTV replication and migration to Storage Class REPLSTOR, which you will create in Step 5.



**Note:** Note that Management Class VSMREPL **does not** specify an immediate migrate policy. VTV replication automatically enforces immediate migrate. The VTVs in this Management Class will be added to the immediate migration queue on the secondary VTSS once the replication has completed. For more information, see “Clustered VTSS Configurations” on page 12.

### 5. Create the Storage Class for the MVCs that contain the replicated, migrated VTVs.

```
STOR NAME(REPLSTOR) ACS(00) MEDIA(STK1R)
```

**Figure 8. Storage Class for Replicated, Migrated VTVs**

In Figure 8, the STORclas statement defines Storage Class REPLSTOR referenced in the MIGPOL parameter in Step 4.

### 6. Load the MGMTclas and STORclas control statements created in Step 4 and Step 5 with the MGMTDEF command.

```
MGMTDEF DSN(hsc.parms)
```

**Figure 9. MGMTDEF Command to Load Management and Storage Classes**

**7. Create a TAPEREQ statement to route the data for replication to VSM and assign Management Class VSMREPL to the data.**

```
TAPEREQ DSN(*.PAYROLL.**) MEDIA(VIRTUAL) MGMT(VSMREPL)
```

**Figure 10.** TAPEREQ Statement to Route Critical Data, Assign Management Class VSMREPL

In Figure 10, the TAPEREQ statement specifies:

- Route data sets with HLQ mask \*.PAYROLL.\*\* to VSM...
- .....and assign Management Class VSMREPL that you enabled in Step 6.



**Caution:** To replicate VTVs, **both** VTSS1 and VTSS2 must be varied online to VTCS.



**Note:** Also note the following:

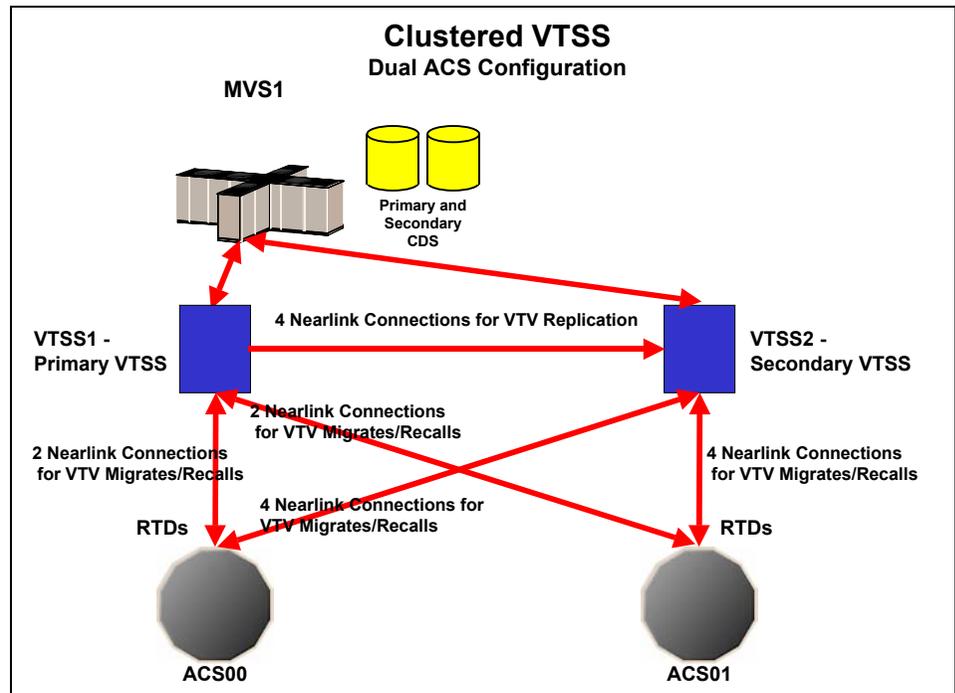
- You can also use esoteric substitution via HSC or MVS/CSC TAPEREQ statement or User Exits to route replication jobs to VSM. If an esoteric is substituted that spans all VTDs in **all** Primary VTSSs and all VTDs in **all** Secondary VTSSs, then VTCS can continue to correctly influence allocation if a Primary VTSS is taken offline.
- For SMC 5.0 and above, a Management Class name, if it is assigned in the StorageTek DFSMS Interface, is available at allocation time. Therefore the esoteric assigned in the interface no longer needs to contain only VTSSs that are part of clusters. As long as the esoteric contains some drives located on the Primary of a full function cluster, SMC has sufficient information to direct allocation to a drive on a Primary VTSS if the Management Class specifies REPLICAT(YES).
- In Full-Function Mode, you may want to set MINMIG equal to MAXMIG on the Secondary to optimize its role as a migrate engine.

**8. Check your HSC PARMLIB options to ensure that subtype 28 records are enabled.**

If enabled, VTSS clustering writes a subtype 28 record for each replication performed.

### Example: Dual ACS Clustered VTSS Configuration

Figure 11 shows an example of a dual ACS Clustered VTSS system.



**Figure 11. Dual ACS Clustered VTSS Configuration**

As shown in Figure 11, to optimize the use of the Primary as a replicate engine (but allow for any required VTV recalls/migrations) and the Secondary as a migrate engine the Nearlink connections are allocated as follows:

- On the Primary (VTSS1), 4 Nearlink connections for Cluster links, 2 Nearlink connection to RTDs on ACS00, 2 Nearlink connections to RTDs on ACS01
- On the Secondary (VTSS2), 4 Nearlink connections to RTDs on ACS00, 4 Nearlink connections to RTDs on ACS01



To configure the dual ACS Clustered VTSS system shown in Figure 5. on page 53, do the following:

1. Ensure that your system has the Clustered VTSS requirements described in *VTCS Installation and Configuration*.
2. Use CONFIG to create CLUSTER and CLINK statements to define the VTSS Cluster and its connections.

Figure 12 shows the CONFIG JCL, including CLUSTER and CLINK statements, for this configuration. Note that on the Primary VTSS, MAXMIG is 2, which is the highest possible value because there are only two RTDs. On the Secondary VTSS, MINMIG is 2 and MAXMIG is 4 to allow the Secondary to migrate replicated VTVs and also to accept non-replicate production workload.

```
//CREATECFG EXEC PGM=SWSADMIN, PARM='MIXED'
//STEPLIB DD DSN=h1q.SLSLINK, DISP=SHR
//SLSPRINT DD SYSOUT=*
//SLSIN DD *
CONFIG
GLOBAL MAXVTV=32000 MVCFREE=40
RECLAIM THRESHLD=70 MAXMVC=40 START=35
VTVVOL LOW=905000 HIGH=999999 SCRATCH
VTVVOL LOW=C00000 HIGH=C25000 SCRATCH
VTVVOL LOW=RMM000 HIGH=RMM020 SCRATCH
MVCVOL LOW=N25980 HIGH=N25989
MVCVOL LOW=N35000 HIGH=N35999
VTSS NAME=VTSS1 LOW=70 HIGH=80 MAXMIG=2 RETAIN=10
RTD NAME=VTS18800 DEVNO=8800 CHANIF=0A
RTD NAME=VTS18801 DEVNO=8801 CHANIF=0I
RTD NAME=VTS18802 DEVNO=8802 CHANIF=1A
RTD NAME=VTS18803 DEVNO=8803 CHANIF=1I
VTD LOW=8900 HIGH=893F
VTSS NAME=VTSS2 LOW=70 HIGH=80 MAXMIG=8 MINMIG=8 RETAIN=10
RTD NAME=VTS28804 DEVNO=8804 CHANIF=0A
RTD NAME=VTS28805 DEVNO=8805 CHANIF=0E
RTD NAME=VTS28806 DEVNO=8806 CHANIF=0I
RTD NAME=VTS28807 DEVNO=8807 CHANIF=0M
RTD NAME=VTS28808 DEVNO=8808 CHANIF=1A
RTD NAME=VTS28809 DEVNO=8809 CHANIF=1E
RTD NAME=VTS2880A DEVNO=880A CHANIF=1I
RTD NAME=VTS2880B DEVNO=880B CHANIF=1M
VTD LOW=9900 HIGH=993F
CLUSTER NAME=CLUSTER1 PRIMARY=VTSS1 SECONDRY=VTSS2
CLINK VTSS=VTSS1 CHANIF=0G
CLINK VTSS=VTSS1 CHANIF=00
CLINK VTSS=VTSS1 CHANIF=1G
CLINK VTSS=VTSS1 CHANIF=10
```

Figure 12. CONFIG example: Dual ACS Clustered VTSS System

### 3. Enable the Advanced Management Feature.

The Advanced Management Feature is required to enable the REPLICAT parameter of the MGMTclas statement.

### 4. Create a Management Class that specifies VTV replication and two Storage Class to migrate (duplexed) the replicated VTVs.

```
MGMT NAME(VSMREPL) REPLICAT(YES) MIGPOL(REPLSTR1,REPLSTR2)
```

**Figure 13. Management Class for VTV Replication**

In Figure 7, Management Class VSMREPL specifies VTV replication and, via the MIGPOL parameter, migrate duplexed to ACSs 01 and 00 by Storage Classes you will create in Step 5.



**Note:** Note that Management Class VSMREPL **does not** specify an immediate migrate policy. VTV replication automatically enforces immediate migrate. The VTVs in this Management Class will be added to the immediate migration queue on the secondary VTSS once the replication has completed. Note that duplexing **is not** a requirement for replicate VTVs. For more information, see “Clustered VTSS Configurations” on page 12.

### 5. Create the Storage Classes for the MVCs that contain the replicated, migrated VTVs.

```
STOR NAME(REPLSTR1) ACS(01) MEDIA(STK1R) MIRATE(SECONDARY)
STOR NAME(REPLSTR2) ACS(00) MEDIA(STK1R) MIGRATE(PRIMARY)
```

**Figure 14. Storage Classes for Replicated, Migrated VTVs**

In Figure 14, the STORclas statement defines Storage Classes REPLSTR1 and REPLSTR2 referenced in the MIGPOL parameter in Step 4. **Also note** that, to optimize VTSS and RTD resources, the MIGRATE parameters on the Storage Classes cause migrates to ACS00 to come from the Primary and migrates from ACS01 to come from the Secondary.

### 6. Load the MGMTclas and STORclas control statements created in Step 4 and Step 5 with the MGMTDEF command.

```
MGMTDEF DSN(hsc.parms)
```

**Figure 15. MGMTDEF Command to Load Management and Storage Classes**

**7. Create a TAPEREQ statement to route the critical data to VSM and assign Management Class VSMREPL to the data.**

```
TAPEREQ DSN(*.PAYROLL.**) MEDIA(VIRTUAL) MGMT(VSMREPL)
```

**Figure 16.** TAPEREQ Statement to Route Critical Data, Assign Management Class VSMREPL

In Figure 10, the TAPEREQ statement specifies:

- Route data sets with HLQ mask \*.PAYROLL.\*\* to VSM...
- .....and assign Management Class VSMREPL that you enabled in Step 6.



**Caution:** To replicate VTVs, **both** VTSS1 and VTSS2 must be varied online to VTCS. The MEDIA(VIRTUAL) parameter allows VTCS to direct work to any available VTSS. VTSS2 is **only** a dedicated Secondary VTSS for replication from VTSS1, so VTSS2 **cannot** accept production work. In normal operations, therefore, the VTDs in VTSS2 **cannot** be online to either MVS system! The **logical paths** to both VTSSs **must be online**, however, so that VTCS can send control commands to the Primary and Secondary VTSSs.



**Note:** Also note the following:

- You can also use esoteric substitution via HSC or MVS/CSC TAPEREQ statement or User Exits to route replication jobs to VSM. If an esoteric is substituted that spans all VTDs in **all** Primary VTSSs and all VTDs in **all** Secondary VTSSs, then VTCS can continue to correctly influence allocation if a Primary VTSS is taken offline.
- For SMC 5.0 and above, a Management Class name, if it is assigned in the StorageTek DFSMS Interface, is available at allocation time. Therefore the esoteric assigned in the interface no longer needs to contain only VTSSs that are part of clusters. As long as the esoteric contains some drives located on the Primary of a full function cluster, SMC has sufficient information to direct allocation to a drive on a Primary VTSS if the Management Class specifies REPLICAT(YES).
- In Full-Function Mode, you may want to set MINMIG equal to MAXMIG on the Secondary to optimize its role as a migrate engine.

**8. Check your HSC PARMLIB options to ensure that subtype 28 records are enabled.**

If enabled, VTSS clustering writes a subtype 28 record for each replication performed.

## Managing Clustered VTSS Systems

The following sections tell how to switch from Full-Function Mode to Degraded Primary or Degraded Secondary Mode, then return to Full-Function Mode:

- “Taking a Failed Primary VTSS Offline, Switching to the Secondary, Then Returning to Full-Function Mode” on page 62
- “Taking the Primary VTSS Offline, Switching to the Secondary, Then Returning to Full-Function Mode” on page 64
- “Taking a Failed Secondary VTSS Offline, Then Returning to Full-Function Mode” on page 66
- “Taking the Secondary VTSS Offline, Then Returning to Full-Function Mode” on page 67



**Note:** You can also use VARY CLink to do the following:

- Vary a CLINK offline if it has failed or requires service.
- Vary a CLINK online.

Taking a Failed  
Primary VTSS Offline,  
Switching to the  
Secondary, Then  
Returning to Full-  
Function Mode

The following procedure tells how to take a failed Primary VTSS offline, switch to the Secondary, then return to Full-Function Mode.



**To take a failed Primary offline, switch to the Secondary, then return to Full-Function Mode, do the following:**

**1. Vary the Primary VTSS to Offline mode.**

Message SLS6742I indicates when the VTSS is offline to all hosts.

**2. Vary the VTDs in the Secondary online to MVS.**

**3. Ensure that MINMIG=1 on the Secondary.**

**4. Identify and recreate any unreplicated VTVs.**

- An HSC SLS0906E Unable to mount message is issued by VTCS in response to an attempt to mount a VTV that is not available.
- You can also run a VTV report with the UNAVAIL option to identify those VTVs that are now unavailable; that is, VTVs that are only resident and left mounted in VTSS1.

**5. When the Primary is available again, dismount any VTVs still mounted in the VTSS (MVS perspective), by doing either of the following:**

- Use the MVS UNLOAD command to dismount the VTVs.
- Use the VARY OFFLINE command to vary offline the VTD where the VTV is mounted, which will also dismount the VTV.

**6. Clear any boxed VTD conditions in the Primary.**

**7. Vary the Primary VTSS to Quiesced mode.**

**8. Audit the Primary VTSS.**

When a VTSS is offline, a VTV can become “orphaned”. That is, the VTV is resident in the VTSS but the VTV record in the CDS no longer has knowledge of this VTV image on the offline VTSS.

When the VTSS goes to Quiesced mode, in Step 7, any orphaned VTVs occupy VTSS buffer space and automigrate does not remove them. The audit reconciles the orphaned VTVs as follows:

- If the orphaned VTV is a current copy, the CDS is updated, and VTCS now manage it via automigration, recall, and so forth.
- If the orphaned VTV is no longer current, the audit deletes it from the VTSS.

**9. Vary the Primary back online to VTCS and its VTDs back online to MVS.**

Work will resume on the Primary. Note for a short period, work will also continue on the Secondary. No new allocations will use the Secondary VTSS but existing work will continue to completion (VTV mounts and dismounts

will complete). Also note that VTCS will start to reconcile the Primary and Secondary VTSSs via migrates and deletes from the Secondary VTSS.

**10. Reset MINMIG=MAXMIG on the Secondary.**

**11. Vary the VTDs in the Secondary offline to MVS.**

The VTDs will only go offline to MVS once all jobs that are allocated to VTDs in the secondary complete.

**12. Use Query CLINK to verify that the Cluster link is online.**

**13. Use Query CLUSTER to verify that the Cluster is in Full-Function Mode.**

## Taking the Primary VTSS Offline, Switching to the Secondary, Then Returning to Full-Function Mode

The following procedure tells how to take the Primary VTSS offline and switch to the Secondary (for service, replacement, and so forth, of the Primary), then return to Full-Function Mode when the Primary is available again.



**To explicitly take the Primary offline, switch to the Secondary, then return to Full-Function Mode, do the following:**

**1. Vary the Primary to Quiesced mode.**

Message SLS6742I indicates when the VTSS is quiesced to all hosts.

**2. Do a demand migrate to 0.**

**3. Audit the Primary VTSS to ensure that all VTVs were successfully migrated.**

**4. Vary the Primary to Offline mode.**

Message SLS6742I indicates when the VTSS is offline to all hosts.

**5. Use Query CLUSTER to verify that the Cluster is in Degraded Primary Mode.**

**6. Vary the VTDs in the Secondary online to MVS.**

**7. Ensure that MINMIG=1 on the Secondary.**

**8. When the Primary is available again, vary it to Quiesced mode.**

**9. Audit the Primary VTSS.**

When a VTSS is offline, a VTV can become “orphaned”. That is, the VTV is resident in the VTSS but the VTV record in the CDS no longer has knowledge of this VTV image on the offline VTSS.

When the VTSS goes to Quiesced mode, in Step 8, any orphaned VTVs occupy VTSS buffer space and automigrate does not remove them. The audit reconciles the orphaned VTVs as follows:

- If the orphaned VTV is a current copy, the CDS is updated, and VTCS now manage it via automigration, recall, and so forth.
- If the orphaned VTV is no longer current, the audit deletes it from the VTSS.

**10. Vary the Primary VTSS online to VTCS and vary the VTDs in the Primary VTSS online to MVS.**

Work will resume on the Primary. Note for a short period, work will also continue on the Secondary. No new allocations will use the Secondary VTSS but existing work will continue to completion (VTV mounts and dismounts will complete). Also note that VTCS will start to reconcile the Primary and Secondary VTSSs via migrates and deletes from the secondary VTSS.

**11. Reset MINMIG=MAXMIG on the Secondary.**

**12. Vary the VTDs in the Secondary offline to MVS.**

The VTDs will only go offline to MVS once all jobs that are allocated to VTDs in the secondary complete.

- 13. Use Query CLINK to verify that the Cluster link is online.**
- 14. Use Query CLUSTER to verify that the Cluster is in Full-Function Mode.**

Taking a Failed  
Secondary VTSS  
Offline, Then  
Returning to Full-  
Function Mode

The following procedure tells how to take a failed Secondary VTSS offline, then return to Full-Function Mode.



**To take a failed Secondary offline, then return to Full-Function Mode, do the following:**

- 1. Vary the Secondary to Offline mode.**  
Message SLS6742I indicates when the VTSS is offline to all hosts.
- 2. When the Secondary is available again, vary it to Quiesced mode.**
- 3. Audit the Secondary VTSS.**
- 4. Vary the Secondary to Online mode.**
- 5. Use Query CLINK to verify that the Cluster link is online.**
- 6. Use Query CLUSTER to verify that the Cluster is in Full-Function Mode.**

## Taking the Secondary VTSS Offline, Then Returning to Full-Function Mode

The following procedure tells how to take the Secondary VTSS offline (for service, replacement, and so forth), then return to Full-Function Mode when the Secondary is available again.



**To explicitly take the Secondary offline, then return to Full-Function Mode, do the following:**

**1. Vary the Secondary to Quiesced mode.**

Message SLS6742I indicates when the VTSS is quiesced to all hosts.

**2. Audit the Secondary VTSS to ensure that all VTVs were successfully migrated.**

**3. Vary the Secondary to Offline mode.**

Message SLS6742I indicates when the VTSS is offline to all hosts.

**4. When the Secondary is available again, vary it to Quiesced mode.**

**5. Audit the Secondary VTSS.**

**6. Vary the Secondary to Online mode.**

**7. Use Query CLINK to verify that the Cluster link is online.**

**8. Use Query CLUSTER to verify that the Cluster is in Full-Function Mode.**

## Resolving Common VSM Problems

The following sections tell how to identify and resolve common VSM problems. Some problems may require assistance from StorageTek. If so, contact StorageTek Central Software Support (CSS). For more information, see *Requesting Help from Software Support*. A StorageTek software support representative may ask you to run a trace.

### RTD Failures

If VTCS detects read/write errors on an MVC, VTCS swaps the MVC to another RTD. If the read/write errors persist, VTCS marks the MVC as in error. Remove the MVC from the pool as described in “Permanently Removing MVCs” on page 23. If VTCS detects no further read/write errors on the MVC, VTCS assumes that the first RTD is in error.

Message SLS6662A indicates that an RTD is in *maintenance mode*, and this status is also reported on Query RTD output. An RTD in maintenance mode is typically in error and requires assistance from your hardware operations or service personnel. Note that an RTD in *recovery mode* is initializing (when varied online, for example), and typically is *not* in error.

If a failed RTD cannot be quickly repaired or if the failed RTD is attached to a remote ACS, you may want to remove the RTD from your configuration to prevent attempts to allocate that RTD. Remove the RTD statement for the RTD and rerun CONFIG.



**Caution:** In a dual-ACS configuration (two ACSs connected to a single VTSS), ensure that you do **not** allow all RTDs in either ACS to be unavailable to the VTSS for an extended period. If no RTDs are available in that ACS, migrates to or recalls from that ACS cannot occur, and the VTSS space can fill up. In addition, this condition can also cause stalled migrations to RTDs in the other ACS.

In a dual-ACS configuration, therefore, if you must make all RTDs in an ACS unavailable for an extended period, remove the RTDs from the configuration as described above.

### MVC Failures

If VTCS detects read/write errors on an MVC, VTCS swaps the MVC to another RTD. If the read/write errors persist, VTCS marks the MVC as in error. Use the procedure in “Permanently Removing MVCs” on page 23 to attempt to recover the VTVs and remove the MVC from the pool.

## Poor VTV Mount Performance

If VTV mounts occur very slowly or not at all, check the following:

- Are mounts failing on a single VTD? This usually occurs because a host requests a mount of an MVC–resident VTV that VSM cannot recall. If so, do the following:
  - Enter a `Query Queue DETail` command to check the queued recalls. If a recall is queued waiting for an MVC, it may be in use by another VTCS process, which you can check with `Query Active DETail`.
  - If the MVC is *not* in use, next enter an `HSC DISPLAY VOLUME` command. Is the MVC actually in the ACS? If not, you must reenter the MVC to complete the recall.
  - Next, are RTDs available to mount the MVC to recall the VTV? Enter `Query RTD` to check RTD availability. If no RTDs are available, use `Query` on all hosts to check active and queued processes. If necessary, use `Cancel` to cancel processes and free an RTD so the recall can complete.



**Hint:** Setting the `MGMTcl` as statement `IMMEDmig` parameter to either `KEEP` or `DELETE` preferences migration processing (and RTD use for migration) and may increase I/O to the RTDs.

Also note that you can change the `CONFIG MAXMIG` and `MINMIG` parameter settings to rebalance automatic migration tasks with other tasks (such as recall and reclaim) for the RTDs you have defined for each VTSS.

- Are the mounts failing on multiple VTDs? If so, check the following:
  - Check VTD status with `Query VTD`.
  - Enter `Query Active`. If there are no active processes, ensure that VTCS, HSC, all VTSSs, and all communications are functioning normally.
  - Ensure that you have sufficient VTSS space; for more information, see “Managing VTSSs and VTDs” on page 17.
  - As described in “Poor Migration Performance” on page 70, check to see if your system is running out of available MVCs or usable MVC space.
  - Raising the low AMT tends to keep more VTVs resident in VTSS space, which may help prevent virtual mounts from failing.

## **Failed VTV Mounts and Dismounts**

If a VTV mount fails, even if VTDs are online, use the MVS VARY command to vary VTDs online, use the MVS UNLOAD command to clear the VTDs, then use the HSC MOUNT and DISMOUNT commands to retry the operation.

Also note that VTCS will not attempt to resolve outstanding mounts on VTDs during HSC initialization. You must resubmit the jobs requesting these mounts.

## **Poor Migration Performance**

If VTV migration occurs very slowly or not at all, check the following:

- Ensure that you have sufficient available MVCs and usable MVC space as described in “Managing MVCs” on page 20.
- If your system has sufficient available MVCs and usable MVC space, enter Query RTD to check RTD availability, then use Query Queue DETai1 to check the status of queued processes. If many processes are waiting for RTDs, you may want to vary additional RTDs online to VSM; see “Sharing Transports Between VSM and MVS” on page 36.
- Has system security changed or have you added MVCs to the pool without giving VSM update authority to these MVCs? If so, resolve these problems.
- Review your migration and reclamation policies; for more information.
- In the JES3 environment, VTV mounts may fail if you have not created and installed the correct User Exit modifications.

## **Invalid Management Classes**

If VTCS receives a request to migrate a VTV that is assigned to an invalid Management Class, VTCS will dynamically create the !ERROR Storage Class and migrate the VTVs defined by the invalid Management Class to the !ERROR Storage Class. MVC reports show when a VTV is migrated to this Storage Class. Message SLS6681I displays the Management and Storage Class of each VTV as it is migrated.

## Running out of MVCs or Usable MVC Space

VTV reports and Query help you monitor VTSS and VTV activity. MVC reports and Query help you monitor MVC status:

- For migrations MVCs, the **Owner/Consolidate Time** field reports the MVC's Storage Class. Use only the minimum Storage Classes required to define the policies you want to implement. Excessive Storage Classes can impact VSM performance due to the MVC mount/dismount overhead incurred. In addition, an MVC can only contain VTVs in a single Storage Class, so excessive Storage Classes can underuse MVC space. To eliminate a Storage Class, do the following:
  1. Delete the `STORclas` statement for the Storage Class.
  2. Delete or update any `MGMTclas` statements to remove references to the Storage Class.
  3. Enter a `MGMTDEF` command to reload the data set that contains the updated/deleted `STORclas` and `MGMTclas` statements.
  4. Enter `MVCDRain` to drain the MVCs owned by this Storage Class.
- Do VTV reports show that you have added VTVs to your system? Does the `SIZE` field show that your VTVs are growing larger? Does the `MIGR` field show that many VTVs have been migrated? Has duplexing been specified for many VTVs? Duplexing doubles MVC space requirements. Ensure that you have specified duplexing for only the VTVs that require duplexing. You may need to review your migration policies or add more MVCs.
- On MVC reports, if all MVCs show low values for both the `%AVAIL` and `%FRAG` fields, your system is probably running out of MVC space. If all MVCs show high values for `%AVAIL` (especially after reclaim processing), your system's maximum VTVs per MVC is probably set too low.
- If raising the maximum VTVs per MVC does not relieve MVC space constraints and if the `%FRAG` field shows high MVC fragmentation, consider changing your space reclamation (and migration) policies.
- However, do not wait for VSM to automatically reclaim MVC space. Instead, run demand space reclamations on your existing MVCs before adding more MVCs to the pool. For more information, see "Doing Demand MVC Space Reclamations" on page 35.
- If doing demand space reclamation does not free sufficient MVC space, consider adding MVCs. In mixed-media systems, ensure that you have sufficient space on each media type that your system uses and that you have RTDs available to service each media type.

As an alternative, in multi-ACS configurations, you can move MVCs from one ACS to another as described in "Moving MVCs Between ACSs" on page 25.

## Losing All Copies of the CDS

If you lose all copies of the HSC CDS, see the procedures in *VTCS Installation and Configuration Guide* for recovering the CDS and updating it with VSM information.

**Losing CDS  
Information About  
Some VSM  
Resources**

If you lose CDS information about some VSM resources, see the procedures in *VTCS Installation and Configuration Guide* for information about recovering the lost information.

**Lock Recovery**

If an HSC running VTCS is cancelled or the host running HSC fails, the failed host may retain locks against RTDs, MVCs, VTVs, and so forth. To recover, either restart HSC on the failed host or use the HSC RECover command to release the locked resources.

You can use the DISPLAY ACTIVE, DISPLAY QUEUE, and Query LOCKs commands to help determine which host has locked resources. Enter these commands on all hosts to display resource status. If a request stays queued for a particular resource for a long time and none of the other hosts appear to be using the resource, the failed host has probably locked the resource.

# Glossary

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## A

**access method** A technique for moving data between processor storage and input/output devices.

**ACS** *See* Automated Cartridge System.

**ACSid** A method used to identify an ACS. An ACSid is the result of defining the SLIALIST macro during the library generation (LIBGEN) process. The first ACS listed in this macro acquires a hexadecimal identifier of 00, the second ACS listed acquires a hexadecimal identifier of 01, and so forth, until all ACSs are identified.

**ACS routine** An SMS term, referring to automatic class selection routine. Not to be confused with the HSC term, ACS, referring to automatic cartridge system.

**AMT** automatic migration threshold.

**APF** Authorized Program Facility.

**APPL** VTAM APPLID definition for the HSC.

**archiving** The storage of backup files and associated journals, usually for a given period of time.

**audit** A VSM audit (which is not the same as an HSC audit) reconstructs VTV and MVC information.

**Automated Cartridge System (ACS)** The library subsystem consisting of one or two LMUs, and from 1 to 16 attached LSMs.

**automated library** *See* library.

**automatic mode** A relationship between an LSM and all attached hosts. LSMs operating in automatic mode handle cartridges without operator intervention. This is the normal operating mode of an LSM that has been modified online.

**automatic migration** Migrating VTVs to MVCs that is automatically initiated and controlled by VSM.

**automatic migration threshold (AMT)** AMT values are percentage values that determine when

virtual tape volume migration begins and ends. VTV migration begins when the VTSS buffer reaches the high AMT and ends when the buffer reaches or falls below the low AMT. These thresholds apply to all VTSSs.

**automatic recall** Recalling VTVs to the VTSS that is automatically initiated and controlled by VSM.

**automatic reclaim** Reclaiming MVC space that is automatically initiated and controlled by VSM.

## B

**block** A collection of contiguous records recorded as a unit. Blocks are separated by interblock gaps, and each block may contain one or more records.

**buffer** A routine or storage used to compensate for a difference in rate of data flow, or time of occurrence of events, when transferring data from one device to another.

## C

**CA-1 (TMS)** Computer Associates Tape Management System. Third-party software by Computer Associates International, Inc.

**CAP** *See* Cartridge Access Port.

**capacity** *See* media capacity.

**CAPid** A CAPid uniquely defines the location of a CAP by the LSM on which it resides. A CAPid is of the form *AAL:CC* where *AA* is the ACSid, *L* is the LSM number, and *CC* is the CAP number. Some commands and utilities permit an abbreviated CAPid format of *AAL*.

**cartridge** The plastic housing around the tape. It is approximately 4 inches (100 mm) by 5 inches (125 mm) by 1 inch (25 mm). The tape is threaded automatically when loaded in a transport. A plastic leader block is attached to the tape for automatic threading. The spine of the cartridge contains a Tri-Optic label listing the VOLSER (tape volume identifier).

**Cartridge Access Port (CAP)** An assembly which allows an operator to enter/eject cartridges during automated operations. The CAP is located on the access door of an LSM. (*see also*, standard CAP, enhanced CAP, WolfCreek CAP, WolfCreek optional CAP.)

**Cartridge Scratch Loader** An optional feature for the Cartridge Drive. It allows the automatic loading of premounted tape cartridges or the manual loading of single tape cartridges.

**cartridge system tape** The basic tape cartridge media that is used with 4480, 4490, or 9490 Cartridge Subsystems. They are visually identified by a one-color cartridge case.

**CAW** *See* Channel Address Word.

**CDRM** Cross Domain Resource Manager definition (if not using existing CDRMs).

**CDRSC** Cross Domain Resource definition.

**CDS** *See* control data set.

**CE** Channel End.

**cell** A storage slot in the LSM that is used to store a tape cartridge.

**Central Support Remote Center (CSRC)** *See* Remote Diagnostics Center.

**CFT** Customer field test.

**channel** A device that connects the host and main storage with the input and output control units.

**Channel Address Word (CAW)** An area in storage that specifies the location in main storage at which a channel program begins.

**channel command** A command received by a CU from a channel.

**Channel Status Word (CSW)** An area in storage that provides information about the termination of input/output operations.

**check** Detection of an error condition.

**CI** Converter/Interpreter (JES3).

**Clink (cluster link).** The path between a primary VTSS and secondary VTSS in a cluster. The Clink path is used to copy replicate VTVs from the primary to the secondary.

**Cluster.** Two VTSSs which are physically cabled together by Clink paths and are defined in CONFIG as a cluster. A cluster consists of a primary and a secondary VTSS. VTVs with the replicate attribute attached will be copied from the primary to the secondary as soon as possible after dismount time.

**connected mode** A relationship between a host and an ACS. In this mode, the host and an ACS are capable of communicating (at least one station to this ACS is online).

**control data set (CDS)** The HSC database. In addition to the current information in the CDS, VSM keeps all its persistent data in the CDS as well.

**control data set allocation map** A CDS subfile that marks individual blocks as used or free.

**control data set data blocks** CDS blocks that contain information about the library and its configuration or environment.

**control data set directory** A part of the CDS that maps its subdivision into subfiles.

**control data set pointer blocks** CDS blocks that contain pointers to map data blocks belonging to a subfile.

**control data set recovery area** A portion of the CDS reserved for maintaining integrity for updates that affect multiple CDS blocks.

**control data set subfile** A portion of the CDS consisting of Data Blocks and Pointer Blocks containing related information.

**Control Unit (CU)** A microprocessor-based unit situated logically between a host channel (or channels) and from two to sixteen tape transports. It functions to translate channel commands into tape transport commands, send transport status to the channel(s), and pass data between the channel(s) and transport(s).

**conventional Nearline transport** An HSC-controlled transport that is not defined to VSM as an RTD.

**cross–host recovery** The ability for one host to perform recovery for another host that has failed.

**CSE** Customer Service Engineer.

**CSI** Consolidated System Inventory.

**CSL** Cartridge Scratch Loader.

**CSRC** Central Support Remote Center (*See* Remote Diagnostics Center)

**CSW** Channel Status Word.

**CU** *See* Control Unit.

## D

**DAE** Dump Analysis Elimination.

**DASD** Direct access storage device.

**data** Any representations such as characters or analog quantities to which meaning is, or might be, assigned.

**data class** A collection of allocation and space attributes, defined by the storage administrator, that are used to create a data set.

**data compaction** An algorithmic data–reduction technique that encodes data from the host and stores it in less space than unencoded data. The original data is recovered by an inverse process call decompaction.

**data–compaction ratio** The number of host data bytes divided by the number of encoded bytes. It is variable depending on the characteristics of the data being processed. The more random the data stream, the lower the opportunity to achieve compaction.

**Data Control Block (DCB)** A control block used by access routines in storing and retrieving data.

**data set** The major unit of data storage and retrieval, consisting of a collection of data in one of several prescribed arrangements and described by control information to which the system has access.

**data streaming** A continuous stream of data being transmitted in character or binary–digit form, using a specified format.

**DBU** disk buffer utilization.

**DCB** Data Control Block.

**demand allocation** An MVS term meaning that a user has requested a specific unit.

**demand migration** Migrating VTVs to MVCs that an administrator does with the MIGRATE command or utility.

**demand recall** Recalling VTVs to the VTSS that an administrator does with the RECALL command or utility.

**demand reclaim** Reclaiming MVC space that an administrator does with the RECLAIM command or utility.

**device number** A four–digit hexadecimal number that uniquely identifies a device attached to a processor.

**device separation** The HSC function which *forces* the MVS device selection process to choose either a nonlibrary transport or a transport in a particular ACS, based on the location of the volume (specific requests) or the given subpool rules in effect (nonspecific request).

**DFP** Data Facility Product. A program that isolates applications from storage devices, storage management, and storage device hierarchy management.

**DFSMS** Refers to an environment running MVS/ESA SP and DFSMS/MVS, DFSORT, and RACF. This environment helps automate and centralize the management of storage through a combination of hardware, software, and policies.

**DFSMS ACS routine** A sequence of instructions for having the system assign data class, storage class, management class, and storage group for a data set.

**directed allocation** The HSC function of *influencing* MVS's selection of library transports. For a specific request, the HSC influences MVS to choose a transport requiring the fewest number of pass–thrus; for a nonspecific (scratch) request, HSC's influencing is based on the given subpool rules in effect.

**disconnected mode** A relationship between a host and an ACS. In this mode, the host and an ACS are

not capable of communicating (there are no online stations to this ACS).

**disk buffer utilization (DBU).** The ratio of used to total VTSS buffer capacity.

**DOMed** Pertaining to a console message that was previously highlighted during execution, but is now at normal intensity.

**drain** The deletion of data from an MVC. May be accompanied by a “virtual” eject to prevent the MVC from being reused.

**drive loaded** A condition of a tape drive in which a tape cartridge has been inserted in the drive, and the tape has been threaded to the beginning-of-tape position.

**DSI** Dynamic System Interchange (JES3).

**dual LMU** A hardware/u–software feature that provides a redundant LMU capability.

**dual LMU** HSC release 1.1.0 or later that automates a switchover to the standby LMU in a dual LMU configuration.

**dump** To write the contents of storage, or of a part of storage, usually from an internal storage to an external medium, for a specific purpose such as to allow other use of storage, as a safeguard against faults or errors, or in connection with debugging.

**Dynamic Device Reconfiguration (DDR)** A facility that allows a demountable volume to be moved, and repositioned if necessary, without abnormally terminating the job or repeating the initial program load procedure.

## E

**Ecart** Cartridge system tape with a length of 1100 feet that can be used with 4490 cartridge drives. These tapes are visually identified by a two-tone colored case.

**EDL** *See* eligible device list.

**eligible device list** A group of tape drives that are available to satisfy an allocation request.

**enhanced CAP** An enhanced CAP contains two forty-cell magazine-style CAPs and a one-cell priority CAP (PCAP). Each forty-cell CAP holds

four removable magazines of ten cells each. An LSM access door with an enhanced CAP contains no cell locations for storing cartridges. An enhanced CAP is ordered as Feature Number CC80. (*see also*, Cartridge Access Port (CAP), standard CAP, WolfCreek CAP, WolfCreek optional CAP.)

**Effective Recording Density** The number of user bytes per unit of length of the recording medium.

**eject** The LSM robot places a cartridge in a Cartridge Access Port (CAP) so the operator can remove it from the LSM.

**ExPR** Expert Performance Reporter.

**Expert Performance Reporter** Expert Performance Reporter collects performance data and generates reports about StorageTek Nearline ACSs and VTSS status and performance. It has an MVS component and a PC component.

**Enhanced Capacity Cartridge System** Tape Cartridge system tape with increased capacity that can be used with 4490 and 9490 Cartridge Drives. These tapes are visually identified by a two-tone colored case.

**EOT** End-of-Tape marker.

**EPO** Emergency Power Off.

**ERDS** Error Recording Data Set.

**EREP** Environmental Recording, Editing, Printing.

**ERP** Error recovery procedures.

**error recovery procedures (ERP)** Procedures designed to help isolate and, where possible, to recover from errors in equipment.

**ExtendedStore Library** One or more LSMs with no cartridge drives (CDs) that are attached by pass-thru ports to other LSMs (with CDs) in an ACS. These LSMs provide archive storage for cartridges containing less active data sets. Cartridges can be entered and ejected directly into and out of this LSM though either a standard CAP or an enhanced CAP.

## F

**file protected** Pertaining to a tape volume from which data can be read only. Data cannot be written on or erased from the tape.

**format** The arrangement or layout of data on a data medium.

## G

**GB** 1,073,741,824 bytes of storage.

**GDG Generation Data Group.** An MVS data set naming convention. Sequence numbers are appended to the basic data set name to track the generations created for that data set.

**GTF Generalized Trace Facility.** An MVS facility used to trace software functions and events.

## H

**HDA** Head/disk assembly.

**Host Software Component (HSC)** That portion of the Automated Cartridge System which executes on host systems attached to an automated library. This component acts as the interface between the operating system and the rest of the automated library.

**host system** A data processing system that is used to prepare programs and the operating environments for use on another computer or controller.

**HSC** Host Software Component.

**HSM** Hierarchical Storage Manager.

**HWS** High Watermark Setup. Relates to chains set up for tape transport allocation in JES3.

## I

**ICRC** See Improved Cartridge Recording Capability.

**Improved Cartridge Recording Capability (ICRC)** An improved data recording mode that, when enabled, can increase the effective cartridge data capacity and the effective data rate when invoked.

**ID** Identifier or identification.

**IDAX Interpreter Dynamic Allocation Exit.** This is a subfunction of the DFSMS/MVS subsystem request (SSREQ 55) that the MVS JCL Interpreter and dynamic allocation functions issue for calling

DFSMS ACS routines for management of the data set requested.

**IML** See Initial Microprogram Load.

**index** a function performed by the cartridge loader that moves cartridges down the input or output stack one cartridge position. A loader can perform multiple consecutive indexes.

**Initial Microprogram Load (IML)** A process that activates a machine reset and loads system programs to prepare a computer system for operation. Processors having diagnostic programs activate these programs at IML execution. Devices running u–software reload the functional u–software usually from a floppy diskette at IML execution.

**Initial Program Load (IPL)** A process that activates a machine reset and loads system programs to prepare a computer system for operation. Processors having diagnostic programs activate these programs at IPL execution. Devices running u–software reload the functional u–software usually from a floppy diskette at IPL execution.

**initial value** A value assumed until explicitly changed. It must then be explicitly specified in another command to restore the initial value. An initial value for the HSC is the value in effect when the product is installed.

**inline diagnostics** Diagnostic routines that test subsystem components while operating on a time–sharing basis with the functional u–software in the subsystem component.

**input stack** The part of the cartridge loader where cartridges are premounted.

**intervention required** Manual action is needed.

**ips** Inches per second.

**IVP Installation Verification Programs.** A package of programs that is run by a user after the library is installed in order to verify that the library is functioning properly.

## J

**JCL** See Job Control Language.

**Job Control Language** Problem-oriented language designed to express statements in a job that are used to identify the job or describe its requirements to an operating system.

**journal** The log associated with journaling. The log (stored in a data set) contains a record of completed work and changes to the control data set since the last backup was created.

**journaling** A technique for recovery that involves creating a backup control data set and maintaining a log of all changes (transactions) to that data set.

## K

**KB** Kilobyte, thousand bytes, or 1024 bytes.

**kb** kilobit, or thousand bits ( $10^3$  bits).

**keyword parameter** In command and utility syntax, operands that include keywords and their related values (see “positional parameter”). Values are concatenated to the keyword either by an equal sign, “KEYWORD=value,” or by parentheses, “KEYWORD(value).” Keyword parameters can be specified in any order. The HSC accepts (tolerates) multiple occurrences of a keyword. The value assigned to a keyword reflects the last occurrence of a keyword within a command.

## L

**LAN** Local Area Network.

**LCU** See Library Control Unit.

**LED** See Light Emitting Diode.

**LIBGEN** The process of defining the configuration of the automated library to the host software.

**library** An installation of one or more ACSs, attached cartridge drives, volumes placed into the ACSs, host software that controls and manages the ACSs and associated volumes, and the library control data set that describes the state of the ACSs.

**library control data set** See control data set.

**Library Control Unit (LCU)** The portion of the LSM that controls the picking, mounting, dismounting, and replacing of cartridges.

**Light Emitting Diode (LED)** An electronic device used mainly as an indicator on status panels to show equipment on/off conditions.

**LMU** Library Management Unit. The portion of the ACS that manages from one to sixteen LSMs and communicates with the host CPU.

**loader** See Cartridge Scratch Loader.

**load point** The beginning of the recording area on magnetic tape.

**Local Area Network (LAN)** A computer network in which devices within the network can access each other for data transmission purposes. The LMU and attached LCUs are connected with a local area network.

**logical ejection** The process of removing a volume from the control data set without physically ejecting it from its LSM location.

**LSM Library Storage Module.** Provides the storage area for cartridges plus the robot necessary to move the cartridges. The term LSM often means the LCU and LSM combined.

**LSMid** An LSMid is composed of the ACSid concatenated with the LSM number.

**LSM number** A method used to identify an LSM. An LSM number is the result of defining the SLIACS macro LSM parameter during a LIBGEN. The first LSM listed in this parameter acquires the LSM number of 0 (hexadecimal), the second LSM listed acquires a hexadecimal number of 1, and so forth, until all LSMs are identified (maximum of sixteen or hexadecimal F).

## M

**machine initiated maintenance** See ServiceTek.

**magnetic recording** A technique of storing data by selectively magnetizing portions of a magnetizable material.

**magnetic tape** A tape with a magnetizable surface layer on which data can be stored by magnetic recording.

**magnetic tape drive** A mechanism for moving magnetic tape and controlling its movement.

**maintenance facility** Hardware contained in the CU and LMU that allows a CSE and the RDC to run diagnostics, retrieve status, and communicate with respective units through their control panels.

**management class** A collection of management attributes, assigned by the storage administrator, that are used to control the allocation and use of space by a data set. Note that SMS Management Classes are different from VSM Management Classes.

**manual mode** A relationship between an LSM and all attached hosts. LSMs operating in manual mode have been modified offline and require human assistance to perform cartridge operations.

**master LMU** The LMU currently controlling the functional work of the ACS in a dual LMU configuration.

**MDS** Main Device Scheduler (JES3).

**media capacity** The amount of data that can be contained on storage media and expressed in bytes of data.

**micro–software** See *v–software* under Symbols.

**migration** The movement of VTVs from the VTSS to the RTD where the VTVs are stacked onto MVCs. See *automatic migration* and *demand migration*.

**MIM Multi–Image Manager.** Third–party software by CA Corporation.

**mixed configurations** Installations containing cartridge drives under ACS control and cartridge drives outside of library control. These configurations cause the Host Software Component to alter allocation to one or the other.

**modem Modulator/demodulator.** An electronic device that converts computer digital data to analog data for transmission over a telecommunications line (telephone line). At the receiving end, the modem performs the inverse function.

**monitor** A device that observes, records, and verifies selected system activities to determine significant departure from expected operation.

**Multi-Volume Cartridge (MVC)** A physical tape cartridge residing in an LSM that either contains migrated virtual tape volumes (VTVs) or is identified as a volume that can be selected for VTV stacking.

**MVCPool Statement** An HSC control statement that is contained in the definition data set specified by the VT MVCDEF command. An MVCPool statement specifies the MVCs that VTCS uses.

**MVCDEF** An HSC command that is used to load the definition data set that contains MVCPool statements.

**N****O**

**output stack** The part of the cartridge loader that receives and holds processed cartridges.

**P**

**paired–CAP mode** The two forty–cell CAPs in an enhanced CAP function in paired–CAP mode as a single eighty–cell CAP.

**PARMLIB control statements** Parameter library (PARMLIB) control statements allow you statically specify various operation parameters which take effect at HSC initialization. Identifying your system requirements and then specifying the appropriate control statements permits you to customize the HSC to your data center.

**Pass–Thru Port (PTP)** A mechanism that allows a cartridge to be passed from one LSM to another in a multiple LSM ACS.

**physical end of tape** A point on the tape beyond which the tape is not permitted to move.

**positional parameter** In command and utility syntax, operands that are identified by their position in the command string rather than by keywords (*see* “keyword parameter”). Positional parameters must be entered in the order shown in the syntax diagram.

**POST** *See* Program for Online System Testing.

**PowderHorn** A high–performance LSM (model number 9310) featuring a high–speed robot. The PowderHorn has a capacity of up to approximately 6000 cartridges.

**Primary.** One of two VTSSs in a cluster which is designated in CONFIG as the primary. During normal operations the primary services the host workload and copies replicate VTVs to the secondary.

**Program for Online System Testing (POST)** A program in a host computer that allows it to test an attached subsystem while the subsystem is online.

**Program Temporary Fix** A unit of corrective maintenance delivered to a customer to repair a

defect in a product, or a means of packaging a Small Programming Enhancement (SPE).

**Program Update Tape** A tape containing a collection of PTFs. PUTs are shipped to customers on a regular basis under the conditions of the customer’s maintenance license.

**PTF** *See* Program Temporary Fix.

**PTP** *See* pass–thru port.

**PUT** *See* Program Update Tape.

**R**

**RACF** *See* Resource Access Control Facility.

**Real Tape Drive (RTD)** The physical transport attached to the LSM. The transport has a data path to a VTSS and may optionally have a data path to MVS or to another VTSS.

**RDC** *See* Remote Diagnostic Center.

**recall** The movement of VTVs from the MVC back to the VTSS. May be automatic or on demand.

**reclaim** Refers to MVC space reclamation. For automatic and demand reclamation, VTCS uses the amount of fragmented free space on the MVC and the amount of VTV data that would have to be moved to determine if space reclamation is justified.

**Reconciliation.** An automatic process initiated when a cluster is reestablished after the primary or secondary has been offline. Reconciliation ensures that the contents of the primary and secondary are identical with respect to replicate VTVs.

**Recording Density** The number of bits in a single linear track measured per unit of length of the recording medium.

**Remote Diagnostic Center (RDC)** The Remote Diagnostic Center at StorageTek. RDC operators can access and test StorageTek systems and software, through telecommunications lines, from remote customer installations. Also referred to as the Central Support Remote Center (CSRC).

**Replication.** Copying a replicate VTV from the primary VTSS to the secondary VTSS in a cluster. When replication completes, there are two copies of

the VTV, one in the primary and one in the secondary.

**Replicate VTV.** A VTV which has had the replicate attribute attached to it by a management class statement.

**Resource Access Control Facility (RACF)**  
Security software controlling access to data sets.

**RTD** *See* real tape drive.

## S

**SCP** *See* System Control Program.

**scratch tape subpool** A defined subset of all scratch tapes. Subpools are composed of one or more ranges of VOLSERS with similar physical characteristics (type of volume {reel or cartridge}, reel size, length, physical location, etc.). Some installations may also subdivide their scratch pools by other characteristics, such as label type (AL, SL, NSL, NL). The purpose of subpooling is to ensure that certain data sets are built only within particular ranges of volumes (for whatever reason the user desires). If a volume which does not belong to the required subpool is mounted for a particular data set, it is dismounted and the mount reissued.

**Secondary.** One of two VTSSs in a cluster which is designated in CONFIG as the secondary. During normal operations the secondary receives copies of replicate VTVs, stores them, and makes a migration copy on an MVC as soon as possible.

**secondary recording** A technique for recovery involving maintaining both a control data set and a copy (secondary) of the control data set.

**SER** Software Enhancement Request.

**ServiceTek** (machine initiated maintenance) A unique feature of the ACS in which an expert system monitors conditions and performance of subsystems and requests operator attention before a potential problem impacts operations. Customers can set maintenance threshold levels.

**servo** A device that uses feedback from a sensing element to control mechanical motion.

**Small Programming Enhancement (SPE)** A supplement to a released program that can affect several products or components.

**SMF System Management Facility.** An MVS facility used to record system actions which affect system functionality.

**SMP** System Modification Program.

**SMP/E** System Modification Program Extended.

**SMS** System Managed Storage.

**SPE** Small Programming Enhancement.

**standard CAP** A standard CAP has a capacity of twenty-one cartridges (three rows of seven cells each). An LSM access door with a standard CAP contains cell locations for storing cartridges. (*see also*, Cartridge Access Port (CAP), enhanced CAP.)

**standard LSM** A model 4410 LSM which has a storage capacity of up to approximately 6000 cartridges.

**standby** The status of a station that has been varied online but is connected to the standby LMU of a dual LMU ACS.

**standby LMU** The redundant LMU in a dual LMU configuration that is ready to take over in case of a master LMU failure or when the operator issues the SWitch command.

**station** A hardware path between the host computer and an LMU over which the HSC and LMU send control information.

**storage class** A named list of storage attributes that identify performance goals and availability requirements for a data set. Note that SMS Storage Classes are different from VSM Storage Classes.

**storage group** A collection of storage volumes and attributes defined by the storage administrator. Note that this is an SMS concept, not a VSM concept.

**switchover** The assumption of master LMU functionality by the standby LMU.

**System Control Program** The general term to describe a program which controls access to system resources, and allocates those resources among executing tasks.

**system-managed storage** Storage that is managed by the Storage Management Subsystem, which attempts to deliver required services for availability, performance, space, and security applications.

**System Modification Program Extended** An IBM-licensed program used to install software and software maintenance.

## T

**tape cartridge** A container holding magnetic tape that can be processed without separating it from the container.

**tape drive** A device that is used for moving magnetic tape and includes the mechanisms for writing and reading data to and from the tape.

**TAPEREQ** An HSC control statement that is contained in the definition data set specified by the TREQDEF command. A TAPEREQ statement defines a specific tape request. It is divided into two parts, the input: job name, step name, program name, data set name, expiration date or retention period, and an indication for specific requests or nonspecific (scratch) requests; and the output: media type and recording technique capabilities. You can use TAPEREQ statements to direct data sets to VSM.

**tape unit** A device that contains tape drives and their associated power supplies and electronics.

**Timberwolf (9740) LSM** A high performance LSM that provides a storage capacity of up to 494 cartridges. Up to 10 drives (STD, 4490, 9490, 9490EE, 9840, and SD-3) can be configured. Timberwolf LSMs can only attach to other Timberwolves.

**TMS** Tape Management System.

**TP** Tape-to-Print.

**transaction** A short series of actions with the control data set. These actions are usually related to a specific function (e.g., Mount, ENter).

**transport** An electromechanical device capable of threading tape from a cartridge, moving the tape across a read/write head, and writing data onto or reading data from the tape.

**TREQDEF** An HSC command that is used to load the definition data set that contains TAPEREQ control statements.

**Tri-Optic label** An external label attached to the spine of a cartridge that is both human and machine readable.

**TT** Tape-to-Tape.

## U

**UNITATTR** An HSC control statement that is contained in the definition data set specified by the UNITDEF command. A UNITATTR statement defines to the HSC the transport's media type and recording technique capabilities. For VSM, the UNITATTR statements define the VTD addresses to VSM as virtual and associate them with a VTSS.

**UNITDEF** An HSC command that is used to load the definition data set that contains UNITATTR control statements.

**utilities** Utility programs. The programs that allow an operator to manage the resources of the library and to monitor overall library performance.

## V

**Virtual Storage Manager (VSM)** A storage solution that virtualizes volumes and transports in a VTSS buffer in order to improve media and transport use. The hardware includes VTSS, which is the DASD buffer, and RTDs. The software includes VTCS, an HSC-based host software, and VTSS microcode.

**Virtual Tape Control System (VTCS)** The primary host code that controls activity and information about VTSSs, VTVs, RTDs, and MVCs.

**Virtual Tape Drive (VTD)** An emulation of a physical transport in the VTSS that looks like a physical tape transport to MVS. The data written to a VTD is really being written to DASD. The VTSS has 64 VTDs that do virtual mounts of VTVs.

**Virtual Tape Storage Subsystem (VTSS)** The DASD buffer containing virtual volumes (VTVs) and virtual drives (VTDs). The VTSS is a STK RAID 6 hardware device with microcode that enables transport emulation. The RAID device can

read and write “tape” data from/to disk, and can read and write the data from/to an RTD.

**Virtual Tape Volume (VTV)** A portion of the DASD buffer that appears to the operating system as a real tape volume. Data is written to and read from the VTV, and the VTV can be migrated to and recalled from real tape.

**virtual thumbwheel** An HSC feature that allows read-only access to a volume that is not physically write-protected.

**VOLATTR** An HSC control statement that is contained in the definition data set specified by the VOLDEF command. A VOLATTR statement defines to the HSC the media type and recording technique of the specified volumes. For VSM, the VOLATTR statements define the volsers for volumes that will be used as MVCs.

**VOLDEF** An HSC command that is used to load the definition data set that contains VOLATTR control statements.

**VOLSER** A six-character alphanumeric label used to identify a tape volume.

**volume** A data carrier that is mounted or demounted as a unit. (*See* cartridge).

**VSM** *See* Virtual Storage Manager.

**VTCS** *See* Virtual Tape Control System.

**VTD** *See* virtual tape drive.

## W

**WolfCreek** A smaller capacity high-performance LSM. WolfCreek LSMs are available in 500, 750, and 1000 cartridge capacities (model numbers 9360-050, 9360-075, and 9360-100 respectively). WolfCreek LSMs can be connected by pass-thru ports to 4410, 9310, or other WolfCreek LSMs.

**WolfCreek CAP** The standard WolfCreek CAP contains a 20-cell magazine-style CAP and a priority CAP (PCAP). (*see also*, Cartridge Access Port (CAP), Enhanced CAP, standard CAP, WolfCreek optional CAP.)

**WolfCreek optional CAP** The WolfCreek optional CAP contains a 30-cell magazine-style CAP which

is added to the standard WolfCreek CAP. (*see also*, Cartridge Access Port (CAP), Enhanced CAP, standard CAP, WolfCreek CAP.)

**Write Tape Mark (WTM)** The operation performed to record a special magnetic mark on tape. The mark identifies a specific location on the tape.

**WTM** *See* Write Tape Mark.

**WTO** Write-to-Operator.

**WTOR** Write-to-Operator with reply.

## Symbols

**v -software.** Microprogram. A sequence of microinstructions used to perform preplanned functions and implement machine instructions.

## Numerics

**4410 LSM** *See* standard LSM.

**9310 LSM** *See* Powderhorn LSM.

**9360 LSM** *See* Wolfcreek *LSM*.

**9490 Cartridge Subsystem** Cartridge tape transports that provide read/write capability for 36-track recording format and extended capacity tape and provide improved performance over the 4490 Cartridge Subsystem. 9490 transports can also read data recorded in 18-track format. The StorageTek 9490 Cartridge Subsystem offers better performance (faster data transfer rate, faster load/unload) than a 3490E device.

**9490EE Cartridge Subsystem** A high performance tape transport that provides read/write capability for Extended Enhanced (EEtape) cartridges. It is functionally equivalent to the IBM 3490E device.

**9740 LSM** *See* Timberwolf *LSM*.

**9840 Cartridge Subsystem** A high performance tape transport system for Enterprise and Open Systems environments that reads and writes 9840 cartridges. 9840s can be defined in 10-drive and 20-drive panel configurations. The 9840 can perform as a stand-alone subsystem with a cartridge scratch loader installed, or it can be attached to a StorageTek ACS.

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