Enterprises often stockpile legacy hard drives and bury them under a mountain—just in case. But, as organizations generate more and more data, storing and tracking archived custodian hard drives indefinitely becomes an expensive proposition. Hardware becomes outdated, legal hold obligations expire and policies evolve new standards for defensible disposition.

OpenText™ Discovery Legacy Data Management powered by EnCase™ reduces storage costs, expedites time to retrieval and controls archive sprawl. The OpenText Professional Services team analyzes stored hard drives, comparing them to policies and hold requirements and forensically collects and preserves relevant archives in a modern, low-cost format and enables the defensible disposition of the rest. In a single engagement for an international insurance company, this process reduced storage volumes update to 90 percent, generating an immediate return on investment (ROI).

Standardize and accurately identify legacy hard drives and associated custodians

OpenText leverages industry-standard computer forensic applications, EnCase, paired with custom developed proprietary software to efficiently and accurately identify drive custodians. From there, results can be compared with active litigation hold lists to determine if a drive needs to be stored long term or can be discarded.
Inventory profile
Using best practices and a proprietary process refined over hundreds of client engagements, OpenText queries profile data to determine data ownership of a particular drive and matches that data to legal hold requirements.

Preserve what matters
Archived data that hits on active legal holds is imaged and preserved in a forensically sound manner. These smaller datasets can be preserved on a modern, low-cost storage medium or in near-line hosting solutions for ready search and production using eDiscovery platforms such as OpenText Axcelerate.

Confidently dispose of the rest
Most archive data has no relevancy or business value and can be safely destroyed. But, it is not enough to just delete legacy hard drives. Using proprietary methods and deep forensic expertise, OpenText can confidently ensure that data is properly disposed of and cannot be recovered physically or digitally.

Reduce costs
This process substantially reduces the volume of hard drives that must be stored and eventually searched. Through a proactive legacy data retirement process, OpenText can generate immediate ROI that grows over time. Organizations can reinvest the fees previously allocated for physical storage space and rest easy knowing that in the event of litigation, there will less data to get in the way.

Experienced professionals
EnCase is the gold standard in computer forensics and collection software with an internationally recognized certification held by thousands of information management professionals. The OpenText team is constantly in the trenches working with leading law firms, enterprises, law enforcement and government regulators to investigate digital sources and identify crucial documents.

Backed by a global enterprise software company
OpenText, The Information Company, has been a leader in the Enterprise Content Management market for more than 25 years. A comprehensive portfolio of solutions has now expanded to adjacent and complementary use cases, such as eDiscovery. With offices around the world, a global team is on standby 24/7/365 to support all information management initiatives.

In 2018, a global insurance business retained OpenText Professional Services to evaluate legacy hard drives stored in a managed facility, identify custodians on active legal hold and reduce storage costs with the opportunity to store data identified on legal hold in a nearline eDiscovery-ready environment while securely retiring the rest. Within a few months, the project yielded an 90 percent reduction in storage obligations, delivering immediate ROI and benefits across the IGRM.

25,000: Hard drives inventoried
$80,000/year: Estimated cost of storage in secured facility
90 percent: Reduction in hard drives
From $80K/year to $8K/year: Decrease in legacy data storage costs