



IBM Z Mainframe Virtual Tape Library (VTL) Analysis Mainstream End Of Support (EOS) Cross Reference

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Introduction

This document provides a summary overview detailing the published End Of Support (EOS) dates for mainstream Virtual Tape Library (VTL) solutions supporting the IBM Z Mainframe platform. Obviously End Of Marketing (EOM) typically occurs long before EOS, meaning that any incumbent solutions can't be upgraded in place, without a model number change. Inevitably as hardware and software resources age, their associated support costs increase, typically at a much higher rate for EOS products.

Mainstream IBM Z Mainframe VTL EOS Cross Reference

The following table is by no means an exhaustive list, just concentrating on the most notable EOS events from a market place penetration viewpoint in the last few years:

Product Name	Estimated GA	Published EOS Date
EMC DLm1000	April 2012	31 January 2019
EMC DLm2000	February 2012	31 March 2019
EMC DLm6000	September 2011	31 January 2019
EMC DLm8000	November 2012	31 May 2019
IBM TS7720	October 2008	31 July 2017
IBM TS7740	September 2006	30 June 2017
Oracle VSM5	May 2006	~June 2013 (1)

Notes:

(1) The VSM6 platform replaced the proprietary VSM5 platform with Sun servers & Sun JBOD disk storage



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