

# Large Tape Users Group



# Introduction to LTUG

**PASIG User Group Conference**

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## Overview

- **LTUG started with StorageTek in the 90's.**
- **Now an Oracle IOUG special interest group.**
- **Mission: To influence new feature development in tape library, tape drive and tape software products.**
- **Meet annually in April in Broomfield, CO at tape engineering headquarters to discuss NDA material and provide Oracle with customer feedback & requirements.**
- **Currently have an Oracle sponsored LTUG Europe conference each fall for members in France, Belgium, Germany. Would be great to join with PASIG!**
- **Organized into two technical working groups: Mainframe & Open Systems.**
  - Monthly “MVS” and “Open Systems” calls for customers to ask questions of Oracle engineering and support personnel.
- **Executive board consists of President, VP, Secretary, Logistics, Mainframe chair, Open Systems chair.**
- **Formal bylaws dictate how the group functions.**
- **Membership requirement: at least 1PB of data OR 10,000 library slots using StorageTek tape solutions. *No cost to join.***

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## Member Demographics

- **As of Mar 2011, 198 members**
  - 101 Open Systems
  - 97 MVS
- **Business sectors: Banking, Insurance, Healthcare, Telecommunications, Government, R&D, Education**
- **Representation from Canada, France, Belgium, Australia, Germany, United Kingdom, United States**

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## Common Topics/Themes

- **Tape library (mostly SL8500) features that... work well, don't, are needed.**
- **Tape drive roadmap, comparing performance and usage across sites.**
- **Oracle support war stories and examples of successes.**
- **Service Delivery Platform (SDP) successes.**
- **Customer experiences (help with current problems) and best practices.**
- **Discussions based on Open Systems or Mainframes depending on requirements/needs**

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**Questions?**