Moving Volumes By Move Date

TapeTrack, using Server Utilities, can automatically move Volumes to their Next Repository when the Move Date comes within the scope set.

Moving a Volume automatically in TapeTrack is intentionally a multistep process. This allows you to control both the timing of the individual steps as well as what Volumes are moved in each step, for example you may want to move Volumes that are going offsite once or twice a week, but move Volumes from your racking to the library daily. Or you may want to expire all Volumes offsite daily but only place them into a move once a week.

Prerequisites

TapeTrack Server Utilities must be installed on the computer that will run the scheduled commands, the Server Utilities are installed alongside the Framework Server, but can be installed on any computer that has access to the Framework Server installation.

To check if the Server Utilities are installed on your computer you can either:

- Open a command prompt and run the command TMSS10ExpireByDate, if no parameters are used it will simply run the program and report the missing parameters, no database updates will be made, if this is displayed, the Server Utilities are installed. If you get 'TMSS10ExpireByDate' is not recognized as an internal or external command, operable program or batch file, the Server Utilities are not installed or registered. You can download the executable from here.
- Check the installation directory, the default locations is C:\Program Files\TapeTrack\TapeTrack Server Utilities
- From a command prompt, run the command `set` and check the Path variable for the value “C:\Program Files\TapeTrack\TapeTrack Server Utilities\bin\tapetrack”;. If your installion is in another location, look for the end of the variable location to match “TapeTrack\TapeTrack Server Utilities\bin\tapetrack”.

All Repositories that are included in the scope of the Volumes that will be targeted for automated movement must have a Next Repository value set in their Properties tab in TapeMaster. This is the Repository that the Volumes will be placed in a move to.

Identifying Volumes To Move

Executing TMSS10ExpireByDate will identify all Volumes within the scope set that qualify to be moved. Any qualifying Volumes will have a p flag added.

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Executing TMSS10MovePending will identify all Volumes, within the scope set, and place them in a move to that Repository's Next Repository.

Creating Move Lists

Using TMSS10MoveList you can create an output file (text, Excel, CSV or PDF) of all Volumes that are currently in a Move status.

These reports can be filtered to only include the relevant information you require. They can be filtered by:

- Customer-ID
- Media-ID
- Volume-ID
- Current Repository-ID
- Target Repository-ID
- Volume Flags

If required you can also remove columns from the report that are not required, creating a cleaner report with only relevant information required, eg a picking list for Tape staff only may only require the Volume-ID and location.

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