AFM PLUS
ADVANCED FILE MANAGER PLUS

Benefits of Upgrading from your TMS to AFM Plus

GFS/AFM Plus is the most comprehensive and advanced tape management system in the market, developed by GFS Software, an award-winning leader in the mainframe software industry.

Unique Key Features

Ensure compliance using anti-fraud features, by showing data modification

Eliminate the need for frequent shutdowns: higher availability of stored data

Complete analysis of the tape library, as well as VSM and VTS via web browser

Create customizable charts, graphics, and detailed reports of your entire tape library

Efficiency
Security
Reliability
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GFS/AFM Plus is the only Tape Management Solution that includes all essential features in one complete and integrated set:

Unique Tape Quality Control for Audit and Compliance

Fulfills audit and fiduciary compliance requirements such as Basel II, Sarbanes-Oxley, ITIL, by generating evidence of availability, integrity and authenticity of information

Controls the operational life of media, identifying tapes that have reached the usage limit and providing automatic replacement, thus reducing the risk of information loss

Provides certification of integrity and helps preventing frauds by showing whether data has been corrupted or unintentionally modified since the original recording

Offers automatic retensioning that restores the appropriate tension and alignment of the media

Real-Time Stacking and Optimization of Physical and Virtual Media

Uniquely performs real-time stacking (multi-volume/multi-file), avoiding the need for post-processing

Drastically reduces future infrastructural investments by allowing full volume occupation: savings on tape acquisition and physical space

Continuously optimizes the tape library and production performance

Advanced Tape Management Features

Automates and integrates tape management operations: each volume is released individually, immediately after its content expires, avoiding the retention of a large number of tapes and thus avoiding resource waste and high costs

Provides higher availability of stored data, and eliminates the need for frequent shutdowns for database configuration or maintenance

Optionally uses ICF Catalogs belonging to z/OS to manage tape library, ensuring unity and integrity of tracking information and eliminating the possibility of inconsistencies and human intervention

Light, considerably faster than other tape management systems and user-friendly: allows access via intranet and internet

Web-Based Reporting, Management, and Control with Web Interface

With just an Internet connection, access to the entire tape and virtual library system, through detailed reporting via web browser and graphic interface

Provides customizable graphical charts, summaries and queries, which can be grouped by audit, billing, capacity planning, quality and usage

Includes full access and control of VSM and VTS physical and virtual volumes

Emulates the entire mainframe environment on the web browser

GFS SOFTWARE

WEB INTERFACE

GFS/Web Interface Module

Access and obtain data from your tape library information in real time with GFS/Web Interface.
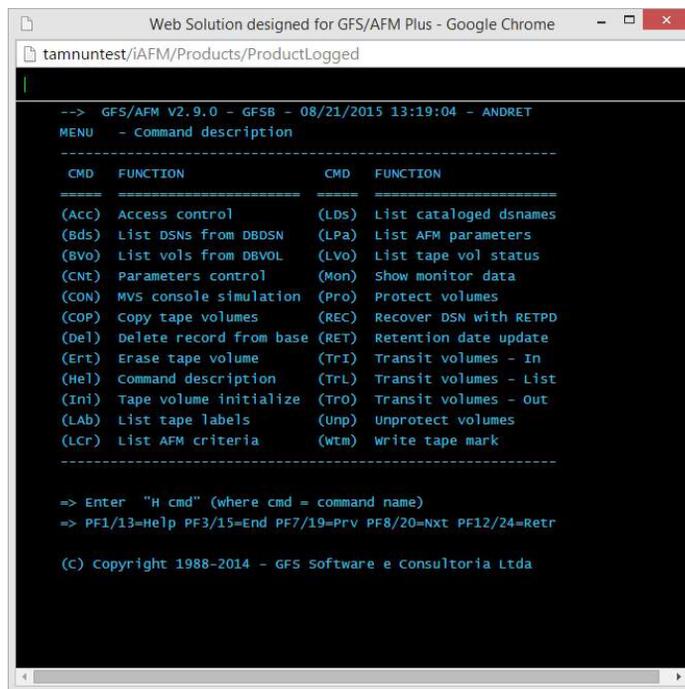
Web Interface is a unique module that emulates GFS/AFM Plus through a web browser, enabling complete visibility over the physical and virtual library from anywhere with an Internet connection. Web Interface works on all common browsers, including Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, and Safari.

Web Interface enables the user to query any set of volumes via their browser. The data is obtained through real-time synchronization and retrieval from the AFM database, and displayed through customizable reports, summaries, charts, graphs, and lists.

Examples of information provided include the status of volume capacity, volume occupation, the percentage of MVCs used, provision of volume release, and the number of retensioned volumes.

The user can effectively plan for the acquisition of new volumes; remain up to date on their tape library status; obtain information about recorded datasets; check the cost per volume, dataset, and system; view usage confirmation in real time, and verify volume quality through specified parameters.

GFS Interface software generates executive reports for audit, cost, capacity, quality, and consumption, allowing the user to manage their tape library in one seamless control center.

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z/OS Tape Library Information via Web Browser

Fully functional emulation of GFS/AFM Plus
Tape library access in real time
Dynamic and customizable charts and graphs
Interface for simple and centralized management
Seamless control of all installed GFS solutions
User-friendly, no knowledge of z/OS or SQL required

Also extracts information from VSM and VTS Hydra

Web Interface offers insight into the tape library, allowing for easy centralized management and long-term budget planning

Web Interface is the ideal solution for anyone who needs to manage their tape library without a z/OS connection

Custom Features and Award-Winning Functionality

GFS/AFM Plus has been used by large banks, insurance and government companies over the last 25 years, performing more efficiently than any other Tape Management Solution. Its user-friendly interface offers an easy learning curve for the entire mainframe team, saving company time wasted on training and acquiring complex technical skills before being put into production.

About GFS Software

GFS Software is an Advanced-level IBM Business Partner and a leading developer of tape management software for the IBM z/OS environment. Founded in 1988, GFS has over 25 years of experience in developing quality software solutions that produce measurable cost savings while increasing software efficiency.

Some of the largest z/OS installations, with the largest tape storage-environments, rely on GFS solutions to maintain and improve operational optimization, including financial services, telecommunications, and governmental organizations.

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