



New York's School of Visual Arts (SVA) Selects TerraBlock for Price, Scalability and Performance

Leading Visual Arts Program Replaces XSan with More Power at a Fraction of the Price

Hudson, Mass, Aug. 16, 2006 – Facilis Technology, a leader in shared media storage technology for post-production, announced today its award-winning TerraBlock shared storage network has been selected by the School of Visual Arts in New York. SVA, a premiere visual arts program, has migrated from Apple's XSan product to a new 12TB multi-server TerraBlock environment. This storage network will serve as the backbone for the professional training of more than 300 full time students and 500 continuing education students in the fields of 3D computer animation, motion graphics, compositing and visual effects.

"Technology is integral to our training," said John McIntosh, Chair, Computer Art Department at SVA. "Unlike for-profit production facilities, we cannot offset costs with production revenue, so our IT investments must accommodate our needs without adding incremental costs. When we were presented with price quotes to upgrade our recently installed Xsan environment, we could not afford to upgrade and we thought we were trapped. Then Robert Stacy, a representative of Facilis on the west coast told us about TerraBlock. We found everything we wanted in the TerraBlock at a fraction of the cost."

McIntosh was concerned that TerraBlock might be too good to be true: "Facilis seemed to be flying under the radar, but the buzz they captured at NAB was very impressive. When we learned how many systems were already in service, our interest was peaked. Once we met the Facilis staff and saw the features and simplicity of the interface as well as the ease of scalability of seats, storage capacity and performance, we were sold."

The 24D TerraBlock, manufactured by Facilis Technology, gives post-production and content creation facilities unmatched flexibility. Its DynaRAID dynamic per-volume data protection and Tandem spanning technology give administrators the greatest control over data protection and bandwidth. SVA's Computer Art Department will support more than six user stations working on Uncompressed HD video.

"TerraBlock has been accepted worldwide due to its ease of operation, unquestioned performance and compatibility with most every video and graphics application," said Jim McKenna of Facilis Technology. "We are thrilled that SVA did their homework and found that the TerraBlock fits their needs. Students today are learning project collaboration in a Facilis environment, and we hope to keep supporting them throughout their professional careers."

TerraBlock systems combine intelligent drive management software with lower-cost SATA drive technology and dedicated optical fiber channel client connectivity. TerraBlock 2.0 supports Avid, Apple, Adobe and many other non-linear editorial, graphics and effects applications, as well as many content creation, DI and encoding systems on various Windows and Mac OS platforms.

About Facilis Technology

Facilis Technology, Inc. designs and builds high-capacity, turnkey storage area networks for the post-production field. The company delivers cost-effective, high-bandwidth storage solutions that facilitate a more efficient workflow for content creators in HD, broadcast, graphics and animation industries. For more information, visit www.facilistech.com.

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