



CASE STUDY

NetApp Implementation



Integrating People, Process and Technology

Installation of expandable NetApp SAN and disaster recovery capability that increases ROI and lowers TCO

At a Glance

CHALLENGE

Shortage of storage capacity and no disaster recovery facility yet.

SOLUTION

NetApp implementation with disaster recovery site with VMWare environment

BENEFITS

- More ROI and less TCO
- Disaster Recovery made simple
- Simple Maintenance

About Client

Founded in 1999 with a single branch in Northern California, Allied Cash Advance® has grown into one of the nation's largest providers of payday advances, with over 180 branches in 10 states. Headquartered in Miami, Florida, Allied Cash Advance has more than over 700 employees in 11 states.

The Challenge

Allied Cash realized that it they were running of out of storage and needed more storage and wanted to have a disaster recovery facility to the company's storage area network (SAN).

The Solution

GSS Infotech provided Allied Cash with enhanced storage capacity with NetApp products along with disaster recovery facility set up and added more VMWare and extra replication capabilities later on.

Methodology

GSS Infotech migrated the customer's storage from three physical hosts to two in Florida, one in its Miami's Head Quarters and other in its disaster recovery facility in Orlando. The two NetApp SANs feature NetApp SnapVault and SnapMirror. Three Dell Hosts attached to each NetApp SAN, which each run 25 virtual guests. These guests run MS Windows 2003, other software include MS SQL, CITIRX systems remote access technology and presentation server. GSS Infotech used the existing technologies by upgrading RAM and adding new ports when possible to keep costs down. GSS Infotech initially installed the SAN with a maximum capacity of 8 Tera bytes and enhanced it NetApp products that can now handle up to 32 Tera bytes.

Solution Components

NetApp Components

- NetApp FAS3140 storage system
- NetApp FAS3020 storage system
- NetApp SnapManager for SQL Server
- NetApp SnapMirror and SnapVault

For more information about NetApp implementation services:

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Environment

- Applications: VMware
- Remote Access: CITRIX
- Servers: SQL Server
- OS: Microsoft Windows
- Protocols: NFS, iSCSI

Benefits

- Increased Return On Investment (ROI)
- Reduced Total Cost of Ownership(TCO)
- Simplified Disaster Recovery
- Expandable storage capabilities with no additional cost
- Simple Maintenance

About GSS Infotech

GSS Infotech is a fast growing Managed IT Service provider and operates globally with its headquarters in Hyderabad (India) and offices in USA, APAC and Middle East. GSS is a CMMi level -3 company with accreditations like ISO 27001, ISO 9001, and ISO 20000 for Quality, Security and Service management. With its 11 year-presence in the IT industry, it provides customized solutions to over 200 Fortune customers across verticals like Telecom, Manufacturing, Financial services, Insurance, Transportation, Healthcare, Legal, and Power, globally.

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- Remote Infrastructure Management Services

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- Testing- Verification and Validation

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- Cloud Solutions Engineering & Enablement
- Maintenance, Monitor and sustain on Cloud

GSS Infotech delivers scalable and cost-effective solutions to its customers with its impeccable blend of business expertise and delivery excellence in Enterprise Technology, Methodologies, and Implementation.