

customer success stories

StoreVault S500 and VMware Allow an Accounting Firm to Modernize its Server and Storage Environment While Staying Within its Budget



**Ahearn
Jasco +
Company**



customer overview

For 25 years, Ahearn, Jasco + Company, P.A. has been providing exemplary accounting and financial services to individual, business, and government clients. Services range from personal and business consulting and management to tax and audit services to personal financial and estate planning. The firm is a professional corporation licensed with the Florida Board of Accountancy. On-site and traveling services are also provided for short-term projects and events.

customer challenges

Ahearn Jasco + Co. had 6 servers serving 35 users; these were legacy systems using Direct Attached Storage with disks attached to each of the servers. Performance was painfully slow in some cases and in others the lack of RAID meant that data protection was a major concern. Storage had been gradually added to individual systems in chunks; as a result, some servers were filled efficiently, but others were sadly underutilized. In addition to these inefficiencies, there was a larger problem on the horizon—the challenge of meeting the thirst for increasing amounts of storage as the company experienced rapid growth.

The system administrator was also unhappy because it was hard to get his arms around the sprawl and take a high-level, unified view of the entire storage scenario. Symantec Backup Exec pushed data to tape, slowly, and did not offer rapid recovery. The company had neither an acceptable disaster recovery solution, nor a way to scale the backup process. The approach of hurricane season underscored the importance of quick recovery times.

customer solution

Dave DePillis, the MCSE-, CCNA-, and VCP-certified professional IT manager at Ahearn Jasco + Co., could clearly see that he needed to upgrade his entire aged IT infrastructure. However, he knew that replacing and rebuilding the existing server and storage environment was going to be expensive and possibly result in the same issues he currently faced. Naturally, he had a limited budget, and he desperately needed to stretch his dollars as far as they could go. In short, he needed to find smart alternatives to the traditional way of handling storage.



