

customer success stories

Service Provider to Manage Storage More Easily with StoreVault S500



customer overview

Blue Gecko is a managed service provider based in the Pacific Northwest offering remote or hosted database administration and remote systems administration. The company specializes in bringing the power and functionality of Oracle database services and Oracle® E-Business Suite to small and medium-sized businesses that otherwise would be unable to afford that class of business software.

customer challenges

The Oracle databases primarily run on Linux® with a few Windows® servers running SQL. Blue Gecko currently has around a terabyte of storage under management, distributed among the roughly 100 servers running databases up to 250GB in size. Because this storage is directly attached, it is time consuming to manage and difficult to add storage to the servers. Data is backed up over a dedicated subnet using CommVault Galaxy Express Backup and Recovery.

solution

Blue Gecko had been looking at a number of networked storage solutions. The company had even considered migrating to a Fibre Channel SAN, but the costs would have been just too high. Principal Chuck Edwards and some of his team had first-hand experience with NetApp enterprise-class storage at other companies, prior to joining Blue Gecko. "We knew the capabilities of Data ONTAP®, so combining that with a lower price point made it very attractive and reachable for us."

So with the arrival of the StoreVault S500, "We started to explore its capabilities and have been very happy with the performance. Our Oracle databases are not huge—our customers are SMBs and the combination of Oracle, NFS, and NetApp is well proven in the industry."

