



Success Story

The Cordant Group turns to NetApp's Cloud ONTAP® operating system to address storage issues



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KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Industry Services

The Challenge

Cordant Group had moved its IT infrastructure to an Amazon Web Services virtual private cloud. To manage server resources it needed to use Windows DFS. However, this had limitations. Consequently the company chose to replicate its physical storage environment by using NetApp Cloud ONTAP.

The Solution

Replicate the physical storage environment by using NetApp Cloud ONTAP.

Benefits

- Cost savings
- Enterprise-level features
- High performance
- Flexible, scalable, and agile
- Easy management and simple backups
- Responsive and detailed support

Success Story

The Cordant Group chose the NetApp® Cloud ONTAP® operating system to address storage issues following a wider move of its IT infrastructure to a virtual private cloud on Amazon Web Services (AWS). As a result, the company, which has used NetApp technologies for 10 years, essentially replicated its physical storage environment in the cloud with the added advantage of considerable cost savings.

Customer Profile

The Cordant Group family business was founded in 1957, specialising in security services and, a short time later, integrated cleaning solutions. These businesses generated a lot of success, enabling the company to buy a number of businesses over a 50-year period to become one of the leading security and facilities management businesses in the UK.

In 2005, the Cordant Group moved into recruitment following the acquisition of Pro Vista Recruitment. It then embarked on a 10-year journey of strategic acquisitions to become one of the major recruitment organisations in the UK.

The Cordant Group has 192 locations and 5,200 clients across the UK. It specialises in 36 industry sectors. In

its latest financial year, the company registered a £609 million turnover. Its ambition is to continue growing and to transform the way both facilities management, incorporating security services, and recruitment are delivered to ensure that customers benefit from outstanding and innovative services.

The Challenge

Because of the scale of its operations, Cordant Group has an extensive IT infrastructure serving the business. The range of services includes websites for the various different operations, a Citrix thin-client model delivering desktop services, and SQL databases that hold data essential to the successful running of daily operations as well as other services.

Relatively recently the company made the decision to move from a capex model to an opex model. The decision was straightforward, explains Paul Brown, IT director for Infrastructure and Support: "It's about costs and flexibility and the ability to scale up and down. Our physical equipment is essentially in use 9 to 5 from Monday to Friday. So our equipment is pretty much doing nothing for a substantial amount of time. By moving to the cloud we're looking at cost savings in the region of 40 to 50%. It's a simple equation."

