



Venture's VTCloud® Backup Saves Time and Eliminates Worry for Mississippi Home Corporation

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Executive Summary

Mississippi Home Corporation

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Challenge

- Growing amount of data
- Time-consuming tape backup
- Risk of server crash

Solution

- VTCloud® Backup

Results

- Decreased backup time
- Easier restore
- Peace of mind
- Increased operational efficiency



"We are small for the volume of work that we do," says Scott Spivey, senior vice president of corporate communications and information technology. "We rely heavily on technology to keep us operating efficiently."

After restructuring its network more than 13 years ago, MHC had doubled in size and drastically increased its amount of data. Maintaining its existing tape backup procedure became too time-consuming and risky.

"Magnetic backup took more than 24 hours to complete and was almost impossible," says Spivey. "We didn't have enough tapes for our data, and it was not feasible to switch out the magazine of tapes."

Bonnie Hankins, network administrator, says that the time and risk of tape backup was not practical.

"Sometimes, we would stay until 10:00 p.m. backing up our data," says Hankins. "Often, problems with our backup would cause our applications to crash, and we would have lengthy support calls working out issues with our vendors."

The staff at MHC needed an efficient and stable backup solution. This spring, they started to back up their data with Venture's VTCloud® Backup. Based on EMC's Avamar solution, VTCloud® Backup is a managed, enterprise class cloud-based data backup solution that protects an organization's critical information from loss due to catastrophic events, system failure or data corruption. VTCloud® Backup significantly reduces backup time by only storing unique daily changes, while maintaining daily full backups allowing for a fast restore.

Hankins receives a daily email from Venture to confirm that a successful backup has taken place.

"The emails add to our trust and peace of mind," she says. "We know the backup is working and see at a glance that everything is okay, rather than examining tapes. The user interface is easy to figure out, even with no experience."

The solution is hosted in Venture's Data Center and is managed by engineers 24/7/365.

"Venture's facility gives us confidence," says Spivey. "We visited the Data Center and have seen the security and disaster recovery prevention measures in place. It's a great place to keep your data."

For the three-person IT staff at MHC, VTCloud® Backup has decreased backup time and eliminated worry.

"Like most industries, data is such an important part of our daily operations," Hankins says. "Confidently knowing our information is backed up gives us a peace of mind and freedom to focus on our job duties."

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