

CZ GETS IT INFRASTRUCTURE HEALTH INSURANCE FROM VIZIONCORE

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THE SITUATION

Having implemented VMware Infrastructure 3, CZ required a robust backup and restore solution that was easy to use with a user friendly interface.

THE SOLUTION

vRanger Pro was chosen over and above other products in the market due to its feature set meeting the stringent requirements from CZ.

THE RESULTS

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CZ, Active in Health, is a Dutch health insurer that has about 3 million policyholders and is one of the largest health insurers in the Netherlands. CZ has a strong social character and principally not out to make a profit. Antoine Oostrum, Infrastructure Specialist, is responsible for the VMware Virtual Infrastructure that consists of 16 Dell Servers, 6 IBM Servers and 2 EMC Clariion storage systems. The main production site is in Tilburg, with a secondary site in Breda.

CZ had been reviewing VMware Infrastructure 3 in a test deployment, but having suffered a major disaster in late 2006, where it took over 2 days to bring on line the secondary IT site, CZ decided to accelerate their deployment VMware ESX VI3 virtual infrastructure. Time was short, the floor space in their secondary site was limited and there were many legacy systems – all of these reasons, it was identified that using virtual infrastructure would provide a more robust solution than the previous physical infrastructure that was backed up using Net Backup. Along with the move to VI3, CZ implemented VMware VCB backup and manually scripted a daily backup process. This wasn't easy to maintain and so CZ looked for an easy to use solution that could identify if backups ran successfully or not and was user friendly.

THE SOLUTION

Having conducted some research into the available backup and recovery solutions in the market to complement VCB, CZ's VMware representative recommended CZ evaluate Vizioncore vRanger Pro. Antoine Oostrum comments, "We evaluated vRanger Pro from Vizioncore and Veeam's solution and concluded vRanger Pro was the best product for our needs."

"I am very happy that vRanger Pro provides easy to schedule backups and has a great graphical user interface for restores. The VCB differentials also works really nicely," Antoine continues.

THE RESULTS

CZ now has a stable and robust DR/HA platform with VMware V13 and vRanger Pro. vRanger Pro schedules daily backups and works in conjunction with VCB.

However, Antoine notes, "It is really important that with vRanger Pro you also have the opportunity to back up over the LAN if VCB fails, which unfortunately it often does. So it is very reassuring for me that if VCB fails, vRanger Pro automatically backs up my virtual machines over the LAN. It is a crime if you have a disaster and then notice that a few servers have not been backed up due to a VCB error. With vRanger Pro I am always confident my backup is complete and I have the visibility with vRanger Pro reporting to see my backups have run successfully."

vRanger Pro has also enable CZ to fully utilize two proxy servers that were running short on storage. Antoine explains, "Another reason for choosing vRanger Pro is its ability to compress files and exclude some backup drives so that I can fully utilize my storage capacity to the maximum."

For CZ their backup window is sufficient to conduct a full back up every day but they are planning to utilize the incremental back up feature in the future.



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