

PeerStory: NetApp HCI dHCI



This PeerStory is a collection of quotes from a real user who shared his experience using NetApp HCI on IT Central Station.



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USE CASE

Our primary use case for HCI is two-fold. First, HCI allowed me to provide the production engineering group with the performance they needed, pull my people out of chasing their performance and allow them to move the product on. **Second, because for good or bad NetApp stuff lasts.** We had aging infrastructure, an eight-year-old array, and some Hyper-V servers that were ten, eight, and five years old and they all just needed to be replaced. We needed to also do some security and updates of the underlying operating systems on the hosts. Both of those really came together with the HCI; on two separate HCIs, but they came together for us on both of them.

RESULTS

This solution has brought power and simplicity. **Everything we've moved over runs two times faster and in some cases, a lot faster, far more than twice, which our users noticed.** That's an immediate productivity boost. We've been able to bring a dead project up like a phoenix to start moving again. This also allowed our managers and our executives that had put their names and show as money behind that project, to save some face. **It's allowed me to consolidate our infrastructure, saving electricity in the server room, and even saving heat, so I was able to use this project toward our environmental objectives.**

Any technology we bring in, has to be built for what I call "three in the morning." It can't be built for whenever everybody's in the plant, everybody can watch it, and everybody can babysit. It has to be built for three a.m. when we've got a skeletal staff there, and we just have to know that it's just running. **As I stand here, right now, I don't have to check my phone, I don't have to check my email. I know it's running. Period.**

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VALUABLE FEATURES

The most valuable features that the HCI brought were power, simplicity, and flexibility. I don't have a staff of hundreds, I have a staff of seven. We're providing support for three companies across North America on a corporate level, and then providing all IT support for America shows a spread across five facilities in the US.

It's scalable by design. We put in a compute unit, we've got leftover chassis, we need another one, we stick it in another compute unit. We need a bigger one, we pull the old one out, put a new one in.

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