Simpana Software Tops the Honor Roll at Metro State College for Modern Protection of Academic Data

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Major Urban College in Colorado Boosts Backup and Recovery Efficiencies, Improves Retention SLAs and Optimizes Storage Utilization by Unifying Data Management with Simpana Software --

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News Facts

- [Metropolitan State College of Denver](#), a fully accredited college with 55 major fields and 90 minors offered in a diverse urban setting, has implemented [CommVault® Simpana® 9 software](#) to streamline and improve the management and protection of academic data while ensuring increased service levels for students and faculty.
- As part of the college's use of technology in support of educational excellence, Metro State digitized academic files and data for "green" and reliable retention of up to 90 days. Over time, however, it became difficult to determine what and where data was stored. The college also struggled to keep pace with rapid data growth, which wreaked havoc on backup and recovery windows.
- After giving its legacy EMC Networker data protection software a failing grade for unreliable and complex backup and recovery, Metro State evaluated solutions that could reduce redundant data, give IT more control over data sprawl, minimize risk and optimize storage utilization.
- Metro State chose CommVault's modern data protection approach to consolidate [backup and recovery](#), [deduplication](#) and file [archive](#) functions by taking advantage of Simpana software's unified platform and single pane-of-glass management in an effort to cut redundant data in half, meet backup and recovery windows and achieve an approximately 75 percent increase in backup operation efficiencies.
- Thanks to Simpana software's file archiving capabilities, the college can better control growing file shares that contain aged and inactive data. Thus, Metro State has retired or repurposed older hardware and moved less-critical data off expensive primary storage onto secondary tiers for longer-retention of more than 90 days, which exceed its current retention SLA and help deliver significant storage cost savings. Additionally, the college can now offer its more than 24,000 students and faculty additional services, such as data repositories for temporary project files.

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- According to Metro State, CommVault's singular platform approach and embedded deduplication delivered more functionality when compared to disk-based hardware appliances, such as EMC's Avamar Data Store, which had a reported 40-percent higher TCO over a five-year period.
- CommVault's [Professional Services](#) ensured a rapid deployment; backups encompassing 20 TBs of data ran successfully within two weeks of implementation and all backup windows are now met reliably and efficiently.
- By eliminating tape altogether, Metro State projects an annual cost savings of $17,000 in tape pickup services and has reallocated that budget and additional administration to expanding its disaster recovery plan at little to no incremental cost.
- Metro State College is now evaluating CommVault's [edge data protection](#) solution to safeguard data residing on laptops and desktops used by the office of the president and other top college officials.

Supporting Quotes

Kenneth Garcia, director of IT infrastructure services at Metro State College:

- "With Simpana software, we can really use one product to unify data management across Metro State's server, laptop and desktop data. By consolidating our data protection on CommVault's single platform, we've recaptured hardware costs, improved SLAs, extended data retention and improved backup and recovery."
- "Simpana software was the only product that gave us everything we wanted in one platform. We also solicited a lot of feedback and heard over and over how Simpana software was 'bulletproof,' and that feedback meant a lot."
- "Augmenting Metro State's capabilities with CommVault's Professional Services was a smart decision as I didn't lose a wink of sleep during the deployment. We had great knowledge transfer and CommVault's input on how to maintain our

environment was icing on the cake."

Resources

- [Metro State College Case Study](#)
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