



Commvault Powers Modern Data Management Approach at the University of Aberdeen

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COOLSPIRiT implemented Commvault Solution delivers 75% support time efficiency improvement

LONDON, July 14, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- [Commvault](#) (NASDAQ: CVLT), a leader in enterprise data protection and information management, today announced that The University of Aberdeen has deployed a new data management infrastructure based on Commvault offerings. The University needed to ensure that its growing amounts of data could be shared more efficiently and with wider audiences, while also reducing risk through enhanced compliance preparedness. Commvault answered these challenges by enabling the University's research offerings to have the maximum data integrity. By delivering extremely granular data history and usage analysis, data could be retrieved quickly, with a comprehensive user access record for compliance purposes. The solution also enables much wider access by internal and external research partners than had previously been possible.

A leader in enterprise data protection and information management

Founded in 1495, the University is a top 200 leading international research institution with a world class global reputation. With circa 14,000 students and growing amounts of critical research data (hundreds of terabytes and rising), the University had previously used a solution which proved complex to learn and maintain, meaning it was becoming inefficient to operate as data levels increased.

After researching the market and carrying out a full tender, the University, with the help of its IT partner, COOLSPIRiT, chose the Commvault data management platform. The centralised platform ensured that the IT team could manage and securely make available very granular back-up details for compliance, and to prove research credibility to other users/buyers. In addition, the University has been able to establish a data management process that enables simple transition between local public, private or hybrid cloud environments. These elements combine to ensure that the University's research can be made available to the widest possible audience with the maximum assurance of research data quality, usage history and integrity.

From a day-to-day perspective, general support and maintenance of the legacy system used to require a dedicated FTE resource for their full 40 hours per week. With Commvault, all support necessary for smooth running took only around 10 hours per week, a 75% efficiency improvement. Commvault's solution also reduced risk with a simpler user training process for wider functionality, meaning more team members have been trained to use the system, and a consistent user interface now exists for all data management functions.

"Commvault answered all of our requirements," explained Glen Douglas, Server Operations Team Lead for the University of Aberdeen. "We chose it because it had the best features and the best price for our requirements. Many of the features that are standard within the Commvault solutions were add-ons or simply not available with other suppliers, costing us time, money and increasing time to prove the data integrity of research when required. Commvault is compatible with all the other systems and platforms we were using – that we could easily customize and as the organisation needed."

Commvault has allowed the University to prioritize which data it backs up rather than prioritising machines. Not only has it given the University enough backup capacity to grow into, but Commvault also allows multi-tenancy so it can provide back up to other organizations and generate additional income by renting, or allocating space.

"Both COOLSPIRiT and Commvault have gone above and beyond with this implementation. No matter what the issue or challenge, I'm always confident Commvault and COOLSPIRiT will work it out in our favour. In the future, we'll be looking at moving specific datasets into the cloud," Glen continued, "and when we are ready, the Commvault platform will help facilitate that."

Bruce Park, Area vice president of UK & Ireland at Commvault, added, "The University of Aberdeen is the latest example of how our software platform can control costs for any infrastructure and reduce risk dramatically. The rapid growth of data in the public sector means they are having to rethink how to securely store, manage, protect and use their data cost effectively. Commvault is helping organisations react faster to business demands while making it easier for them to gain more value from their data."

Commvault's partner COOLSPIRiT deployed the solution and continued to offer value to the IT team at The University of Aberdeen. Mike Henry from COOLSPIRiT stated, "Commvault has created new packaging and pricing that provide additional flexibility and options for organizations looking for affordable, yet reliable enterprise solutions that are easy and fast to operate. The licensing is ideal for the University as it allows the organization to continue to build its IT infrastructure and look to the future."

About Commvault

A singular vision — a belief in a better way to address current and future data management needs — guides Commvault in the development of Singular Information Management® solutions for high-performance data protection, universal availability and simplified management of data on complex storage networks. Commvault's exclusive single-platform architecture gives companies unprecedented control over data growth, costs and risk. Commvault's software suite of products was designed to work together seamlessly from the ground up, sharing a single code and common function set, to deliver superlative Data Protection, Archive, Replication, Search and Resource Management capabilities. More companies every day join those who have discovered the unparalleled efficiency, performance, reliability, and control only Commvault can offer. Information about Commvault is available at <http://www.commvault.com>. Commvault's corporate headquarters is located in Tinton Falls, New Jersey in the United States.

About University of Aberdeen

Founded in 1495 by William Elphinstone, Bishop of Aberdeen and Chancellor of Scotland, the University of Aberdeen is Scotland's third oldest and the UK's fifth oldest university. Throughout the 20th century Aberdeen has consistently increased student recruitment, which now stands at 14,000. The

University has also invested heavily in medical research, where time and again University staff have demonstrated their skills as world leaders in their field. The Institute of Medical Sciences, completed in 2002, was designed to provide state-of-the-art facilities for medical researchers and their students. This was followed in 2007 by the Health Sciences Building. The Foresterhill campus is now one of Europe's major biomedical research centres. The Suttie Centre for Teaching and Learning in Healthcare, a £20m healthcare training facility, opened in 2009. 2012 saw the opening of the £57 million Sir Duncan Rice Library in Old Aberdeen, a great modern building to match the splendour of the University's 500 year old campus. The fact that the University has become what it is owes much to the determination and vision of a handful of visionaries and pioneers, including a distinguished list of scholars who in their own unique ways, helped to shape the University into the world-class institution we have today.

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About COOLSPIRiT

COOLSPIRiT have been providing data management solutions and business critical infrastructure for over 15 years. We are dedicated to the performance, protection and preservation of enterprise data and we take the time to listen to our customers and find out about their businesses. Only then can we solve their problems with solutions that employ the very latest technology. The company was founded in 1998 and as the industry has developed so too has COOLSPIRiT. We pride ourselves on becoming a valued partner and trusted advisor to our many customers in a variety of market sectors. COOLSPIRiT delivers cutting edge technology whilst ensuring the tried and tested reliability of long-established, proven IT solutions. With our team of Enterprise Solutions professionals we can not only source the best product for the protection of your business data, but we also have the specialist skills required to design, deploy, project manage and support your chosen solution End2End.

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