

Case Study



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Nextel Partners use NTP Software suite of storage solutions to help reduce storage growth in order to control users, manage their existing storage hardware, and preserve and extend the life span of their current storage environment.

Company:

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Problem:

Disk growth exceeding storage space in an environment with diverse storage hardware including NAS

Solution:

The management of users by policy, the monitoring of storage use, and the notification process provided by NTP Software QFS, and QFS, Standard Edition for NetApp and NTP Software Modeling & Analysis™

Nextel Partners provides wireless digital communications services in mid-sized and smaller markets throughout the U.S. Nextel Partners data center is headquartered in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. To manage the explosive storage capacity at their data center site consisting of 58 Windows file servers and one Network Appliance filer, Tim Adams, LAN Analyst Server needed a storage management solution that would reduce disk growth with policy enforcement. The company was currently using the Storage Central product in the storage environment but decided to research other products because it did not have the ability to create quotas on NetApp filers. Adams has expressed the ease of use he has received with the implementation of NTP Software QFS™ and Modeling & Analysis™. Adams saw the value of NTP Software because it addressed the following storage needs:

- It had to be easy to implement, administer and maintain.
- Have the ability to change sizing and storage requirements with ease
- Automatically communicate and enforce storage policies
- It needed to monitor storage used by providing notification if a disk quota limit was reached
- Control thousands of users with one set of policies across all storage platforms

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After investigating several other storage management products, Adams found that NTP Software QFS™ and Modeling & Analysis™ were the only products that met his storage management requirements. NTP Software QFS™ has enabled Adams to set quotas relative to volume size and be notified when thresholds are violated, while NTP Software QFS for Windows™, Modeling & Analysis™ identifies usage trends which allow him to better predict future storage requirements.

"With the implementation of NTP Software products, we have curbed disk growth through policy enforcement for over 3000 end users. It has allowed us to better manage and maintain a healthy storage environment throughout our company."

Tim Adams, LAN Analyst Server
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