

A Delay in a Lease Return was About to Cost a Company a lot of Money.

Problem

An enterprise data center had a timing problem. They had a NetApp system that has a lease expiring in one business week. To return the system without significant penalties, the enterprise needed to successfully erase the data contained on all of the 516 drives in the system. To make the situation even more challenging, the enterprise had a policy requiring erasure in compliance with DoD 5220.22 ECE, which requires a seven pass overwrite process. Internal evaluations put the overall timeline to complete the task at 26 days using the hardware and software they had available.

Opportunity

The enterprise data center management team reached out the Verity ES team, knowing that Verity ES has a wealth of experience in rapidly erasing large quantities of disks. The Verity ES team was able to quickly take stock of the equipment available for the enterprise to complete the task and realized that there was no way that they could complete the work in time using their current hardware and software. Their estimate of 26 days was on target. Thankfully, the Verity ES team had a solution.

Solution

Verity ES provided the customer with hardware and software capable of meeting the timeline. More importantly, the Verity ES team showed the customer how to successfully scale eradication batches on NetApp hardware, allowing for all 516 disks to be erased simultaneously. The overall timeline of 26 days was cut to five, completing the erasure with enough time to return the system to NetApp with no extra charges applied.

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