

Case Study

Disaster recovery

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The Challenge:

Both Craven and Selby District councils utilise VMware for their server environments, operating around 120 virtual machines between them. They needed a disaster recovery solution that encompassed their ever changing IT landscape... razorblue worked with the councils to evaluate the various options available to them. Using a dedicated third party datacentre and their equipment would have been highly expensive, especially at a time when budgets are at their tightest. The solution needed to be reliable, cost effective and proven to work.

Client Profile:

Craven District Council provides services to an area of 450 square miles, made up of moorland, fells, market towns and villages. Selby District Council is responsible for the area surrounding Selby, including Tadcaster and a number of villages.

- Two councils
- 500 users
- 20 sites
- 120 virtual machines

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The Solution:

Having assessed both councils' needs, razorblue suggested incorporating the two disaster recovery solutions, so that they were shared – thus significantly reducing the cost incurred by each council. By building each council's solution into the other's existing SAN and VMware environment, their needs could be fulfilled without the need to involve costly third party datacentres or purchase large amounts of additional hardware. razorblue used Veeam to replicate snapshots across the councils' wide area network several times per day, ensuring that the disaster recovery environments are synchronised in almost real time.

The Result:

Following a full test, the two solutions were made live and are now fully operational.

“We always aim to make the most of new technology, and razorblue has enabled us to do this for both Craven and Selby District Councils, with the introduction of a Disaster Recovery solution for our virtual environments. This work was carried out with a high level of professionalism and has addressed the issues we faced.”



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