

Mainframe Service Provider Counts On GreenTape for Primary Storage and DR Backup

Data Dallas, Corp. a major provider of Mainframe Hosting services in the Dallas/Fort Worth area for the last 27 years, has been using GreenTape VTS virtual tape servers for to perform systems tape emulation for processing and backups on their IBM z/800 Processor.

Data Dallas Corp. supports an array of IBM mainframe clients using IBM z/OS and DB2 environments. GreenTape VTS is a system developed by Universal Software, Inc., and now installed and supported by Reliable Computer Sales.

GreenTape enabled Data Dallas to replace sixteen IBM 3480 tape transports and their controllers with a single virtual tape server on its primary computer system. Data Dallas also counts on GreenTape for mission critical backup of its data center. For backup, the firm installed additional GreenTape VTS at its disaster recovery facility, so if it experiences a system outage or other major failure, Data Dallas can bring up a replica system for its clients. The backup VTS also allows the service provider to restore any data on its primary system that for any reason has been lost or has become suspect.

Jerry Garcia, President of Data Dallas, says, "the VTS enabled us to eliminate tape mounts and reduce the total number of tape transports needed to support many of our clients while at the same time providing faster throughput. GreenTape has reduced our backup times by 50 percent! Also, tape job reruns due to physical tape I/O errors have been eliminated."

Compared to legacy tape subsystems, GreenTape VTS appliances provide superior performance and improved reliability; they also help Data Dallas to remain competitive. GreenTape, Mr. Garcia explains, "more than paid for itself with savings in the very significant hardware maintenance costs and the energy bills" that arise from the use of legacy tape transports and controllers

For more information concerning GreenTape VTS, please contact us at sales@reliablecomputer.com, visit our website at www.reliablecomputer.com or if you are in the Chicago area get in touch and we'll take you to our own computing facility where you can see GreenTape at work.