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VALUABLE FEATURES

3PAR has CPG (common provisioning groups) which allowed us to create multiple RAIDs on the same disks, move LUNS between CPGs and between RAID arrays. No other storage had this capability.

IMPROVEMENTS TO MY ORGANIZATION

It gave me flexibility in moving things around, for example, I could move the production LUN and test LUNs from RAID 5 to RAID 6 in order to have more redundancy disk failures.

USE OF SOLUTION

I used it for six months, but am now at a company that is not using it.

STABILITY ISSUES

It's very stable, and very fast. Creating virtual disks took literally one minute for a 100GB VM disk.

SCALABILITY ISSUES

No issues encountered.

CUSTOMER SERVICE AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Customer Service: HP was very helpful all the way through. Technical Support: 10/10.

PREVIOUS SOLUTIONS

We used a NetApp N6040n, and we switched in order to have more flexibility on our storage array as CPG moved LUNs between different RAID arrays.

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INITIAL SETUP

It's very straightforward to configure. You need to connect the service processor to the storage array and then finish the configuration settings.

IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

HP technicians did the initial deployment and I did the initial configuration. Even without any training I was able to update the firmware to v3.1.3, perform the software configuration, configure the ILO and service processor.

OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED

We also looked at EMC but 3PAR was the cheaper solution, and it was more flexible.

OTHER ADVICE

It integrates very well with Windows 2012 as well as VMware.

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