



HPE StoreVirtual

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WHAT IS MOST VALUABLE?

Shelf level-redundancy is one of the big things that StoreVirtual has had before some other SAN manufacturer or SAN model brands, which is pretty nice. It can be rather expensive because you are much less efficient when you have that redundancy, but it's definitely a benefit if you really need access to that data. You can't have it go down ever. That's definitely a benefit if you're willing to pay for it I guess. It's fairly intuitive, and a fat client, so you install it on Windows. It works.

WHAT NEEDS IMPROVEMENT?

There's one thing that just drives me nuts. It's the fact that it doesn't have any dedicated management. I know that they've got 10 gig and they've got one gig. You can put those in there, but I'd really like to see dedicated management ports on the backsides of them.

FOR HOW LONG HAVE I USED THE SOLUTION?

I no longer work on those products as of a year ago. If something's changed within that time, I don't know.

WHAT DO I THINK ABOUT THE STABILITY OF THE SOLUTION?

I haven't had problems with it.

WHAT DO I THINK ABOUT THE SCALABILITY OF THE SOLUTION?

The systems that I've installed haven't been gigantic. I know that it's supposed to scale pretty large. With each additional node that you add, you're adding additional horsepower, different things. That's another nice benefit to it, rather than just adding a disc shelf that has one or two heads, you're adding additional CPU and memory to go along with each one.

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HOW IS CUSTOMER SERVICE AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT?

There was only one time I did have to contact them, and they got the issue fixed.

HOW WAS THE INITIAL SETUP?

It's pretty simple. It has a little bit of a learning curve. They're all the same; they all do very similar things. It's learning what they call them and exactly where to find the buttons. That's really what it comes down to.

WHAT'S MY EXPERIENCE WITH PRICING, SETUP COST, AND LICENSING?

Initially it can come out cheaper than 3PAR depending on how you grow it. You can add some redundancy in there that eventually, depending on which I guess type of 3PAR you're going with and whatnot, the StoreVirtual could do from what I've heard. I did mostly post-sales rather than pre-sale stuffs. It can become quite expensive and even become more expensive than some of the 3PARs. It's sixes now probably what you can get into it for price wise. It just depends once you get down the line performance wise.

WHICH OTHER SOLUTIONS DID I EVALUATE?

We do 3PAR. That's another HP product that's really nice and solid. That's what we sell more of than even StoreVirtual.

WHAT OTHER ADVICE DO I HAVE?

The product's fine, but the fact it doesn't have dedicated management is a big thing to me.

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