



VMware vSAN

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WHAT IS OUR PRIMARY USE CASE?

Our vSAN setup is used in our development system, not our production system, for ease of use and ease of access.

HOW HAS IT HELPED MY ORGANIZATION?

The benefit is easier deployment of storage. We don't have to order a storage system, we can just use whatever we have on hand and roll it into our virtualization system.

WHAT NEEDS IMPROVEMENT?

I would like to see a little bit more documentation on the initial setup, and a little bit more explanation on the expandability: How to extend out your vSAN much more simply through the console because, a lot of the time, you have to do it through the command line.

FOR HOW LONG HAVE I USED THE SOLUTION?

Less than one year.

WHAT DO I THINK ABOUT THE STABILITY OF THE SOLUTION?

So far, the stability has been very good.

WHAT DO I THINK ABOUT THE SCALABILITY OF THE SOLUTION?

We haven't tested the scalability as much, but the small amount we have done has been very good.

HOW ARE CUSTOMER SERVICE AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT?

We have not had to use technical support.



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WHICH SOLUTION DID I USE PREVIOUSLY AND WHY DID I SWITCH?

We use in-place storage systems, but I wanted to be able to spin something up quickly, for the development side, for our clusters. Since it's not a permanent thing, it's much easier to go in and re-do it without having to re-blow-out a whole storage system. It works well. When selecting a vendor, what's important for me are support and value. The support is especially important. When I have a problem I need solutions. And return on investment is very big for me. I want to make sure that when we buy something, it's going to return the investment very quickly.

HOW WAS THE INITIAL SETUP?

The initial setup was pretty straightforward. I had a couple of Knowledge Bases I followed, but it was straightforward, once I read all of them.

WHAT WAS OUR ROI?

It has provided good value on the development side. Once I'm comfortable with it, we'll start looking at moving towards a production setup. But for now, just development.

WHAT OTHER ADVICE DO I HAVE?

I would definitely tell colleagues to move towards this solution. I've had a lot of people wanting to go to Hyper-V, not VMware. I have told them VMware is much more mature, it's got the feature list, it has a lot of good qualities.

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