

MAPSYS partners with Oles + Associates to migrate into a stable server environment with a robust backup strategy



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We take pride in the depth of experience and insight we offer that uniquely services our valued clients. At Oles + Associates, the client is the centerpiece of our business, and their success and satisfaction is our primary focus."

Joel F. Oles, Managing Partner

Problem:

Oles + Associates outgrew an aging, standalone server infrastructure, and physical/cloud backup strategy for disaster recovery. Oles + Associates desired to improve the speed of back office systems, increase server stability and resiliency, while hardening and adding flexibility to their backup procedures.

Solution:

MAPSYS provided consulting to help Oles + Associates better understand industry standards and best practices, as well as reviewing the advantages of virtualization. MAPSYS evaluated the existing infrastructure, and recommended moving to a Microsoft Hyper-V cluster, centralized storage array, and utilize Veeam Backup and Recovery with off-site network attached storage for off-site backups.

Oles + Associates chose to implement an IBM Storwize v5010 storage array, and Lenovo TD350s for the virtualization hosts. Once new hardware was installed and the workload migrated from the old servers, a centralized print server was deployed, and Microsoft Active Directory group policies were leveraged to standardize the workstations for easy management.

Results:

- Leveraged the flexibility of a virtualized workload with Microsoft Hyper-V
- Added multiple layers of hardware resiliency to ensure an always-on environment
- Reduced downtime and issues of workstations with Group Policy
- Shortened backup times while adding flexibility to data recovery with VEEAM
- Offsite backup storage of data in the event of a natural disaster