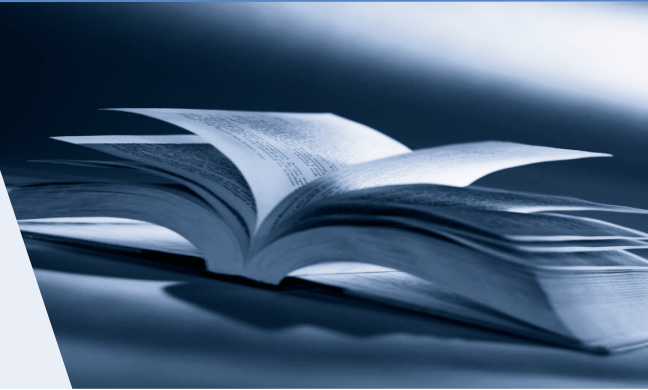


Liberty University Offloads 69% of Unstructured SharePoint Content with Metalogix StoragePoint

Large private university dramatically improves SharePoint performance, scalability, fault tolerance, and reduces backup time by reducing binary large objects (BLOBs) stored in SQL databases.



THE COMPANY

Liberty University is the largest and fastest growing Christian university in the world. Founded in 1971 by the late Dr. Jerry Falwell Sr., Liberty is the largest private university in Virginia, offering more than 60 accredited programs of study.

The Liberty campus boasts top-notch facilities and state-of-the-art technology on its 6,500 acre campus. Liberty plays host to some of the world's best-known Christian evangelists, speakers and performers every semester. While academics and faith are its top priorities, Liberty is also pleased to offer 20 NCAA Division I athletics teams and many recreational opportunities.

THE CHALLENGE

Liberty has over 60,000 distance learning students as well as another 12,000 on campus and a faculty and staff of 5,000. To manage the business processes of the university, including finance administration and financial aid, as well as its education information knowledge base, Liberty relies on SharePoint. But, as the university continued to grow, so did its SharePoint content database. Soon, it was bursting at the seams.

"We had close to 200GB of storage in our SQL database," said Matt Adkins, Microsoft Systems Lead, Liberty University. "It was really complicating things when it came to backups. We needed to optimize our SharePoint storage to improve performance and data protection processes."

THE SOLUTION

To remedy its SharePoint storage challenge, Liberty began to seek a solution that would minimize its unstructured SharePoint data or binary large objects (BLOBs) stored in its SQL database. These BLOBs were impacting system and backup performance. After looking at other solutions, Adkins and his team needed a product with the ability to recover and provide the fault tolerance they needed. That's when they selected Metalogix StoragePoint.

"Before we selected the Metalogix solution our backups would take several hours, but with StoragePoint - bam it's done, said Adkins." I don't have to worry about backup windows, or the protection and recovery of our content. StoragePoint enables Liberty to keep its unstructured BLOB content such as



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HEADQUARTERS

Lynchburg, Virginia

ENVIRONMENT

- 200GB of data
- Metalogix StoragePoint
- Migrating SharePoint 2007 to SharePoint 2010

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ABOUT LIBERTY

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ABOUT METALOGIX

Metalogix, a leading provider of content lifecycle management solutions for Microsoft SharePoint 2010, Microsoft Exchange, and legacy enterprise content environments. We enable organizations to scale and costeffectively manage, migrate, store, archive and protect enterprise content whether on-premises or in the cloud. The company is a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner, privately held, and backed by Insight Venture Partners and Bessemer Venture Partners.

PDFs, JPEG images and Microsoft Word documents out of SharePoint’s content databases and offload them onto virtually any mix of NAS or SAN storage — on premise or in the cloud. Just a couple of hours after installation, the university began to see immediate ROI by enabling it to leverage more cost-effective storage without sacrificing performance, functionality or user experience.

THE RESULTS

With the rapid installation of StoragePoint complete, Liberty has pushed about 69% of its original 200GB to a file share and is experiencing dramatically improved speed and scalability.

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Now, with its SharePoint infrastructure optimized for continued growth, Liberty is planning its migration from SharePoint 2007 to 2010. So pleased with the product quality and knowledgeable support team, the university came back to Metalogix for its migration solution. They will be using [Metalogix Migration Manager for SharePoint](#) to streamline the upgrade providing them a comprehensive content lifecycle management solution.

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