

FileCensus enables storage investment planning for significant cost savings

With 3.0TB of unstructured file data scattered over 120 Novell NetWare™ servers to be rationalised into new a NetWare cluster, Leeds City Council's Data Delivery team had no understanding of what the data consisted of, and more importantly, what its value to the Council's operations was.

"The problem was not simply, 'what is the data?', but also 'who owns it, where is it and where ought it to be?'. We needed to design a Trustee Data Map prior to migration to show us the various paths, permissions and access patterns for over 17.5 million files," said Terry Booth, team leader.

FileCensus gives Leeds City Council the power to take stock of unstructured data throughout its storage and server infrastructure, allowing unparalleled reporting and data management. Leeds City Council employs FileCensus to:

- **Control storage needs for over 10,000 users**
- **Enable data identification across the enterprise**
- **Remove unwanted files from the storage system**
- **Understand of patterns of storage usage by department**
- **Function on NetWare and Windows servers**
- **Help manage storage on an HP SAN system**

"Intermine FileCensus afforded us a top down, deep insight into data distributed across this complex environment," said Booth.

This process of data analysis allowed the Data Delivery team to accurately specify and plan for future use of their major hardware investment, a HP SAN system, avoiding costly over (or worse, under) subscription to storage hardware resources.

"Our storage use had been almost doubling each year, yet FileCensus told us that 13 per cent of our files hadn't been touched in over a year," said Booth. Legal and regulatory compliance for unstructured data was weighing heavily upon the Council, and the ever present need to squeeze more from limited data storage budgets made capacity recovery and planning a key issue. In the future, there is the ability for Council departments to be charged for the storage they use - this 'chargeback' can be easily and flexibly deployed with FileCensus's ability to pinpoint and limit the reporting produced.

FileCensus has already delivered Leeds City Council significant savings, and its powerful reporting engine, providing detailed and intuitive reports overnight, is providing Council with ongoing benefits including the foundation for a new proactive storage policy.

FileCensus is the most scalable, cross-platform and efficient Storage Resource Management solution for business data on the market today. It enables organizations to manage their storage assets - more efficiently, with less effort.

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