

NovaBACKUP xSP propels start up to early success

Summary

Ditto Offsite Backup specializes in offering remote data protection services to Australian software development companies and their end customers. Ditto is less than a year old, but already quite successful, achieving a return on investment for all of the software purchased to run the business in just over three months. But success like this doesn't just happen. It requires a strong foundation, which for Ditto is the software platform that powers its backup service, NovaBACKUP xSP.

A service powered by NovaStor convinces Ditto founder Borg

The experience James Borg, owner and founder of Ditto Offsite Backup, had with the remote backup platform of his former employer was anything but pleasant. After signing on several hundred customers in the first six months, things began to get difficult. "The platform we used required us to babysit," Borg said, "We had to hire a full time person just to check log files every day and fix all of the problems our customers were experiencing. Things got so bad that at one point, the software simply stopped accepting backups altogether."

Rather than re-seed terabytes upon terabytes of customer data, which would have been required to stay operational, the company had to notify all customers that they would no longer be offering the service.

It was this bad experience that ultimately led James Borg to the platform that would power his own backup service Ditto Offsite Backup. "A client of ours switched backup providers after we stopped selling our service," Borg explained, "I was very impressed with their solution. The backups almost never failed and it seemed extremely easy to use." After noticing a "Powered by NovaStor" icon in the corner of the client interface, Borg sought out to do more research on NovaStor and NovaBACKUP xSP.

Several factors were important to Borg when it came to evaluating NovaBACKUP xSP as the data protection platform of his new business. The solution had to be:

Reliable. The service required a high backup success rate as well as advanced notification features so that any failures could be handled proactively.

Easy to manage. Running the service should not incur unnecessary overhead costs related to administration of the software.

A business grade solution. Seamless Microsoft SQL and Exchange backups, open file backups, end-to-end encryption and a user friendly client interface were all necessary for the target market of the service.

Developed by a company that was well established and had experience in the market. James Borg knew from experience that vendor support was key to a successful backup service.

5 Reasons for NovaStor

- Experienced data protection specialist
- Proven software-as-a-service technology
- Business and setup assistance
- Local support and service team
- Competitive software for competitive services

Customer Quote

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NovaBACKUP xSP exceeds the requirements

During his research and evaluation, Borg found that NovaBACKUP xSP met or exceeded all of his requirements. He was especially happy with the way the software handled SQL and Exchange backups, as well as how easy it was to create and manage backup jobs.

"We examined many of the offerings available by professional manufacturers and after thorough testing discovered that some of the products that offer more features sacrifice reliability and ease of use," he said.

NovaStor's customer service makes the difference

James Borg was also impressed with the customer service NovaStor provided to him. "My account manager was great," he said, "He responded quickly and promptly to all of my questions. It gave me a lot of faith and confidence in NovaStor."

But NovaStor's service didn't stop there. After Borg purchased NovaBACKUP xSP, he had a consultation with the NovaStor technical team where they advised him on how to set up his environment to achieve the best results with NovaBACKUP xSP.

Once the preparations had been completed, NovaStor's team remotely accessed Borg's system and installed the entire platform for him. "They had everything installed, up and running in just over an hour."

Ditto Offsite Backup
Safely protecting your data offsite

Speedy market entry propels Ditto to early success

The smooth start and quick deployment gave Ditto Offsite Backup the momentum it needed to quickly become successful. Ditto has signed up nearly 20 business clients representing nearly 10TB of total data and is moving towards signing at least one client with over 500 seats in the first quarter of 2011. Ditto Offsite Backup has already made a return on investment for their software and Borg expects the company as a whole to be profitable by the end of 2011.

He is looking forward to growing Ditto Offsite Backup into one of Australia's premier remote backup providers for businesses and is glad to have NovaStor as his technology partner. "NovaStor is a company that listens. They aren't just selling a product, they're asking how they can improve it and working with partners to make it better."

Business Benefits:

- Short time to market
- Quick return on investment
- Interface requires no user training
- Easy and stable system requires little supervision
- Scales seamlessly with growing data load
- Future-proof license model

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At a glance

Ditto Offsite Backup provides Australian businesses with a premier offsite backup solution.

Year founded:	2010
Number of customers:	20
Total Data Volume:	4TB
Monthly backup load:	2TB
Infrastructure / Number of servers:	1 HP Storageworks NAS, 2 IBM x3550, 1 HP NL150
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