



"Double-Take satisfies the expanding IT needs of Furi Group, as we deal with high-speed growth of the business, increasing staff numbers and increasingly heavy pressures on our IT infrastructure. The Double-Take off-site disaster tolerance solution protects OA systems and ensures Furi Group's business continuity."

— Zhao Peng, IT Manager, Administration Department of Furi Group

Business Profile

Company Name:
Furi Group

Headquarters:
Qingdao, Shandong, China

Industry:
Automobile, real estate,
chain operation, finance etc.

Business Environment:
Office Automation (OA)
data protection system
Satisfying multi-sector
Business needs

Implementation Team:
Qingdao Xunwei Network
Technology Co., Ltd.,
a Vision Solutions reseller

Project Background

Furi Group is a modern group company integrating automobile sales, real estate development, luxury operation and financial investment. As the largest auto sales operator in Qingdao, Shandong, China, it has 28 auto specialty shops and has formed a 4S store management mode with its own characteristics. Furi Group's 1000-plus employees use an Office Automation (OA) system to manage the business. Such an operation requires a highly reliable IT infrastructure and complete data backup capabilities to ensure stable, reliable and continuous operation of the group OA system without interrupting the approval procedure and affecting business.

Results

- Access to all servers can be restored immediately through failover to a mirrored backup server
- Dramatically reduces the likelihood of data loss
- Supports any Windows application environment
- Ensures the safe operation of Furi Group's OA system

Technologies

- Double-Take Availability
- Windows Server Operating System
- Software solution applicable to any application

Business Challenge

Since Furi Group covers auto, real estate, chain operation and finance sectors, it needed to find an OA data protection system-capable of meeting multi-sector business needs and offering forward compatibility to support future IT expansion of the group.

In addition, Furi Group had a limited budget for the project, so it needed to find a cost-effective data protection environment that met the company's requirements for uptime.

Solution

Protection of an OA system normally requires software for the database and application server and their backup servers. The user typically needs to purchase and deploy four licenses. Double-Take Availability is capable of integrating seamlessly into any configuration of physical, virtual and cloud servers. The unique many-to-one disaster tolerance technology of Double-Take Availability is adopted in the solution design to protect the database and application server respectively. As a result Furi Group needed only three licenses for its OA system resulting in a substantially reduced procurement cost.

Each business unit under Furi Group has its own independent business server. The project requires Double-Take Availability to provide protection for the OA business system and support for all sector servers and their data centres so that data can be both protected and transferred among different servers and databases.



Double-Take Availability operates independently of hardware and storage devices and is compatible with various hardware and storage devices at both ends. This means that Double-Take Availability is not dependent on storage from a specific vendor and can integrate with any storage regardless of type.

With the expansion of its business, Furi Group has gradually stepped up their investment in IT over recent years, but this has brought some risk for IT management. During this project, Double-Take Availability provided managers with data replication for multi-site clusters and one-step management of cluster configuration/cutover devices. It also meant that through a simplified, unified console, the IT manager could access the available environment with a simple interface. In addition, Double-Take Availability provides email event notification, allowing different recipients for each server and different notification levels for each server.

Furi Group also chose Double-Take Availability for its plug-and-play protection capability for the host. By pre-setting general-purpose virtual recovery devices and providing scalable virtual environment options, Double-Take will be compatible with more diverse business servers deployed by Furi Group and will provide more data protection for business system servers.



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