



File-Server Management: The Hidden IT Cost

Industry experts have shown that the cost of managing servers is staggering. IT organizations spend annually three –to ten times the initial price of the hardware to keep a single server running effectively. This means a basic \$5,000 server can cost an organization \$45,000-150,000 in management costs over a three-year period. Clearly the cost of acquiring hardware is insignificant when compared with the effort required to keep it delivering high value to the organization.

As a result, effective savings of IT dollars will **not** occur by reducing the cost of hardware and software. Since management is such a large component of IT costs, reducing the effort to manage existing systems is the most effective way to increase efficiency in today's IT budgets.

vSERV™ From 1Vision Software

1Vision Software's vSERV is easy to install and use while reducing the cost of managing file servers. vSERV makes multiple file servers appear and behave as one file server on the network. The management of an aggregated server environment is simpler because:

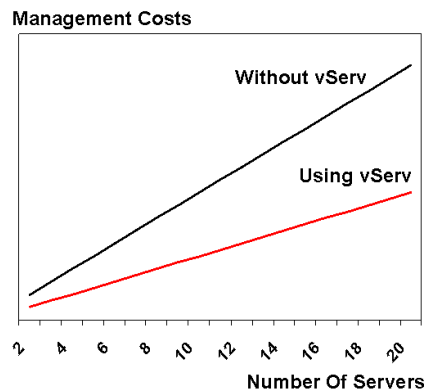
- ❑ Files do not need to be moved from one server to another when a server becomes full.
- ❑ Clients have one network share connection to access the entire file server pool.
- ❑ New servers can be added quickly and efficiently. When the pool runs out of storage space, a new server can be added and included in the pool. End-user clients do not need to be reconfigured in order to access the new server.
- ❑ Technical support call loads are reduced since users do not need help managing and remembering which

network shares are for which data sets and servers.

The benefit, however, of an aggregated server pool is not just for IT. The end-user community benefits as well. Gone are the days that users look for their data on multiple servers. With an aggregated server pool users only interact with the integrated set of storage; they don't know or care which server actually contains their data.

Impact On Management Costs

Estimates by IT administrators show that vSERV can reduce management costs for the average file server by 50%. This means that vSERV pays for itself, in most cases, in a couple of weeks!



For More Information

For additional information regarding vSERV and how it can help your organization please contact 1Vision Software, Inc.: 970.613.8864.