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ELFETEX is working with HPE to simplify and improve their server management

HPE OneView streamlines management of infrastructure across multiple locations

Industry
Retail/electrical supply

Objective
Simplify and expedite server management from a single console

Approach
HPE OneView converged infrastructure management platform provides customers with a unified interface for the administration of software-defined systems in a data center.

IT matters
- Centralizes, simplifies, and automates management of hybrid infrastructure
- Reduces server management time by up to 40%
- Results in 60% faster infrastructure updates

Business matters
- Enables IT to focus on more strategic business initiatives
- Increases server uptime due to ability to better plan and implement server upgrades
- Provides ability to immediately identify issues so they can be resolved quickly

> HPE OneView reduces server management time by up to 40%, accelerates infrastructure updates for ELFETEX

With over 300 employees and 24 sales outlets, ELFETEX is one of the largest providers of wholesale electrical products in the Czech Republic. The company needed a more modern, centralized way to manage their HPE infrastructure across their network.

Challenge

Needed a more proactive way to manage infrastructure

For nearly 30 years, ELFETEX has been dedicated to providing quality electrical products, expert advice, and services to businesses throughout the Czech Republic. Their central warehouse in Pilsen can fulfill orders of over a million products, including more than 25,000 products available for immediate delivery.

Until recently, ELFETEX handled management of their fleet of servers with an HPE Integrated Lights Out (iLO) server management platform. However, this solution was not delivering the streamlined management and actionable insights they needed to properly manage several servers and storage systems across multiple locations.

Likewise, they were experiencing issues with servers losing connections, which required a lengthy restart. They also had only one spare HDD, with limited ability to properly protect or manage it—any glitches or malfunctions of the drive could have resulted in the loss of critical data.

"We used iLO for three or four years," explained Karel Becvar, IT specialist at ELFETEX. "But it wasn't working for us."

Managing a fleet of 22 servers and over 300 workstations was a challenge for the ELFETEX IT team, which consisted of just two IT professionals. They needed an easier, better way to track, update, and deploy their servers and storage systems. A business meeting with HPE revealed the solution—HPE OneView.

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– Karel Becvar, IT specialist, ELFETEX

Customer at a glance

Solution
HPE OneView—converged infrastructure management platform

HPE Pointnext
Included a single workshop and 1-day technical training for IT staff

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• HPE ProLiant DL360 Gen9 servers

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The solution

A simplified and centralized management platform

HPE OneView enables administrators to automate management and maintenance tasks from a unified API. It simplifies updates with proactive insights and delivers frictionless updates of servers, storage arrays, and networking connectivity. Compared to their previous platform, HPE OneView offered precisely what ELFETEX was looking for.

"There are two main reasons why we chose HPE OneView," says Becvar. "One is the centralized monitoring capabilities, which helps me resolve issues more rapidly."

"From OneView, I can see all the servers and problems and get all the information I need to properly manage my servers. When a problem happens, OneView sends an email to me and to HPE. They call me and, together, we are able to quickly resolve the problem."

"The second reason is efficiency," he continues. "With OneView, I can view all my servers and deploy packages and drivers from one location instead of individually, which saves time."

Thanks to HPE Pointnext, implementation of HPE OneView is seamless. As Becvar recalls, "It took one week to set up HPE OneView, and training took about half a day, so we were up and running very quickly."

Benefits

Better insights, faster response

In the first few months of using HPE OneView, ELFETEX is already realizing significant benefits in production and time savings.

"I save about 40% of my time in managing my servers," explains Becvar. "Processes that used to take days now take minutes."

ELFETEX has also experienced significantly reduced downtime for firmware and driver updates. According to Becvar, updating servers and drivers is 60% faster using HPE OneView compared to their previous solution.

"HPE OneView is centralized, fast, and easy to use," Becvar states. "I no longer need to manually check servers every day. It saves time so I can focus on other, more strategic business needs, and that sets us up well for the future."