

Case Study | Queensland Health

Princess Alexandra Hospital

Stabilizing storage growth

With storage requirements increasing by more than 20 percent each month, Brisbane's Princess Alexandra Hospital continually required increasing investment in the secure storage of data that may or may not have been useful or valuable.

With 3000 users across the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Queensland Health's information technology managers were faced with 600 GB of unidentified data. "We simply did not know what that huge amount of data was comprised of," explains systems integration officer Michael McMillan. "It was a significant problem for our system administration, as we did not know whether we should control the growth, or even whether we could control it."

The knowledge to lower costs

"FileCensus has enabled us to stabilize that growth rate, with a demonstrated ROI from reduced hardware and operational costs after just five months use," said Michael McMillan.

Now system administrators at the hospital can easily identify data. FileCensus's advanced customized reporting capabilities deliver a thorough understanding of stored information. As well as simplifying storage network clean-up, FileCensus informs Queensland Health's capacity planning. It will also enable the internal storage chargeback system soon to be implemented.

"FileCensus ensures our data storage is managed efficiently - with the right data stored in the correct locations, in the most economical way," said Michael McMillan. "It gives us a clear understanding of the requirements to implement and manage an effective data management strategy across the entire hospital."

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.

FileCensus empowers Queensland Health to utilize existing hardware resources at the Princess Alexandra Hospital more efficiently. It helps prevent costly upgrade cycles, improving the efficiency of IT individuals and teams. The Princess Alexandra Hospital employs FileCensus to:

- control storage needs for over 3000 users
- cover every division in the hospital
- enable data identification across enterprise
- gain an understanding of file types by department
- enable a chargeback system to users
- functions on Windows, HP-UX, Linux and Netware
- manage SAN storage resources

Intermine is a software development company that aims to empower and ease the workload of data storage administrators and managers. Established in 1999, Intermine's products have a proven track record with installations in the US, Europe and South-East Asia and customers including EDS, McDonalds, Schering Plough, Novell, MLC, Time Warner, ABN AMRO, Zurich and Macquarie Bank.

