



Evolving Solutions Is the Preferred Technology Partner of the NHL's Minnesota Wild

Overview

Industry

- Energy
- NHL

Technology Challenges

- Software implementations
- Datacenter upgrades
- Provisioning of new servers

Solution

- Server Consolidation
- IBM BladeCenter
- SAN

Business Benefits

- Reduce the quantity of physical servers in the data center
- Reduced time and expenses
- Increase reliability and productivity of system networks



Technology Challenge

The Minnesota Wild NHL Hockey Team and the St. Paul Xcel Energy Center found their aging, disparate datacenter was letting them down. With 300 users all trying to share 80 gigabytes of storage, emails over 5 megabytes and email communications to season ticket holders and suite owners, their Exchange servers were being pushed to their limits. The Minnesota Wild made the decision to upgrade their system - with the help of Evolving Solutions.

Behind The Scenes

Evolving Solutions re-designed and built a network system that would fully support the Minnesota Wild's operational needs and prevent down-time due to system failures.

Evolving Solutions designed and deployed a solution to consolidate disparate standalone servers into a highly available, high performance IBM BladeCenter, which ran VMWare to an IBM DS4300 disk storage subsystem via a Storage Area Network (SAN). Through this server consolidation solution, the Minnesota Wild was able to increase reliability, productivity and save both time and money.



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“The fast-paced and demanding world of professional sports makes it difficult for an IT department to keep up with server/storage operational and maintenance demands,” said Jaime Gmach, President, Evolving Solutions. “Evolving Solutions was able to help the Minnesota Wild’s IT staff eliminate some of those time and productivity constraints.”

“Our servers are used for applications that facilitate our Ticketmaster purchases, capture box office sales, run our websites, manage back office administration and handle email,” said David Weisbrod, the Minnesota Wild’s Director of Information Technology. “Optimizing our IT operations is therefore critical to our business performance.”

Confident Outlook for New Season

The Minnesota Wild is looking forward to the new season with confidence. They need not worry that their systems will bog-down in the middle of a hockey game or that ticket transaction time will be sluggish due to slow server responses.

As a result of the successful implementation, Evolving Solutions has become the Preferred Technology Partner of the Minnesota Wild.

Watch out for the Evolving Solutions “Evolving Player of the Game” feature at Minnesota Wild games.

For more information on the storage and server solutions and services provided by Evolving Solutions, call 1-800-294-4362.

About Minnesota Wild

The Minnesota Wild organization is in the midst of its fifth NHL season since bringing hockey at its highest level back to Minnesota for the 2000-01 season. Since then, the team has sold out every home game in franchise history (222 in all), set an NHL record for attendance by an expansion team and electrified the State of Hockey with its run to the Western Conference Finals of the 2003 Stanley Cup Playoffs. For more information on the Minnesota Wild, visit www.wild.com, presented by Comcast.

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