



Case Study

Stimson Lumber Company branches out on OVHcloud's Hosted Private Cloud.





Stimson Lumber has over a century of sustainable forestry management with operations and forest land spanning three states.



Stimson Lumber Company stretches across Oregon, Idaho and Montana. The company operates seven mills in Oregon and Idaho, and owns and sustainably manages over 500,000 acres of forest land. Stimson prides itself on being an efficient, process-driven company focused on managing a seamless supply chain — from tree sapling to retail distribution center. To perform at this level, Stimson requires a high-performing and stable technology platform.

Challenges

Stimson's IT team needed to add several new systems to their IT enterprise, including a new ERP and accounting software applications. They couldn't continue to host everything onsite, but they didn't want to share space on a server or be limited by hardware either. The challenge required a top-notch, stable solution that was custom-built to their needs. Stimson was previously a VMware vCloud Air customer and when OVHcloud acquired vCloud Air from VMware, the Stimson IT team had a choice to go elsewhere. But, after researching and comparing several other options, they chose to migrate everything to OVHcloud.

Highlights

- ▶ OVHcloud™ Hosted Private Cloud in Oregon
- ▶ Redundancy in Hillsboro and Vint Hill
- ▶ VMware NSX®
- ▶ Anti-DDOS protection
- ▶ Un-metered traffic on the OVHcloud Fiber Network
- ▶ Veeam® Backup
- ▶ OVHcloud Storage Server utilizing OVHcloud's proprietary stretched Layer 2 networking technology (vRack) in Virginia

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I liked the fact that they design and use their own hardware versus other companies that use somebody else's hardware. OVHcloud can optimize their hardware based on what customers need, not what they're limited to by buying from Dell, Lenovo or HP. And, their data centers are their own as well.”

— Greg Baumgardner, IT Director, Stimson Lumber Company

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We got rid of all the old on-prem stuff and have a fully hosted infrastructure. It's way more stable than vCloud Air ever was. And, if I ever have an issue, within two to three minutes, they're on it and fixing it. I'd recommend OVHcloud to anybody.”

— Greg Baumgardner

Solution Delivered

After doing their research, Greg Baumgardner, Stimson's long-time IT Director, determined OVHcloud was by far the best choice. OVHcloud offered its own dedicated bare metal servers and their own new data center in Hillsboro, Oregon, backed up to their new data center in Vint Hill, Virginia. The OVHcloud team recommended Veeam as the backup and disaster recovery solution, which integrates well with VMware, and OVHcloud S3 Object Storage for their scale out repository. And, with OVHcloud and Veeam together, a two-stage redundant backup is automatically and fully replicated at the second data center to ensure the ultimate level of security and safety. Since OVHcloud owns their 70Tbps global fiber backbone, Stimson is able to avoid paying ingress and egress charges when they back up their data without sacrificing performance. This is also why Stimson is planning to replicate their data in the future, thus making their disaster recovery strategy more robust with predictable costs.

Results, ROI and Future Plans

By moving everything from on-prem and vCloud Air, Stimson feels that OVHcloud has provided them with better performance and the stable platform they need for seamless operations. Stimson's IT team liked that OVHcloud offers its own dedicated hosts in Hosted Private Cloud, and no other customer's VMs are sitting on the same hardware. They also liked that OVHcloud had its own powerful, secure data centers. And, they appreciate that there are no ingress, egress, additional storage or API call fees. All combined, OVHcloud is helping to support Stimson's mission to be a stable, sustainable business that benefits customers, employees, shareholders and communities. In the future they plan to add a second Hosted Private Cloud in Virginia to enhance their Disaster Recovery plans.



Special thanks to Greg Baumgardner, who has served as the IT Director at Stimson Lumber Company for nearly 30 years. A few of his areas of specialty include IT process improvement and change management, vendor management, cloud computing and disaster recovery.

About OVHcloud

OVHcloud US is a subsidiary of OVHcloud, a global player and Europe's leading cloud provider operating more than 400,000 servers within 37 data centers across four continents. For over 20 years, the company has relied on an integrated model that provides complete control of its value chain from the design of its servers to the construction and management of its data centers, including the orchestration of its fiber-optic network. This unique approach allows it to independently cover all the uses of its 1.6 million customers in more than 140 countries. OVHcloud now offers latest generation solutions combining performance, price predictability, and total sovereignty over their data to support their growth in complete freedom.



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