XcellHost is a leading provider of dedicated and shared hosting services in India. XcellHost offers a full suite of innovative cloud solutions, cloud apps, productivity solutions, data protection, and security services to small and large companies worldwide. With more than 25 virtual data centers worldwide, XcellHost is capable of delivering mission-critical services to local customers with low latency and unparalleled support quality. XcellHost’s certified and proactive support team provides 24/7 email, chat, and phone support for its secure, reliable, scalable, high-performance web hosting services to more than 5,000 customers worldwide.

Data protection plays an important part in XcellHost product offerings, both in terms of protecting its own hybrid cloud infrastructure and giving its customers easy tools to protect their own data. In light of the surging growth rate of ransomware attacks, fast and reliable backup has become critical to ensure effective cyber protection for all of their data.

As XcellHost’s data and business grew in recent years, managing multiple data centers in different countries became a challenge. At one point, XcellHost used four different products for physical, virtual, and cloud workloads, an approach that was complex, time- and resource-consuming, and prone to human error. All four of the backup solutions that it used lacked the much-needed functionality of creating application-aware backups, further complicating the protection of office applications and cloud-based workloads.

Business Challenges

- Lack of a unified, integrated backup solution
- Low visibility into client data and restorations
- Threat of ransomware attacks

Protected Environment

- 25 virtual data centers worldwide
- Physical, virtual, and cloud workloads

Key Benefits

- Single solution replacing four others
- Data protection efficiency increased by 50 percent
- Freed up time and resources
Managing client backups was also difficult and took a very long time. With low visibility into client data, restoration tasks had to be performed manually, stretching XcellHost's resources and threatening the company's Service Level Agreements (SLA) compliance. Dealing with frequent ransomware attacks put additional stress on the company's resources, requiring support staff to recover malware-encrypted data.

It was clear that XcellHost required an all-in-one cyber protection solution to streamline the protection of its many data centers, increase visibility into client data, and offer self-service capabilities to empower customers to manage their own data restoration tasks. The platform had to be simple enough to avoid unnecessary training but powerful and reliable enough to protect all types of data and workloads.

ACRONIS SOLUTION
Following an extensive evaluation of available solutions, XcellHost selected Acronis Backup Cloud as the only solution that could fully address the aforementioned challenges. Acronis Backup Cloud – part of the Acronis Data Cloud platform – provided an easy, yet powerful, way to back up all data, applications, and workloads in each of XcellHost's virtual data centers.

Acronis Backup Cloud replaced the four separate products that XcellHost previously used to protect its data. The Acronis solution made cyber protection fast, reliable, and easy for both local system administrators and the company's customers. It reduced the backup time of XcellHost's data centers by 50 percent, freeing up valuable time and resources for other tasks.

The system provided great visibility into customers' data, significantly reducing the time and resources spent on data recovery. The central web-based management interface allowed XcellHost to manage backups in 25 different data centers from a central location, providing an easy way to restore data, move data between servers, and deal with service alerts. For customer management, Acronis Backup Cloud was seamlessly integrated into XcellHost's billing engine, providing automated service provisioning, accounting, monitoring, and billing to its customers.

Acronis Active Protection, the artificial-intelligence-based anti-ransomware capability included with Acronis Backup Cloud, further extended XcellHost's product offerings, allowing it to protect its customers' data against malicious cyber-attacks as a built-in part of their backups.

Deployed in 2016, Acronis Backup Cloud has won its place as a solid backup solution in XcellHost's product line. XcellHost has helped numerous customers to recover from data loss and avoid paying ransoms following ransomware attacks.

"Acronis Backup Cloud has greatly improved our customer satisfaction. It really helps us grow our business."

Samir Jhaveri, Managing Director

ABOUT ACRONIS
Acronis sets the standard for cyber protection and hybrid cloud storage through its innovative backup, anti-ransomware, disaster recovery, storage, and enterprise file sync and share solutions. Enhanced by AI-based Active Protection technology, blockchain-based authentication and a unique hybrid-cloud architecture, Acronis protects all data in any environment, including physical, virtual, cloud, mobile workloads and applications.

Founded in Singapore in 2003, today the company is trusted by more than 5 million consumers and 500,000 businesses worldwide, including 79 of the top 100 most valuable brands.