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Williams Racing adds new layers of protection with **Acronis** Cyber Protect

Iconic Formula One team expands the scope of their technology partnership with Acronis

BACKGROUND AND PARTNERSHIP RECAP

As one of the world's leading Formula 1 teams, Williams Racing has been winning Grands Prix for more than four decades. Founded by Sir Frank Williams, Williams Racing first entered F1 in 1977. Since then, Williams has won 16 FIA Formula One World Championship titles, becoming the third most successful team on the grid.

A few years ago, Williams entered into a technology partnership with Acronis to provide cyber protection for its infrastructure. By leveraging Acronis Cyber Backup, Williams was able to reduce the time required to perform backups from days to minutes. The IT department has taken advantage of these productivity gains by implementing service level agreements across the company for responding and resolving all tickets.

EXPANDED ROLLOUT OF ACRONIS CYBER BACKUP FOR MICROSOFT 365

As noted above, Williams has been using Acronis Cyber Backup to protect its data. The solution is installed on roughly 300 servers and 1,500 endpoints and is protecting nearly half a petabyte of data.

The racing company recently began taking advantage of the Microsoft 365 backup capabilities native in the product, and it is now also protecting over 1,200 mailboxes and SharePoint sites — representing about 15 TB of data in total — for both the Formula One division and Williams Advanced Engineering.

KEY CHALLENGES AND REQUIREMENTS

- Expand cyber protection to Microsoft 365 mailboxes and SharePoint sites
- Protect all workers and workloads regardless of location
- Reduce IT management complexity

PROTECTED RESOURCES

- 600 servers
- 1,500 endpoints
- 1,200 Microsoft 365 mailboxes
- Nearly half a petabyte of data

KEY BENEFITS

- A single agent that combines backup, antimalware, URL filtering, and patch management
- Continuous data protection of most-used applications
- Confidence creating sensitive data remotely



DEPLOYING ACRONIS CYBER PROTECT – INTEGRATED BACKUP AND CYBERSECURITY

Williams has also been an early adopter of Acronis Cyber Protect, a unique, new AI-enhanced solution that integrates data protection with cybersecurity. Enriched with next-generation, full-stack antimalware protection and comprehensive yet simple endpoint management tools, Acronis Cyber Protect simplifies daily operations and reporting, all while combating advanced cyberattacks with new use cases enabled by integration. Since all these capabilities are delivered and managed through a single solution, it eliminates the increased complexity and cost caused by relying on multiple vendor solutions, saving on licensing, deployments, testing, and training.

IMPRESSIONS AND IMPACT OF ACRONIS CYBER PROTECT

According to Williams CIO Graeme Hackland, Acronis Cyber Protect is currently installed on a dozen endpoints, and “this could ultimately scale to our entire infrastructure footprint of 600 servers and 1,500 endpoints.”

This is because a number of innovative features found in the single, integrated agent have caught Hackland’s attention. He explains, “we used to use Microsoft patch management, but there is a long lag when rolling patches out, whereas Acronis gives us a much faster deployment cycle.” He continues, “we are really impressed by the continuous data protection. We’ve flagged our most commonly used internal applications and really like this feature.” Graeme also sees the benefits of having a single product that offers URL filtering and vulnerability assessments as well, and he notes that “ultimately we’ve added several new layers of cyber protection as a result.”

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Williams Group**

Newfound protection has come to the additional remote workers and workloads that have resulted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. According to Graeme, “we already had a very remote workforce, but no matter where our staff are working, Acronis is protecting us.” He continues, “we have given all of our users the confidence to work from home and to create sensitive data remotely. Before Acronis, the burden of responsibility on backup would have been on the staff, but now this function is centralized and scheduled for them.”

ABOUT ACRONIS

Acronis unifies data protection and cybersecurity to deliver integrated, automated [cyber protection](#) that solves the safety, accessibility, privacy, authenticity, and security ([SAPAS](#)) challenges of the modern digital world. With [flexible deployment models](#) that fit the demands of service providers and IT professionals, Acronis provides superior cyber protection for data, applications, and systems with innovative [next-generation antivirus](#), [backup](#), [disaster recovery](#), and [endpoint protection](#)

[management](#) solutions. With award-winning [AI-based antimalware](#) and [blockchain-based data authentication](#) technologies, Acronis protects any environment – from [cloud to hybrid to on-premises](#) – at a low and predictable cost.

[Founded in Singapore in 2003](#) and incorporated in Switzerland in 2008, Acronis now has more than 1,500 employees in 33 locations in 18 countries. Its solutions are trusted by more than 5.5 million home users and 500,000 companies, including 100% of the Fortune 1000, and top-tier professional sports teams. Acronis products are available through 50,000 partners and service providers in over 150 countries in more than 40 languages.