



KW BURRIS CONSULTING

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BACKGROUND

KW Burris provides Information Technology outsourcing services for small and medium-sized businesses including system integration, administration, and networking. We install and integrate UNIX, Linux, and Windows networks and install firewalls, voice over IP systems, and virtual private networks.

CHALLENGE

After several years of successfully running SCO OpenServer 5.0.6 and OpenServer 5.0.7 KW Burris Consulting decided to upgrade to SCO OpenServer 6, SCO's latest server featuring increased productivity, security, agility and return on investment. However, KW Burris Consulting was worried that with OpenServer 6 they would have to invest in new software and hardware. Specifically, they were concerned that they would not be able to run their older software applications dating back to when they were running a 286 computer system.

"We put a lot of time and effort into perfecting and tailoring our main 286 coded programs to our needs and we didn't want to rework new software applications," said Keith Burris, CEO, KW Burris Consulting.

SOLUTION

In addition to creating new enhancements and features in SCO OpenServer 6, SCO incorporated customer feedback and enabled OpenServer 6 to be backward compatible for older software applications. SCO knew that by giving customers the ability to run their older applications on SCO OpenServer 6, it would make the upgrade process more efficient and cost effective.

With the backward compatibility feature, Maintenance Pack 2, and the added support for larger file size, K.W. Burris was able to successfully run their older 286 coded software applications.

RESULTS

"With OpenServer 6 and MP2 we were able to run our main 286 programs," said Burris.

"We were also able to get an older notebook to work on OpenServer 6. SCO provides a strong return on investment and we are pleased with the results."

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