

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

The Iconic Formula One team expands the reach of its technology partnership with Acronis

SUMMARY OF BACKGROUND AND ASSOCIATIONS

As one of the world's leading Formula 1 team, 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 in the circuit.

A few years ago, Williams entered into a technology partnership with Acronis to optimize the cyber protection to their infrastructure. By leveraging Acronis Cyber Backup, Williams was able to reduce the time required to perform backups from days to minutes. In addition, the IT department has capitalized on these productivity gains by implementing company-wide service level agreements to respond to and resolve all incidents.

ACRONIS CYBER BACKUP EXTENDED ROLLOUT FOR MICROSOFT 365

As noted above, Williams has been using Acronis Cyber Backup to protect data. The solution is installed on approximately 300 servers and 1,500 terminals and covers almost half a petabyte of information.

The racing company recently began taking advantage of the native Microsoft 365 backup capabilities and protecting over 1,200 mailboxes and SharePoint sites, representing approximately 15 TB of data for both the Formula One division and Williams Advanced Engineering.

CHALLENGES AND KEY REQUIREMENTS

- To extend cyber protection to Microsoft 365 mailboxes and SharePoint sites
- To protect all workers and workloads regardless of location
- To reduce the complexity of management

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, spam filtering, URL, and patch management
- Continuous data protection on the most frequently used applications
- Confidence in creating sensitive data remotely



ACRONIS CYBER PROTECT DEPLOYMENT: INTEGRATED BACKUP AND CYBERSECURITY

Williams has also been an early adopter of Acronis Cyber Protect, a unique new AI-enhanced solution integrating data protection with cybersecurity. Enriched with Next-generation full-stack antimalware protection and simple yet comprehensive endpoint management tools, Acronis Cyber Protect simplifies daily operations and reporting while combating advanced cyberattacks with new use cases enabled by integration. Additionally, since all of these capabilities are delivered and managed through a single solution, the increased complexity and cost caused by relying on multi-vendor solutions is eliminated, saving on licenses, implementations, tests, and training.

IMPRESSIONS AND IMPACT OF ACRONIS CYBER PROTECT

According to Graeme Hackland, CIO at Williams, Acronis Cyber Protect is currently installed on a dozen endpoints, and "this could ultimately scale to our 600 servers and 1,500 endpoints entire infrastructure footprint." Several innovative features found in the single integrated agent have caught Hackland's attention.

He explains: "We used to use Microsoft's patch management, but there is a long delay when patches are deployed, whereas Acronis provides a much faster deployment cycle." "We are impressed by the continuous data protection. We have bookmarked our most used in-house apps, and we really like this feature."

Graeme also sees the benefits of having a single product that offers URL filtering and vulnerability assessments, noting that as a result, "we've ultimately added several new layers of cyber protection."

Newfound protection has come to the additional remote workers and workloads resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. According to Graeme, they "already had a very remote-oriented workforce, but no matter where our people are, Acronis has us covered. We have given all of our users the confidence to work from home and create sensitive data remotely. Before Acronis, the responsibility for backup rested with the staff, but now this function is centralized and scheduled for them."

"No matter from where our staff work, Acronis protects us... this gives our users the confidence to work from home and create sensitive data remotely."

**Graeme Hackland, CIO,
Williams Group**

ABOUT ACRONIS

Acronis unifies data protection and cybersecurity to provide integrated and automated defense to today's security, accessibility, privacy, authenticity, and security (SAPAS) challenges. With flexible deployment models that adapt to the demands of service providers and IT professionals, Acronis delivers superior cyber protection for data, applications, and systems with innovative next-generation antivirus,

backup, disaster recovery, and endpoint protection management solutions.

With award-winning antimalware-based data authentication technologies and AI-based blockchains, 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 at 33 locations in 18 countries.

Today, over 5.5 million home users and 500,000 businesses trust Acronis solutions, including 100% of the Fortune 1000 and top-tier professional sports teams. In addition, Acronis products are available through 50,000 partners and service providers in more than 150 countries in more than 40 languages.