

AMERICA FIRST CREDIT UNION MODERNIZES ITS IBM Z DATA MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSITIONING TO A MODEL9 - CLOUD DATA-MANAGEMENT SOLUTION

OVERVIEW

America First Credit Union, headquartered in Riverdale, Utah, is a top-10 U.S. credit union, with over a million members and total assets of \$11.7 billion. Built around its IBM Z platform, the credit union wanted to reduce its dependency on costly Virtual Tape Systems (VTS). Having already used Cohesity to consolidate other data silos, America First Credit Union selected Model9 to bring IBM Z data into a unified Cohesity environment, to strategically harmonize data across the organization and achieve greater time to value when it comes to data management KPIs.

THE CHALLENGE

America First Credit Union's IBM Z supports core member-service functions. Nearing the end of its virtual tape library support, the credit union started looking for a less expensive alternative to complex backup and tape-management products. Freeing up key skills within the organization was one of the goals. Consolidating data management of IBM Z and distributed systems' data was another key objective.

THE SOLUTION

The joint Model9-Cohesity solution enabled AFCU to backup, archive, and recover their data directly utilizing the Cohesity Data Platform hence eliminating the need for costly, proprietary storage solutions.

AFCU can now manage their IBM Z data in a unified Cohesity environment, together with their distributed data, without having to make any changes to applications. In addition, the company has achieved a substantial reduction in CPU consumption (up to 90%) and over 50% savings in data management cost, freeing up resources for more critical tasks.

SOLUTION BENEFITS

- ◆ The joint solution provided America First Credit Union with a shortened time to value through efficient usage of compute, network and additional resources on IBM Z
- ◆ Replaced costly, proprietary tapes and VTLs with affordable cloud storage as well as freeing up valuable IBM Z resources for business transactions
- ◆ Modernized the IBM Z infrastructure by using innovative object storage technology without the risk and complexity of modifying applications