

# Hosted.nl breaks the boundaries of traditional hosting infrastructure with high-performance managed storage clusters running on StorPool and VMware

# **Success Story**

### Hosted.nl

#### Industry

Inormation Technology and Services

#### **Solution**

High performance, scalable and fully managed storage clusters:

- Hybrid SSD/HDD cluster
- NVMe cluster

#### **Technology Stack**

- DELL hypervisors (M630/R630's) with high-end CPU's (Xeon E5-269x v3 and v4
- 40Gb networking
- StorPool storage
- DELL R730xd nodes
- Supermicro AMD EPYC nodes.
- VMware, OnApp, Citrix Xenserver, Hyper-V clusters

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#### **About Hosted.nl**

Hosted.nl is a leading Dutch cloud and managed IT services provider. With over 14 years on the market, 1000+ customers, and 2500+ servers, the company is recognized with its high-quality service and innovative technology solutions.

Hosted.nl offers laaS solutions, public and private cloud, containers as a service, network solutions, and connectivity.

# The Challenge

The team of Hosted.nl was looking for an alternative to replace their old and not well-performing iSCSI storage. They have used storage from different vendors in the past - DELL Equallogic, EMC VNXe, Tintri.

Hosted.nl was searching for a solution to support mixed workloads - from shared web hosting, hosted desktops, and e-mail hosting (Exchange) to private and hybrid clouds. Currently, the company is running workloads on VMware, Hyper-V, KVM, Xen, etc.

Other requirements for the new storage solution were high performance, scalability, reliability, and good support.



"We do not need to worry about maintaining the storage platform itself as it just works. With StorPool we experience extremely low response times, very high skill, and knowledge from both the tech and the business teams.

Also, they are very kind people in real life and that is one unique selling point.", shared Erik Jan Visscher, Director and Founding Partner of Hosted.nl.







#### The Solution

StorPool has fully replaced legacy DELL and EMC storage, which Hosted.nl was using previously. And it works perfectly with VMware. Hosted.nl currently runs VMware ESXi 6.0.0 and will be migrating towards 6.7 very soon.

A considerable advantage is that their team is able to focus on the things they need to do in their daily operation. No more need to worry about maintaining the storage platform itself as it just works.

"We are looking to replace Tintri in the future as well. Not only performance-wise StorPool outperforms all the other storage platforms we have used, but also in scalability, support and redundancy.", shared Erik Jan Visscher, Director and Founding Partner of Hosted.nl.

In the past, when Hosted.nl needed more storage and/or performance, they needed way more work to scale out their operation, balance workloads, etc. Now, they just add drives or nodes, and expand their storage capacity. More importantly - they get more performance. Hosted.nl share that StorPool's support has never let them down and are available to help 24/7. Another advantage, which needs to be considered is the pay-as-you-grow model, which Hosted.nl finds very interesting and attractive.

# **Key Benefits**

- High performance
- > Improved scalability and flexibility
- > Saved time on staff
- Downtime reduction
- > Exceptional team of experts







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StorPool Storage is the leading provider of block-level SDS storage on the market. Its enterprise solution is used by public and private cloud builders, enterprises, MSPs, SaaS, hosting and cloud providers. It comes as a software, plus a fully-managed data storage service that transforms commodity hardware into a fast, highly available and scalable shared-storage system.