

# CSL reduced the footprint of their data centers and improved performance with the help of **StarWind**



## About the Company

**CSL** is a leading provider of marine dry bulk cargo handling and delivery services and the world's largest owner and operator of self-unloading vessels with almost 100 years of experience.

## Company Profile

Marine Transportation

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## Problem

To get rid of complexities in support and maintenance, **CSL** decided to find an efficient hyperconverged solution at a reasonable cost.

## Solution

With **StarWind HCA**, the company now has simplified maintenance significantly, reducing its footprint and improving performance.

## Problem

Due to the specifics of its business, the company has a geographically diverse IT infrastructure, namely a lot of data centers in different locations. Employing VMware vSphere, **CSL** used to work with the classic SAN system for all their servers. While it was efficient just enough, maintaining and supporting such an environment became quite an exhausting task due to the overwhelming complexity of this process and its cost. To move past this obstacle, the company chose to look for a hyperconverged solution.

A wide range of options was considered, including VxRail, SimpliVity, and Nutanix. Whilst the latter almost became a final decision, a **StarWind** solution has won the race.

## Solution

Since the deployment of **StarWind HyperConverged Appliance (HCA)** in Montreal, Sydney, and Boston, the company has had all their problems vanished and reduced the footprint of their data centers from over 25U to 2-4U. The performance and reliability of **StarWind HCA** need no introduction, and this solution has solved the company's first-hand troubles, which were the cost and maintaining. With the assistance of **StarWind Support**, the company spends zero effort at configuring and maintaining the appliance, and the value makes this solution a top choice so that now **CSL** are looking forward to expanding it on the rest of their servers.



**StarWind reduced cost and complexity while improving performance and reliability. It has been a great experience so far.**

**David Roberge,** Company's representative