

From Box to First Backup in Less Than 30 Minutes



Storage Magazine Product of the Year Award: Gold Medal Winner

"ExaGrid remains one of the few vendors thinking about how a system grows with the customer. Kudos on taking it to the next level."



InfoWorld 100 Award Winner

"Being recognized for one of the most innovative IT projects of the year by InfoWorld is a great honor for GreenBank, we are very proud to have received this for our use of ExaGrid's disk-based backup technology."



Best Deployment Scenario Winner - Data Recovery

"ExaGrid's disk-based backup solution saves Gardner Trucking an estimated \$200K 24-hours after installation."

ExaGrid Named a Gartner "Cool Vendor" in Data Protection

"Companies named 'Gartner Cool Vendors' are Innovative, Impactful, and Intriguing."

ExaGrid and CommVault Simpana: Simple, Quick and Cost-Effective Disk-Based Backup

Efficient disk-based backup requires close integration between the backup software and the disk device. That is the advantage delivered by the partnership between CommVault® and ExaGrid Systems®. Together, CommVault and ExaGrid Systems provide a cost-effective disk-based backup solution that scales to meet the needs of demanding enterprise environments.

CommVault Simpana® users may be surprised how quickly they can have their first backup running on ExaGrid's cost-effective and scalable disk-based backup system. Many ExaGrid customers are operating in 30 minutes. With four simple steps, a few moments are all it takes.

Scalability That Meets Your Business Needs

The ExaGrid system fully leverages CommVault Simpana built-in backup-to-disk capabilities and adds the benefits of compression and byte-level delta data reduction to save you money over standard disk solutions. It also leverages the CommVault Singular Information Management® architecture ensuring high performance data protection, universal availability and simplified management of complex storage networks. As your data grows, the ExaGrid scalable architecture enables you to grow your backup-to-disk solution by simply plugging in additional ExaGrid systems to create a larger virtual pool of storage rather than a series of isolated boxes.

CommVault software automatically recognizes this additional storage as well. Together, ExaGrid systems and CommVault software enable your solution to grow with your needs without a lot of additional expense and ongoing configuration and management.

Faster, More Reliable Backups

You can back up a wide variety of information supported by CommVault Simpana software – from databases and Microsoft Exchange messages to files, engineering drawings, images, and more – all using CommVault Simpana software. Unlike Virtual Tape Library (VTL) solutions, CommVault software and ExaGrid's disk-based backup solutions don't require additional middleware that is costly and complicated to manage. Why make disk look like tape and add additional cost and management overhead?

You can also eliminate offsite tapes by having a copy of your backups off-site on disk using data reduction to efficiently transfer the data. Achieve faster and more reliable recoveries in the event of primary backup failure or other type of disaster with minimal WAN bandwidth utilized because only the changes traverse the WAN.



ExaGrid® Cost-Effective Disk-Based Backup™

Getting Started

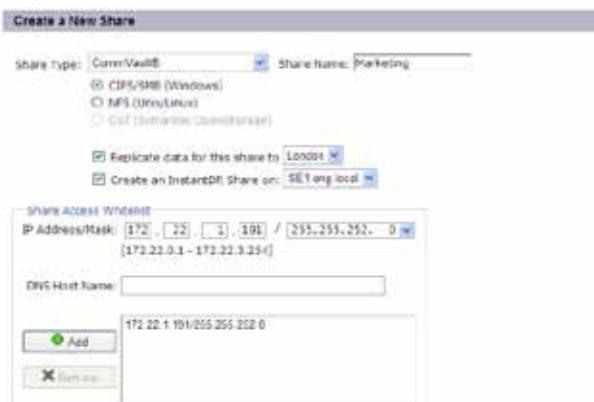
It's a simple four-step process to point CommVault Simpana backups to ExaGrid's "plug-and-play" disk-based backup system:

Step 1: Turn It On

ExaGrid is an appliance. No loading software. No complicated assembly. Simply unpack it, rack it, turn it on, and point your existing backup jobs.

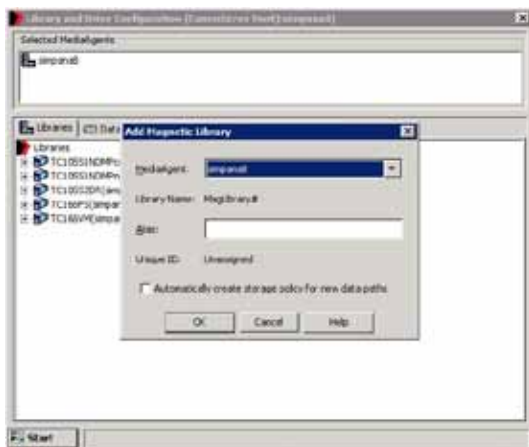
Step 2: Point and Click to Create a Share

Create share(s) on the ExaGrid system for CommVault Simpana using its web interface. This screen shot shows how simple this is. No installation or configuration process required.



Step 3: Define Shares

Using CommVault Simpana, you can easily define an ExaGrid share as a magnetic library.



Step 4: Redirect Existing Backup Jobs

Using CommVault Simpana, you simply point the existing backup job(s) to the ExaGrid system's target share.

That's it for most installations. You may also choose to do additional organization of backups since the ExaGrid system is easily customized to fit your backup and business processes.

Complementary CommVault Simpana Features

CommVault Simpana is the recognized industry-standard backup and restore solution for virtualized environments. Administrators can schedule regular image-level backups of virtual or physical machines while the machine is still running. Images can be stored either locally in the SAN or sent as compressed files over a WAN to remote locations to support disaster recovery strategies. CommVault Simpana also enables restore of individual files efficiently with an explorer tree through which users can easily identify and "grab" needed files.

- CommVault Simpana recognizes the ExaGrid system as a magnetic library
- CommVault Simpana has the ability to perform incremental, full, and synthetic-full backups that automatically store on the ExaGrid system
- CommVault Simpana supports partial or single file recoveries
- CommVault Simpana software enables auxiliary copy to tape
- CommVault Simpana software provides a data verification tool
- CommVault Simpana software provides application backup for protecting vital data

Customer Example



"The ExaGrid system works well with CommVault Simpana, and because we now have significantly more capacity, we have been able to restructure our backups to make them more efficient. Together, the two products enable us to perform daily incremental backups and synthetic full backups which makes our entire process run more smoothly."

- Svend Knudskov Manager, IT Infrastructure and Telephony, Alberta Motor Association