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When John Bocook, Assistant VP of IT Services at Ohio Christian University (OCU) met Petar Smilajkov of Cloud Propeller, OCU was facing several significant hurdles.

Cloud Propeller (CP) was uniquely qualified to understand and deliver on a solution for OCU. The organization needed a backup and disaster recovery system that met specific needs, including use of the OARnet system, and access to the Dublin data center and related fiber backbone.

“Before Cloud Propeller, the majority of our backup and recovery solutions were developed in house on non-commercial hardware with little redundancy,” Bocook explained. “The cost of maintaining these types of solutions adds up and eventually we fell behind, leaving the organization with risk. To mitigate that risk, we needed enterprise-grade hardware, a co-located data center, and both backup and disaster recovery platforms that were secure and reliable.”

CP immediately assessed needs and provided a risk analysis that OCU’s internal decision makers could understand, and then developed and presented a tailored solution.

“OCU is a rural university with a small team of two engineers, and the ability to continue to work on OARnet system is vital for us,” Bocook continued. “We needed specialized people with expert skills to perform as an extension of our team. CP built and configured a backup and disaster recovery system that met our needs, eliminated risk, and fit our budget.”

“Data is an organization’s biggest asset and it needs to be protected,” Bocook said. “Before CP, our disaster recovery system was a simple storage device. We didn’t have disaster recovery. Now, we know we’re protected, and the CP team has become an extension of our department. Should the unthinkable bring down our system, operations would continue with minimal to no disruption.”

Many IT departments in higher education have small departments or teams with limited resources, and infrastructure and protection solutions can be put on the backburner.

CP’s ability to leverage high-level engineering expertise, the OARnet system and data center resources make them uniquely qualified to work with Ohio institutions.



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“In addition to giving us peace of mind, the solutions we have with CP have allowed us to reallocate our energy and resources towards innovation and improvements,” said Bocook. “This enhances our ability to function as a business and allows us to focus on improving the lives of students, staff, and faculty here at the University.”

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