

# Fitzstone Limited ensures business continuity by creating a robust 2-node failover cluster with StarWind Virtual SAN (VSAN)

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## About the Company

Fitzstone Limited is the support body for internal administration for Fitzwilliam, Stone, Furness-Smith & Morgan legal firm, located in Trinidad and Tobago. It's a full-service commercial firm organized into multiple practice areas.

## Industry

Legal

## Location

LATAM (Trinidad and Tobago)

## Solution

StarWind Virtual SAN (VSAN)

*"To get everything I required, StarWind was the best bang for the buck. It allowed us to use our existing hardware to build the required cluster, which is still running to date."*

**Mervyn Sheppard**, ICT Manager

## Challenge

Before deploying StarWind Virtual SAN, Fitzstone Limited relied on an aging server running VMware ESXi, which hosted all the firm's virtual machines. A new server, also equipped with VMware ESXi, was acquired, and the VMs were migrated to this new server. However, Fitzstone faced a significant challenge: ensuring business continuity for the law firm's operations, which required a robust failover mechanism. The firm also relied on a single SAN, which became a single point of failure.

While searching for solutions to its challenges, Fitzstone Limited discovered that setting up and maintaining a proper SAN-centric, highly-available IT infrastructure was both complex and costly.

## Solution

StarWind VSAN's features, competitive pricing, and the absence of a requirement for a third node for quorum made it the most cost-effective and practical solution. StarWind VSAN enabled Fitzstone Limited to leverage its existing hardware to create a failover cluster without needing to purchase additional expensive equipment, solving the firm's business continuity problem. By transitioning to StarWind, Fitzstone Limited implemented a high-availability setup that eliminated the single point of failure associated with the previous SAN-centric system.