

# Hybrid Apparel enhances operational efficiency and reliability by modernizing its IT infrastructure with StarWind HCI Appliance (HCA)

## HYBRID A P P A R E L

### About the Company

Hybrid Apparel is a California-based full-service apparel company, featuring a world-class design, sourcing, and global supply chain infrastructure.

### Industry

Manufacturing

### Location

North America (United States)

### Solution

StarWind HCI Appliance (HCA)

*"With StarWind, no more worrying about hosts going down, not coming back from a reboot, etc. Not to mention our clustered workloads stay up when the host needs maintenance. Workloads stay up all the time now - a big boost to employee productivity."*

**Mark Valpreda,**  
Infrastructure Consultant

## Challenge

Before implementing StarWind HCI Appliance (HCA), Hybrid Apparel faced issues with aging and underpowered servers, creating a fragmented and non-cohesive environment. The absence of clustering posed a significant problem, as retrofitting the existing infrastructure would have incurred exorbitant costs without guaranteeing improved performance. The company's Microsoft Hyper-V environment was plagued by constant concerns about server reliability, reboots, and overall system inefficiency.

In the quest for a robust storage solution, Hybrid Apparel explored offerings from Dell, IBM, SuperMicro, and Netgear. However, StarWind HCI Appliance emerged as the optimal choice.

## Solution

The deployment of StarWind HCI Appliance significantly enhanced the performance of Hybrid Apparel's IT infrastructure. Concerns about server downtime, reboots, and maintenance-related disruptions were eradicated. The introduction of clustering ensured high availability for critical workloads, leading to a substantial boost in employee productivity.

The resulting infrastructure has not only met but exceeded all expectations. Workloads operate seamlessly, and StarWind Support Team ensures swift resolution of any potential issues.