



Kiddie Academy supports growth with upgraded infrastructure from CTI and HPE

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Customer

- Kiddie Academy
- www.kiddieacademy.com
- Industry: Education



HPE Partner

- Continental Technologies, Inc.
- www.webcti.com



“Professionalism, expertise, reliability—that’s what we got with CTI.”

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CUSTOMER PROFILE

Kiddie Academy Educational Child Care provides education-based child care for families and their children ages 6 weeks to 12 years old, including full-time care, before- and after-school care and summer camp programs. They use an innovative, neighborhood-based approach to building brand awareness, consumer loyalty and authenticity. Their proprietary curriculum, Life Essentials®, encourages children to explore and progress at their own pace, in their own style, and empowers them to make great choices by giving them the opportunity. Founded in 1981, Kiddie Academy is now a franchise system with over 200 academies in 26 states.

CUSTOMER CHALLENGES

- Update old/end-of-life equipment
- Implement enterprise-grade IT infrastructure to support Kiddie Academy’s rapid growth
- Build a scalable, flexible, and resilient IT infrastructure that allows them to spin up new services for their franchise locations
- Allow a small, nimble IT team to manage an increasingly complex IT environment

SOLUTION

- Worked with CTI to implement Nimble Hybrid Storage appliance, VMware vSphere virtualization software, HPE ProLiant DL380 servers as VMware hosts, and HPE ProCurve/ Aruba LAN & SAN switching
- HPE was chosen because of the ease of use provided by Nimble storage, as well as the visibility into their environment offered by InfoSight. They also liked the reputation of HPE ProLiant servers for reliability and their ability to scale to meet their future IT requirements.
- Once the project-related hardware and software was delivered, it took approximately 83 man-hours over two months to complete the implementation of the new solution and finish the process of virtualizing and migrating the customer’s workloads to the new platform.

BENEFITS

- Enjoyed insights that InfoSight gave them into their environment
- Increased manageability and flexibility compared to their legacy infrastructure
- Reduced time spent on maintenance
- Gained ability to support new workloads and applications required since the solution was implemented to support their franchise locations without needing to expand their compute or storage resources