VMware-Based Private Cloud Helps Apollo Education Group, Inc. Provide Access to Online Learning

Powered by VMware vCloud Suite, Apollo Education Group Builds and Operates New Service Hosting Worldwide Online Learning Opportunities From Its Educational Institutions Including Western International University and University of Phoenix; Speeds Delivery of Application and Infrastructure Services

PALO ALTO, CA -- (Marketwired) -- 12/17/14 -- VMware, Inc. (NYSE: VMW) today announced that Apollo Education Group, Inc., one of the world's largest private education providers, has implemented a private cloud based on VMware vCloud Suite® and VCE Vblock Systems to power online courses at its open access institutions of higher education. VMware vCloud Suite enables organizations to build, operate and manage a private cloud featuring software-defined data center services, policy-based, self-service provisioning, disaster recovery, and operations management in a single solution.

"Apollo Education Group has a long tradition of providing innovative and unique technologies to our academic institutions around the world, to help them compete and grow," said Michael Sajor, CIO, Apollo Education Group, Inc. "With VMware's help, Apollo Education Group now offers our institutions of higher education a reliable, scalable cloud environment to support the delivery of massively-scaled online learning, reaching a larger community of learners, and helping those learners achieve their career aspirations. We're capable of dynamically scaling our cloud environment up or down to deliver the learning and student service models vital to working adults, and agile enough to deliver IT resources to our internal customers as needed."

Apollo Education Group, Inc. Achieves Improved Cloud Efficiency and Governance with VMware

Apollo Education Group invested in VMware vCloud Suite to build out its private cloud to tackle opportunities in the dynamic, competitive higher education marketplace. The resulting cloud environment enables the company to offer new education opportunities to adult learners worldwide, including hundreds of thousands of current students at Western International University and University of Phoenix. Additionally, Apollo Education Group has automated the delivery of IT resources to developers supporting its educational institutions, enabling them to enhance existing applications and bring new applications to market faster. The company has reduced costs by eliminating time consuming manual management processes and right-sizing resources for workloads.

Apollo Education Group has implemented a policy-based approach to its private cloud environment using the governance and provisioning capabilities of VMware vCloud Suite. This approach enables it to enforce organizational best practices, processes and policies across the enterprise on how resources should be provisioned, managed and decommissioned. By automating the enforcement of policies versus relying on manual approval cycles, Apollo Education Group has significantly improved time to market by delivering infrastructure or other services in minutes versus days or weeks.

The company has further sped the delivery of IT services to its developers and institutions with the implementation of a self-service portal. The portal has helped to spur developer productivity by providing immediate access to a catalog of IT services that support development and testing. In addition, the portal has enabled Apollo Education Group to streamline the management of its virtual desktops across their lifecycle without the need for significant additional IT resources.

Apollo Education Group has improved its insight into application performance and the overall performance of its virtual environment with the operations management capabilities of VMware vCloud Suite. With visibility into capacity, system health and performance, the company anticipates the improved productivity of its institutions of higher education as they provide educational opportunities around the world. Additionally, Apollo Education Group protects its applications and achieves higher levels of availability with the VMware vCloud Suite's backup and high availability capabilities.

Additional Resources

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