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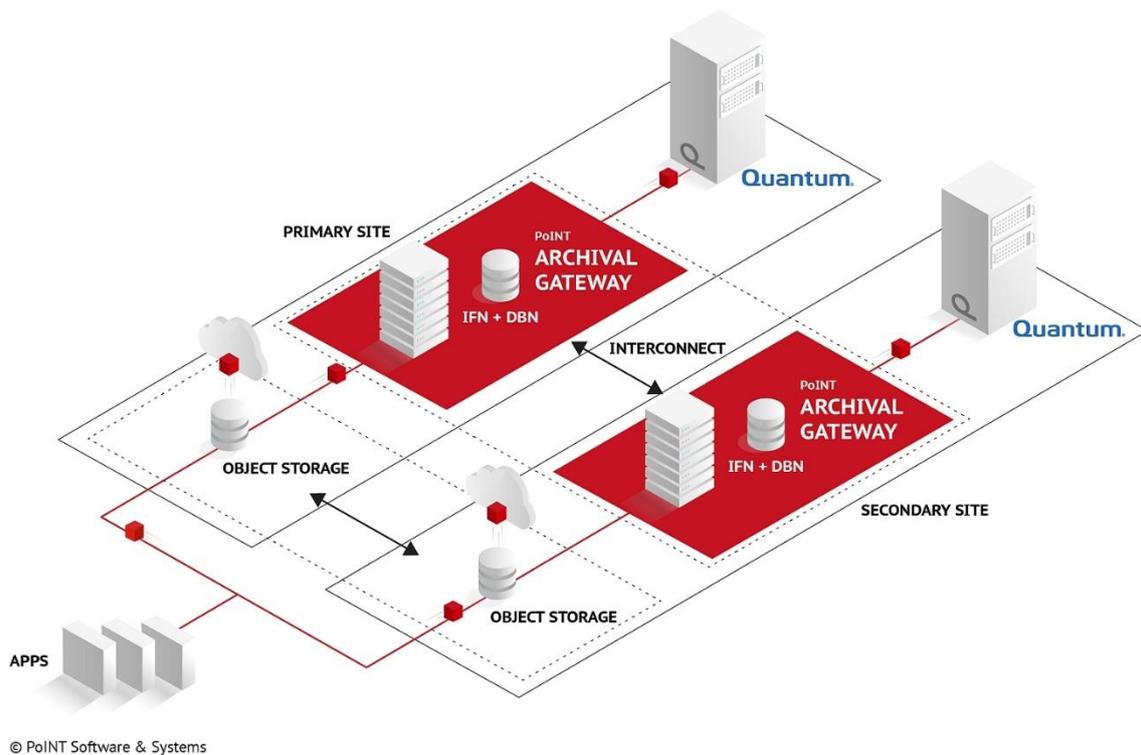
PostFinance AG achieves additional data protection with PoINT Archival Gateway

Siegen. The Swiss financial institution PostFinance AG is protecting valuable object-based data by automatically replicating it using the PoINT Archival Gateway. The PoINT Archival Gateway makes it possible to integrate tape as a cost-effective S3 storage class. With this high-performance and highly scalable storage solution, the financial institution achieves additional data protection. Even better, all of this was accomplished without having to restructure the existing storage infrastructure.

PostFinance AG needed a way to better protect the constantly rising volumes of data on its object storage systems. Specifically, it needed an independent copy of the data, to guard against malware and human error. Such a system needed to be as cost-efficient as possible, however.

In the end, PostFinance AG settled on automatic data replication with the PoINT Archival Gateway. This high-performance software-based object storage system saves large volumes of data on tape, enabling seamless integration of this cost-effective storage medium (which is available even when offline) via a standard S3 interface.

PostFinance AG has a Quantum i6 tape library at each of two independent locations. The PoINT Archival Gateway receives copies of the data from the existing hard-disk based object storage system and saves them redundantly to both tape libraries. If access to the backup copies is needed, it is done via the S3 API. And the tape libraries' storage capacity can easily be scaled up as needed.



Andreas Christen, of the Technology & Information Center Infrastructure Data department, is very satisfied with how PoINT's software is now being used: "With the PoINT Archival Gateway, we are replicating our archive data on tape, improving our data security. In the first three months, we backed up around 20 million objects in this way. Thanks to the standard interface, we can easily integrate the PoINT Archival Gateway into our existing storage infrastructure. By using tape as an additional S3 storage class, we have been able to massively improve our security design."

The PoINT Archival Gateway now acts as a reliable data security solution for PostFinance AG. Now that it replicates object data to an offline storage medium, the company's data is more secure than ever. There was no need to restructure its existing storage architecture, and the solution's standard interface means employee workflows proceed in just the same way as before.

For more information, see our case study at www.point.de.

About PostFinance AG:

PostFinance is one of Switzerland's leading financial institutions, acting as a reliable partner for over 3 million people, both private and business customers, who want to manage their finances independently.

About PoINT:

PoINT Software & Systems GmbH is specialized in the development and distribution of software products for storage, management and archiving of data. Our data & storage management solutions offer an easy and efficient integration of different storage technologies and systems in consideration of enterprise requirements. PoINT products allow optimized usage of storage systems and help to reduce costs and issues caused by data growth. The software solutions fulfil compliance and archiving requirements and provide independence from storage technologies and vendors.

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