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Geminare widens audience for DR services with broader OS support

Enterprise and Mass-Market Hosting

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Geminare, a provider of software for building cloud storage and disaster recovery services, has offered up another update to its Cloud Recovery and Cloud Storage Assurance (CSA) platform. Both are now being offered in 'Enterprise' editions, with support for more operating systems, more cloud providers and more servers per site.

Adding new OS, cloud options

Cloud Recovery 2.0 Enterprise can now run on Linux, UNIX and AIX, including **Red Hat** Enterprise Linux Server, **SUSE Linux** Enterprise Server, **Sun** Solaris and **IBM's** AIX, in addition to existing support for the Windows platform. As is the rage, the platform will allow enterprises to use private clouds behind the firewall as well as public clouds, and the limit on servers per site has been upped to 250 connected servers that can be controlled by a Geminare Controller.

Geminare's platform already allows customers to use public or private storage clouds for recovery services. CSA 2.0 Enterprise now offers support for **AT&T** Synaptic, **Nirvanix**, **Rackspace** and others, now added to its roster of supported cloud providers, which already included **Amazon S3**, **Atmos** partners, **Iron Mountain** Archive Service and **Mezeo Software** partners.

Background

As previously noted, CSA has an archiving engine that enables cloud storage users to provide an audit trail for their data. The auditing is made possible because a unique key identifier is created for each file, email record or data access session. Altered files are identified when keys are mismatched. CSA 2.0 also automatically indexes data and provides search and tag cloud functions for users.

CSA 2.0 can be used for archiving and searching email and file backup on disparate cloud environments, and the new auditing feature makes it is easier for customers to migrate between clouds (using Geminare's Server Replication platform) because the keys can confirm whether data has gone missing or was altered during the move.

T1R take

Geminare's cloud-based DR and storage products are sold through partners like **Bell Canada**, **Hosting.com** and **Qwest**. The upshot of the new Enterprise revision to Geminare's platform is that Geminare's partners in hosting (as well as companies like **CA Technologies** and **Ingram Micro**) have an even wider addressable market to sell services to with the addition of support for various Linux and Unix flavors.

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