Autonomy Legal Hold and Connected Backup

The duty to preserve potentially relevant information presents great challenges for most organizations. Preservation of custodian data on the mobile laptop and desktop systems upon which data is stored is particularly challenging. The whereabouts of mobile professionals and the accessibility of data is difficult to ascertain from the administrative location. Even given the whereabouts of a custodian of interest, chances are that the volumes of data in their custody will not be available for a window of time sufficient for preservation to be completed.

Unpredictable network bandwidth between the administrator and the mobile professional’s location combined with the large volumes of data that need to be preserved on or from the mobile produce high rates of failure. Based upon this, some organizations resort to the expensive process of taking physical possession of the mobile professional’s system and imaging the hard drive. This time consuming process is also prone to failure based upon the lack of cooperation from the mobile professional. Additionally, the potential for data destruction or loss during the time it takes to physically possess the targeted system is high.

Mobile or distributed data preservation is problematic for any organization that required it be done in a manner that is efficient, repeatable and auditable.

Enterprises have relied on Connected Backup to protect data stored on workstations and laptops for several years. Increasingly, legal hold and eDiscovery use cases have become drivers for enterprise adoption of Connected Backup. These enterprises value the ability that Connected Backup has for creating and maintaining a centralized backup that is representative of the data stored on large numbers of mobile laptops and distributed workstations. Enterprises see the value in leveraging Connected Backup data to satisfy legal hold requirements associated with this data. Autonomy’s integration of the Autonomy Legal Hold (ALH) product brings data stored at the outer edge of the enterprise on laptops and workstations under control along with custodian data stored within other enterprise email and document repositories.

Autonomy Legal Hold reduces the risks and costs associated with legal holds and the duty to preserve. The solution manages, tracks, interviews and notifies custodians, automatically builds and updates data maps, and applies intelligent legal hold policies against an enterprise’s full corpus of data, whether it lives on the network server or an employee’s remote laptop. In addition, it tracks data through the entire litigation lifecycle to provide a complete audit trail, visibility into the review process, and cost management.

Autonomy Legal Hold provides the systemized, repeatable, and defensible process necessary to comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (FRCP) and case law. Each step of the process is consistently executed on a single, easy-to-use, highly scalable and secure platform that quickly implements the workflow and processes necessary to demonstrate reasonable and good faith efforts to comply with the duty to preserve.

The combination of Autonomy Legal Hold and Connected Backup dramatically reduces the time and faults traditionally associated with executing legal hold on laptops and desktops. ALH replaces the high cost and protracted effort of manual solutions with a defensible process that features:

Consistent Data Availability – Extending ALH’s reach to include Connected Backup helps to ensure that data stored on mobile laptops is constantly and consistently visible and accessible to legal hold and eDiscovery requirements.
Dramatic Time Reduction – ALH leverages Connected Backup’s complete policy based backup of the data stored on mobile laptops to reduce time in executing a hold on custodian data. Connected Backup works over the internet ensuring a continuous and complete backup for any laptop with internet connectivity.

Eliminates System and Custodian Dependencies – ALH leverages Connected Backup as a repository. This removes the challenges presented by unavailable or inaccessible systems and custodians.

Integration of Data from all Custodian Data Repositories – ALH provides as central point of legal hold management for all custodian data including that stored on hard to manage mobile laptops and workstations.

Policy Based Preservation/Collection – Connected Backup ALH’s flexibility to preserve subsets of custodian data leveraging flexible metadata selection criteria. Custodian(s) files and email can be specified by type, naming conventions and date ranges. The ability to pre-cull data enables a reduction of the corpus to be preserved and subsequently reviewed saving time and money.

Eliminate Risk of Data Loss – Integration with Connected Backup provides ALH with access to the data that is currently stored on laptops and workstations as well as data that is not longer stored on the laptop but that still exists within the backup for recovery purposes. This combination of current state and historical custodian data provides a complete picture of custodian data ensuring that matter critical files or emails are available for preservation and review.

Appliance, Licensed, Hosted or Hybrid Legal Hold

Autonomy Legal Hold is available as an appliance, as licensed software, through hosted SaaS, or as hybrid solution to offer customers the greatest flexibility. Autonomy’s easy-to-use eDiscovery Appliance brings the power of Autonomy Intelligent Data Operating Layer (IDOL), known as Meaning Based Computing, to an easy to use legal hold solution that can be up and running in minutes. The licensed solution offers flexible deployment options and state-of-the-art data centers provide organizations with a secure cloud based solution. Unique to Autonomy, all offerings use the same technology to ensure easy transfer between environments and the ability to build a hybrid solution. Autonomy Legal Hold is compatible with both licensed and hosted SaaS deployments of Connected Backup.

About Autonomy

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