## Hot Backups and Restores: A '1-2' Punch Backup Methodology

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# Who Are David Bieneman & Scott Herold?

- David Bieneman
  - > CEO of Vizioncore, Inc.
  - > Using VMware since 2003
  - Founded Vizioncore the creator of esxRanger, Hot Backup for ESX Server and other VMware Enhancing Solutions
  - > 3 Beautiful Children
  - Interests are spending time with my kids, talking about Vizioncore, VMware, & Citrix, traveling to Europe and driving fast... yes I'm a computer geek
- Scott Herold
  - Director of R&D for Vizioncore, Inc.
  - > Using VMware Since 2003
  - Founded VMguru.com and Co-Authored The VMware ESX Server Advanced Technical Design Guide
  - No children as of yet but he did just get married O
  - Interests are VMware, designing applications, solving problems, writing technical documents and books, barbecue bashes and of course he is a geek

## **About Vizioncore Inc.**

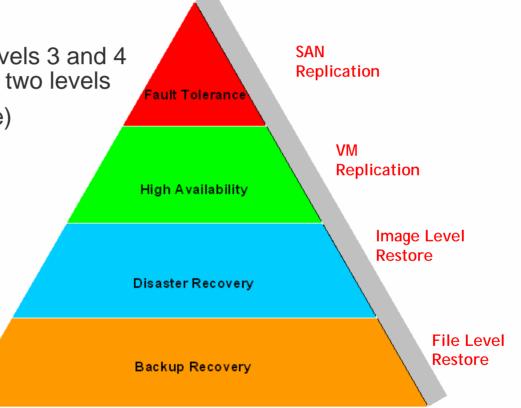
- Founded in 2002
  - Self-funded software company
  - Solutions that enhance VMware Infrastructure
    - Community Source Program member
  - Launched flagship product, esxRanger 2004
  - > Over 2,000 customers & 20,000 licenses
- Headquarters in Chicago, Illinois
  - Other locations MI, NJ, FL, TX, UK, Germany
  - Sales worldwide via channel partners
  - Extensive international support channel





# Backup Recovery & Disaster Recovery (BR/DR)

- Vizioncore created the BC Pyramid to identify levels of protection assigned to VMs based on service level
- This discussion concerns levels 3 and 4 as most all VMs need these two levels
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  - Disaster Recovery (Image)
  - > Backup Recovery (File)



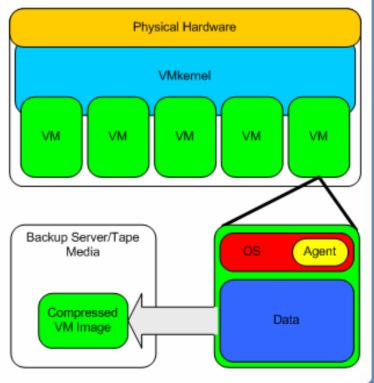
## Standard Methods Used For Backup & Recovery

- Standard backup and recovery processes have been time consuming, labor intensive, incomplete and unreliable for years
- Existing backup strategies borrowed from the physical world do not leverage the advantages of the virtual world
  - Typical file level agents for backup and recovery
    - Not good for complete recovery of a system
    - Can produce a significant load on servers
    - Backup windows can become a problem
  - Typical imaging utilities for disaster recovery
    - Not good for individual file recovery
    - Can be difficult to manage and automate
    - Licensing and management add significant cost



# VMware Platform Changes Paradigm

- VMware provides portability
  - Each VM is a small number of files
  - These files reside on storage called VMFS datastores
  - > VM's can be moved off the datastores
  - > VM's can be booted on other VMware servers with ease
- This portability provides a platform for
  - > Online "hot" and complete image backups
  - Easy disaster recovery
  - > High speed backups



## Let's Virtualize

- This portability alone allows us to make a great case to virtualize
  - Portability means disaster recovery is now available easily for servers that might not have had a DR strategy
  - > Virtual machines can be backed up while online
  - > VM images can be sent across a WAN or shipped to a remote site
  - There's usually a budget for DR

Virtualize for DR and reap the other benefits as well



# **Challenges Exist Without Automation**

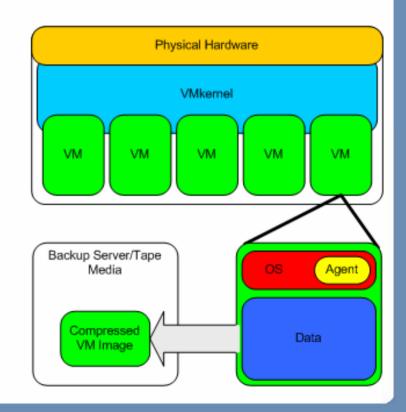
- VMware focuses on the Virtualization platform and Vizioncore enhances the platform
- Automation and management of the process is a must
  - Copying the VMs files can be difficult
  - Images can require a lot of space
  - Images can be slow to copy
  - > Just backing up the image is not enough
- Reliable, repeatable disaster recovery and file level recovery solution



- Strong platform with VMware Consolidated Backup (VCB)
- > Enhanced by Vizioncore esxRanger Professional
- Technical support services from Vizioncore and our worldwide reseller network

## The Traditional "1-2 punch" (Image and File)

- Image and file level backup is a great 1-2 punch and VMware and Vizioncore make it possible
- VMware provides the platformPortable VMDK files
- Vizioncore provides esxRanger
   Image and configuration backup
   Image and configuration restore
- 3rd party file agents
  - > File level backup in guests

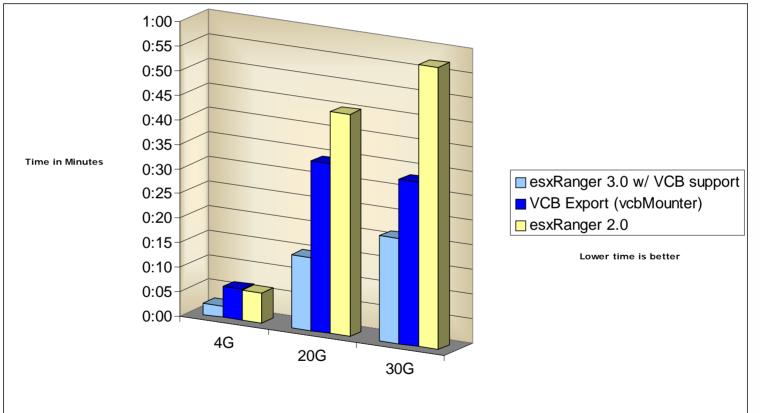


## The New "1-2 Punch" Using esxRanger 3.0 & VCB

- esxRanger is VCB enabled
- Reduce the need for agents inside VM's with esxRanger file level restore
- Call it the "ultimate 1-2 punch"
  - Leverage VCB Speed utilizing esxRanger GUI
  - Perform a full or differential image backup
  - Easily restore backups from esxRanger & VCB
  - Ability to restore single or multiple files from the backup
- Benefits are
  - No utilization of the VMware host resources
  - No network traffic
  - > 3X faster backups (sometimes faster!)
  - More frequent backups possible
  - No file agents required on most VM's (cost and performance savings)

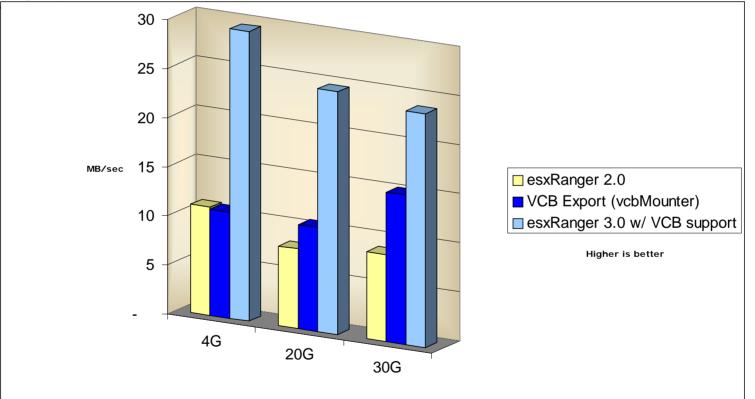
## The New "1-2 Punch" Using esxRanger 3.0 & VCB

- Time in minutes to complete a 4G, 20G, 30G backup
- Less is better



## The New "1-2 Punch" Using esxRanger 3.0 & VCB

- MB per second to complete a 4G, 20G, 30G backup
- Higher is better (true speed no compression or delta / zero block



## The New "1-2 Punch" Components

- VMware provides the platform
  - > Virtual Infrastructure 3
  - Consolidated Backup
- Vizioncore provides the automation and interface

- > esxRanger Professional for VI3
- New consolidated backup plug-in
- New file level restore from image plug-in
- New differential backup technology
- New archive retention policy
- New enterprise restore interface

### The New "1-2 Punch" Advantages

- Gain LAN free backup support
- Backup any OS on VMware Virtual Infrastructure 3
- Daily or nightly image backups for all your servers
- Daily or nightly differential backups (faster and take less space)
- Ability to click and restore a single file or groups of files from an image
- Ship the compressed backups off to a DR site or send over a WAN
- Interfaces with VMware Virtual Center resource pools
- Fully supports DRS, VMotion and VCB
- Proven solution already used by thousands of VMware / Vizioncore clients

## **Benefits Recap And Challenges**

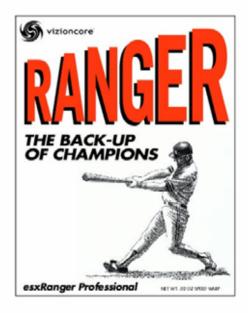
- Benefits Recap
  - Reduce backup agents
  - Remove CPU and I/O overhead from host
  - > File level or full images can be recovered easily
  - > Much faster backups, shorter backup windows
  - Cost effective solution for any size organization

#### Challenges

- Transactional / database consistency
  - Continue to use an agent inside these servers
- Extremely large file servers
  - Consider VCB file level mounting in combination with an agent backup

## **About esxRanger Professional**

- "Backup of Champions"
  - Proven, recognized backup leader for virtual infrastructure
  - > Used by over 2,000 clients with more than 20,000 licenses
- Provides:
  - > Full bare-metal image backups, full restore
  - > File-level restore from image
  - > Windows® based GUI w/centralized control
  - Reporting, archive retention, differential backup, and performance control policies
- Features
  - Integration with VirtualCenter
  - Leverages VMware Consolidated Backup
  - > VMotion<sup>™</sup> and DRS compatible



## **About esxRanger Professional**

- Backup in 3 easy steps
- Recovery in 3 easy steps
- Differential backup and restores
- File level restores
- VCB enabled
- VirtualCenter Integration

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## Demonstration Backup Via esxRanger And VCB

- With the appropriate connections or by means of a recorded screen cam....
  - Scott Herold will demonstrate a backup via esxRanger though the powerful VCB connection to the Virtual Infrastructure 3 platform
  - Scott will discuss the hardware platform and the size of the VM images
  - Scott can give backup time examples and demonstrate a file level restore

## Summary

- Leverage the '1-2' punch backup methodology
  - > VMware and VCB platform
  - > esxRanger Professional to automate





- > One: Image level backup with esxRanger and VCB
- Two: File level restores from esxRanger full or differential images (file agents as needed)
- DR -> Protect your organization
- Backup -> Fast, easy and cost effective
- Recovery -> Full image or file level restores
- Performance -> Eliminate backup overhead



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