

# Inspired vLabs simplifies operation and saves money with **StarWind Virtual SAN**

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## About the Company

**Inspired vLabs** is a company from Phoenix, USA. It specializes in providing virtual laboratory environments for education.

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## Industry

IT training labs

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## Problem

**Inspired vLabs** wasted resources on unnecessary Linux infrastructure while providing virtual lab services.

## Solution

Windows-based **StarWind Virtual SAN** was utilized to eliminate the resource overhead and simplify the deployment of virtual lab environments.

## COMPANY

Inspired vLabs is a virtual laboratory environment provider for educational purposes, mainly – software training. This US company builds every project from scratch and offers “full service”, where the customer gets a ready solution customized for his own case, without any IT work left to do. Its virtual labs are easily accessible via HTML, so no additional software or hardware is required. The flexibility, agility and security of training platforms are the primary goals for Inspired vLabs, and they are all achieved.

## PROBLEM

OpenFiler is complex, difficult to configure and a bit bulky, because it requires an extra Linux virtual machine to run. It is an open-source storage management software with all the consequent problems. Most of the IT training process is now Microsoft-based so Inspired vLabs IT guys spend much time on things that could be avoided. “Within our VMware Training labs we used OpenFiler for students to connect ESXi Hosts to iSCSI based storage” – Justin Stoltz, IT manager.

## SOLUTION

**StarWind** Virtual SAN replaces OpenFiler as virtual storage software, simplifying virtual lab deployment and reducing the required resources for every single case. “StarWind is Windows based. We were able to install it on an existing Windows VM within the student lab kit thus eliminating the overhead of an additional OpenFiler VM”, said Justin Stoltz, IT manager in Inspired vLabs.