

# The University of Exeter: Secure and Resilient with Rubrik Security Cloud

Improving data security, reducing operational costs, and protecting the university experience



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of Exeter

## INDUSTRY

Education

## PRODUCTS

- Rubrik Security Cloud
- Enterprise Data Protection
- Threat Hunting
- Anomaly Detection
- Threat Monitoring
- Sensitive Data Monitoring
- Unstructured Data Protection (NAS Cloud Direct)

## CHALLENGES

- 4 legacy backup solutions
- Difficulty managing and maintaining compliance with evolving requirements.
- Lengthy data restoration process

## RESULTS

- 1 complete cyber resilience platform
- Enhanced data security
- Restore time reduced by 50%

The University of Exeter is known for its innovative teaching and research endeavors. Serving 30,000 students and 4,500 staff, the university emphasizes the importance of seamless digital experiences. Having a modern cyber resilience solution that prioritizes security, automation, and cloud mobility is crucial.

"If our infrastructure fails, students can't attend lessons, lecturers can't deliver content, and research projects grind to a halt. The entire university experience would suffer if we can't get systems back online quickly," explains the Senior Infrastructure Engineer.

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## NAVIGATING OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES WITH LEGACY SOLUTIONS

The University faced operational inefficiencies due to a complex legacy backup environment consisting of four separate solutions to protect critical data like student records and research data. The legacy systems were all ill-equipped to meet evolving security and compliance requirements.

To address these challenges, University of Exeter's Director of IT Services, needed a single modern cyber resilience platform with native data security features, proven to operate at speed and scale, as well as protect and recover critical structured and unstructured data sets on-premises, in the cloud, and within SaaS applications.

"Data security is the number one thing that my team approaches in any circumstance. It's the first thing we focus on, operationally day-to-day and for any new project," said the Director of IT Services.

## OPTIMIZING CYBER RESILIENCE AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE WITH RUBRIK SECURITY CLOUD

The University of Exeter found its cyber resilience solution in Rubrik Security Cloud.

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The adoption of Rubrik has significantly improved the university's resilience and recovery capabilities amidst an increasingly complex cyber threat landscape. In the event of a cyber incident, with Rubrik Security Cloud critical systems and data can now be restored within minutes, reducing downtime and maintaining service continuity.

"I was facing a complete refresh and rebuild of our backup and recovery estate. Rubrik helped us align with industry-standard cybersecurity frameworks and compliance expectations, which also supported our broader risk management strategy," noted the Director of IT Services.

## SECURE AND RESILIENT WITH RUBRIK SECURITY CLOUD

Rubrik gives the University a "single pane of glass" experience, significantly reducing administrative burdens.

"Before, we were having to log into all these different systems each day to see if jobs passed, and other people would be dealing with failures. With Rubrik it's just fast and easy to manage," said the Senior Infrastructure Engineer.

Beyond operational efficiency, one of the key Rubrik capabilities that resonated with the University of Exeter was Sensitive Data Monitoring to help reduce risk of sensitive data exposure and meet compliance regulations. "Rubrik's Sensitive Data Monitoring has helped us identify and manage millions of files with PII, ensuring compliance with data protection regulations and reducing our risk of sensitive data exposure," described the Senior Infrastructure Engineer.

Moreover, thanks to Rubrik's Anomaly Detection and Threat Monitoring, the university proactively protects their data and infrastructure from potential threats and vulnerabilities, providing them with peace of mind and confidence in their security measures.

"Rubrik has been instrumental in advancing our efforts by enhancing our NIST compliance maturity level. And ultimately, that's part of delivering our strategic agreement with the University on cyber resilience," concluded the Director of IT Services.

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