

OPEN-E INTRODUCES MAJOR ENHANCEMENTS TO ITS DATA STORAGE SERVER SOFTWARE FOR SMB AND SME MARKETS

Unified File and Block Storage Management Solution Now Features Automatic Failover for High-Availability Clusters; WORM Support for Digital Archiving; and NDMP Support for Universal Backup

Puchheim/Munich, Germany – October 16th, 2008 – Open-E, a leading provider of unified file and block management software solutions, has introduced major enhancements to the Open-E Data Storage Server (DSS™). The new enhancements -- automatic failover for high-availability clusters; WORM (Write Once Read Many) support for digital archiving; and NDMP (Network Data Management Protocol) support for universal backup -- provide better data security, increased fault tolerance, and improved availability of all data, ultimately delivering better overall performance and value.

"The rapid growth of data proliferation requires enterprises to find high performance yet cost-effective storage management solutions," said Stuart Fisher, Senior Director of Business Development of Advance Industrial Computer, Inc (AIC). "Open-E continues to exceed customer demands by delivering unified NAS/SAN solutions that set new standards of price and performance for flexible network storage systems."

Open-E DSS Delivers Superior Performance and Functionality for SMB and SME Markets

Open-E DSS provides superior performance, reliability, and scalability delivered at a fraction of the cost of alternative offerings. Enhanced features include:

Automatic failover enables Open-E DSS server to automatically switch over from a primary storage server to a secondary one in the event the primary server fails – or to simplify scheduled maintenance. Such functionality is ideal for high-availability environments such as financial institutions.

The WORM feature allows data to be permanently written to disk and available for reading only, thus preventing accidental modification or erasure of data. This feature improves performance in environments (such as healthcare and government agencies) where documents are required to be retained for long periods.

Support for NDMP allows Open-E DSS to control backup and recovery data streams between a primary storage data server and a secondary one in heterogeneous network environments. Open-E's implementation of NDMP is supported by Symantec Netbackup, EMC Legato Networker, CA Brightstor, and others. NDMP enables organizations to seamlessly integrate new backup applications with existing ones.

"Our next-generation Open-E DSS product offering continues our commitment to create a scalable, unified storage management solution that gives customers flexibility, enterprise-class performance and functionality at SMB prices," said Krzysztof Franek, CEO, Open-E.

About Open-E Data Storage Server (DSS)

Open-E Data Storage Server (DSS) provides a fast, reliable, and scalable storage operating system (OS) for block and file storage management. Open-E DSS offers enterprise functionality, enhanced manageability, superior reliability and increased productivity for applications ranging from file sharing, storage consolidation, backup and recovery, virtualization and disaster recovery.

Open-E DSS is built on Open-E's industry recognized NAS/SAN software technology which is noted for its performance, superior security, robust operation and ease-of-use management advantages. With Open-E

DSS, users can cost-effectively and quickly add storage to an existing network, consolidate storage and backups for multiple servers, centralize storage management with optimal performance and data protection, and improve data availability and efficiency. Additionally, Open-E DSS is a full, independent OS and does not require the installation of Linux, Windows or any other OS.

The solution supports a wide variety of hardware RAID platforms from the industry's leading names, as well as multiple types of connectivity. The versatility of Open-EDSS also allows users to combine NAS systems with iSCSI SAN systems, and provides built-in virus protection, while enabling the connection of multiple Network Interface Controllers, including Gigabit Ethernet, 10 Gigabit Ethernet, Fibre Channel and InfiniBand.

About Open-E

Open-E is a pioneering leader and developer of IP-based storage management software with headquarters in the United States and Europe. Open-E's DSS, NAS-R3 and iSCSI-R3 product lines, built from the ground up for the SMB and SME markets with scalability to the enterprise, enjoy a multi-national reputation for best-in-class performance, flexibility, reliability, scalability and return-on-investment.

Open-E delivers its software exclusively through a world-wide network of experienced system integrator and reseller partners. With an extensive network of over 600 registered OEMs, distributors and reseller partners, including over 200 Open-E certified partners, organizations have the flexibility to work with the hardware solution provider of their choosing, allowing Open-E to focus on its core competency of storage software development.

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