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## **OPEN-E KICK STARTS NEW YEAR WITH FREE STORAGE SOFTWARE DOWNLOAD WORLDWIDE**

***Prominent Storage Software Developer to offer Free Download of its Highly Successful DSS Lite IP Storage Management Software for Limited Time***

**Redwood City, California – January 7, 2008** – Open-E, Inc., a leading developer of innovative storage management software, today announced that it will offer a free download of its premiere Data Storage Server (DSS) Lite IP-Storage operating system for a limited time to help kick start the new year. The DSS Lite for the Windows and Linux operating environments, will only be available to be downloaded and activated free of charge from January 7 to January 31, 2008 from [www.open-e.com](http://www.open-e.com). The company will also make its software available to select partners, distributors, resellers and public servers during this period.

Open-E's DSS is an all-in-one, fourth generation OS software for centralized IP-storage management, combining full network attached storage (NAS) and iSCSI functionality. DSS offers outstanding price-to-performance, enhanced manageability, and increased productivity for applications ranging from file sharing, storage consolidation, backup and recovery, virtualization to replication. The activated DSS Lite version will be fully functional indefinitely and will be able to manage up to 2 TB of storage – however with limited technical support.

“The ever-increasing market acceptance of our Data Storage Server technology continually validates our many years’ of commitment to providing the best-in-class scalable storage management solutions for the SMB and SME markets. To help enable new users to recognize the power in our software, we are very excited to be able to offer our DSS Lite storage management software free of charge for a limited time to IT professionals and organizations around the world,” said Krzysztof Franek, President and CEO of Open-E. “We are confident that organizations of all sizes will discover how easily its flexible design will allow them to quickly install and create effective NAS and/or IP-SAN/iSCSI solutions that can adapt to and solve their simplest to the most complex storage needs, significantly increasing their workflow efficiency and ROI.”

**About Open-E's Data Storage Server (DSS)**

Open-E's Data Storage Server (DSS) provides a fast, reliable, and scalable platform for IP Storage and is one of the easiest ways of implementing a NAS server and/or an iSCSI technology in a network. The DSS can be used with all x86 PCs containing USB ports, an IDE controller and an additional SATA controller on the main board or hardware controller.

DSS is built on Open-E's industry recognized NAS and iSCSI software technology which is noted for its performance, superior security, stability and management advantages. With 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 DSS can support software RAID, so users can create software RAID over single hard drives or over existing hardware RAIDs.

Professionals and organizations interested in obtaining Open-E's software may visit the company's website at [www.open-e.com](http://www.open-e.com), where guidelines and rules for the free download may be found.

### **About Open-E**

Open-E, Inc. is a pioneering leader and developer of IP-based storage management software with headquarters in the United States and Europe. Its DSS, NAS-R3 and iSCSI-R3 product lines, aimed at the SMB and SME markets, enjoy a multi-national reputation for best-in-class performance, flexibility, reliability, scalability and return-on-investment. Open-E GmbH, located in Puchheim near Munich, Germany, houses the company's development and European sales/marketing functions. The company's tested, high-performance software is made simple, allowing system integrators to build massive, stable, secure and easy to use storage systems.

Open-E distributes its products through a worldwide partner network that are established in the storage and networking markets. For more information about Open-E and Open-E products please visit [www.open-e.com](http://www.open-e.com).

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