



**Press Release
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OPEN-E OFFERS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FREE STORAGE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

Schools, High Schools and Universities Will Receive a Full Version of Open-E's Data Storage Server (DSS) With Purchase

Puchheim, Germany - March 18th, 2008 - Open-E, a leading developer of innovative storage management software, is giving schools and universities an unprecedented “buy-one-get-one-free” offer. With every purchase of Data Storage Server (DSS) 16 TB, the participating educational institution will get a second full version of the software at no additional cost to be used for educational purposes. This promotion will continue until June 30, 2008.

“Educational institutions are often in a dilemma: On one hand they want to train their students with innovative solutions. On the other hand, they very often have to do so on small budgets,” explains Krzysztof Franek, President and CEO of Open-E. “We therefore would like to support private and public institutions like schools, high schools and universities by offering them a free version for educational purposes with every DSS 16 TB they purchase. Pupils and students can then work with innovative, state-of-the-art software without burdening their budgets further.”

Open-E’s DSS is an optimized storage operating system. This all-in-one software for centralized IP storage management combines NAS-technology with iSCSI-functionality, while also supporting Fibre Channel. Open-E's solutions are especially tailored for volume and data replication, back-up and recovery, as well as snapshot-technology. Open-E's DSS is known for its excellent cost performance ratio, is quickly installed and simple to manage.

With this offer, Open-E hopes to give private and public schools, who tend to have more constrained purchasing budgets, the ability to expose students to the most innovative and cutting-edge storage solutions available.

About Open-E's DSS

Open-E's DSS software provides a fast, reliable and scalable platform for IP storage and remains 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, 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 is established in the storage and networking markets. For more information about Open-E and Open-E products please visit www.open-e.com.

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