Network Appliance Enhances Enterprise gFiler Gateway Solution

gFiler systems bring NetApp unified storage appliance simplicity to customers SAN storage environments; deliver business continuance solutions, including easy and fast load distribution with SnapMover; and expand storage array support

Network Appliance, Inc. (NASDAQ: NTAP) today announced that NetApp enterprise gFiler now supports unified NAS and SAN consolidation for an expanded set of storage environments. NetApp announced its first gFiler storage partnership with Hitachi Data Systems in December 2002 and today adds IBM storage system platforms to its list of supported arrays. The new gFiler for IBM storage systems will be sold by NetApp through its direct sales and channel partners; gFiler solutions for other storage arrays will continue to be sold through our array partners. Todays expanded gateway support offers even more customers the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of NetApp simplicity and robust data management in their storage infrastructures and broadens the NetApp market opportunity. NetApp gFiler brings unique storage management tools to installed SAN environments enabling customers to introduce IP storage benefits into the data centre while protecting their Fibre Channel SAN investment. Replete with powerful new software such as SnapMover (also unveiled today), gFiler is poised as the industrys most robust storage system for heterogeneous array environments. NetApp gFiler is a special-purpose, highly optimised multiprotocol storage appliance that seamlessly integrates into Fibre Channel SAN fabrics, enabling customers to leverage NetApp high-performance and scalable data management solutions, consolidating disparate DAS, NAS and SAN islands into a common open storage pool. The release of iSCSI support on gFiler complements the systems existing NAS capabilities and enables affordable, cost-effective storage consolidation; provides data accessibility to a broader range of servers and applications; and helps todays business share its valuable data across wider corporate networks. The solution maximises customers existing investments in SAN infrastructures to provide scalable, high-performance access services using inexpensive and broadly deployed Ethernet networks. The resulting consolidation of storage maximises flexibility in planning storage growth, improves storage utilisation and taps the full value of existing storage systems when combined with NetApp storage systems and software. For customers who have deployed Fibre Channel SANs, load distribution between gFiler systems is simplified with the unveiling of new load distribution software called NetApp SnapMover. SnapMover is specially designed for SAN environments to provide a simple, fast and seamless way to distribute data between gFiler systems, without physical copying and while still maintaining high levels of system availability and performance. Plus, gFiler customers for the first time can leverage the complete portfolio of NetApp business continuance and data permanence solutions, including synchronous SnapMirror, MetroCluster, SyncMirror and SnapLock Enterprise. NetApp is also expanding the gFiler system solution to include support for the IBM Enterprise Storage Server line of disk storage systems. New and existing IBM ESS customers can now leverage the simple, reliable and rich NetApp solution sets while maximising investment protection and ROI through increased utilisation of IBM SAN storage. The gFiler series is in the final stages of completing the IBM TotalStorage Proven interoperability and certification program. Achieving IBM TotalStorage Proven status ensures customers that the integrated solution is validated to work reliably and efficiently with IBM ESS disk storage systems. IBM Global Services will also provide professional services to ensure successful worldwide deployments of NetApp gFiler with IBM Storage. Customers need solutions that extend their SAN deployments with additional capabilities for cost-effective data consolidation and file sharing over broader corporate networks, said Mark Santora, senior vice president of Marketing at Network Appliance. Customers can now deploy the NetApp gFiler enterprise storage system to expand and enhance the functionality of their existing SAN infrastructure and easily provision SAN storage for NAS and SAN applications. NetApp is able to provide a best-in-class solution that helps customers integrate storage resources on their own terms, according to their own needs and without compromise. Availability Designed for heterogeneous storage environments, the GF960, GF940 and GF825 and clustered versions scale in capacity to 48TB and are available immediately. The gFiler series for IBM Enterprise Storage Servers will be available through NetApp and the gFiler series for Hitachi Freedom Storage is available exclusively through Hitachi Data Systems. 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