



Intel® ESAA Newsletter - March 2009

Coming Soon: Intel® Xeon® Processor 5500 Series Recipes!

Intel® Server Boards and Systems based on the new Intel® Xeon® Processor 5500 Series will be available March 30th - and so will 48 recipe guides for configuration of solutions on this powerful new platform. Visit www.intel.com/go/esaa to see the entire list. More recipes will be added in the months to come. You can sign up for our recipe RSS feed <http://feeds.esaa-members.com/RecipeRSS> or follow us on Twitter <http://twitter.com/intelesaa> to get instant notification.

Intel® ESAA Now an Automatic Benefit to Intel Channel!

Intel® Premier and Associate Members now have instant access to the Intel ESAA site from the Intel Reseller Center: <http://intel.com/reseller>. Look for the links in the "My benefits" and "My announcements" tab.

Storage and Virtualization Solutions Webinars On-Demand

Missed our recent webinars? You can still view them on-demand! Visit <http://www.esaa-members.com/index.php/pages/webinars> to see the complete list of webinar and demo resources.

Top 5 Recipe Downloads for March:

1. VMware* Infrastructure* 3 Installation Guide for ESX 3.5 - Intel® Modular Server
2. Open-E* Data Storage Server* - Intel® Modular Server
3. Intel® System Management Software 3.0 for Intel® Server Products
4. VMware* Infrastructure* 3 Installation Guide for ESXi 3.5 Installable - Intel® Modular Server
5. (TIE) Parallels* Virtuozzo Containers* 4.0 Installation on Red Hat* Enterprise Linux* Operating System - Intel® Modular Server & Oracle* Application Server* 10.1.3 Installation on a Red Hat Linux* Operating System - Intel® Server Board S5000VSA

Want to Be the Star of a Video Case Study?

Would you like to be featured in an all-expense-paid video case study showcasing your company and a recent customer win? Sell an Intel Modular Server/VMware Virtual Infrastructure solution into a small to mid-market size company between December 10th, 2008 and March 31st, 2009 and let us know about it! Visit www.vmware.com/go/videopromo and complete the simple on-line form. As an added bonus, the first 50 submissions received on February 16th, 2009 after 12:00 AM PST will automatically receive a free workstation license from VMware (approximate value \$189 USD).

Intel® ESAA Partner News:

Coming Soon: Change to VMware Pass-Through System Certification Process

Intel ESAA Partners who wish to have their Server Platforms published on the online VMware Hardware Compatibility Guide should note a new procedure that goes into effect April 1, 2009. Moving forward VMware Server Virtualization submissions will be handled directly with VMware through their System Builder Program. For more details on the VMware System Builder Program, please go to www.vmware.com/partners/vip/system-builders/. For specific questions on this change, please email SystemBuilderHCL@VMware.com.

Now Available: Version 7.4 of Astaro Gateway

Including HTTPS URL Filtering, WAN link balancing and site-to-site SSL VPN capabilities, version 7.4 boasts more than 200 new security features and upgrades. Astaro's Web Security engine has been enhanced to block programs which are used to evade security policies by abusing HTTPS, a common port used for secure web surfing. The release also features new WAN link balancing, which combines the use of multiple

Internet connections. Astaro provides the ability to balance up to eight individual connections with a single click which automatically balances all connections. Additionally, Astaro's 7.4 release extends its popular road warrior SSL VPN technology to site- to-site, allowing users to create permanent tunnels between Astaro Gateways. Astaro's site-to-site SSL VPN provides a simple means of permanently connecting two gateways while supplying the security level of an IPsec VPN tunnel.

For more information, visit www.astaro.com. To download a recipe for configuration of the Astaro Security Gateway on the Intel® Modular Server, visit: <http://www.esaa-members.com/index.php/recipes/recipeSummary/615>

Univa UD UniCluster Certifies Latest Version as "Intel Cluster Ready"

Now available: The ICR-certified version of UniCluster 4.1, the leading cluster management solution that offers a single support path for all components in its integrated stack. With ICR certification, UniCluster helps customers to simplify the purchase, deployment and management of Intel processor-based HPC clusters. Now that UniCluster is ICR-certified, end users can be confident their clusters will perform as expected, right out of the box. A Cluster-Ready UniCluster platform makes it easier for end users to acquire clusters and deploy them to run applications and can significantly reduce the costs and risks associated with implementing a new technology. The product is available for download at www.grid.org.

Red Hat Virtualization Strategy for 2009 - And Beyond

As part of Red Hat's strategy to offer customers a complete set of virtualization solutions that allow the entire spectrum of enterprise workloads to run on one common infrastructure, we've announced plans to deliver the Red Hat Enterprise virtualization portfolio. Learn more: <http://www.redhat.com/virtualization-strategy/?intcmp=7016000000HizEAAS>

In response to strong customer demand, Red Hat and Microsoft have signed reciprocal agreements to enable increased interoperability for the companies' virtualization platforms. Each company will join the other's virtualization validation/certification program and will provide technical support for their mutual server virtualization customers. Learn more: <http://www.redhat.com/promo/svvp/>

Coming Soon: SANmelody 3.0 and SANsymphony 7.0

DataCore previewed the next major release of its SANmelody* and SANsymphony* storage virtualization software at VMworld Europe 2009 this week. SANmelody 3.0 and SANsymphony 7.0 will ship next month with 64-bit software architectures and new features for virtual server users. SANsymphony virtualizes enterprise storage-area networks (SANs), while SANmelody is aimed at smaller Fibre Channel (FC) and iSCSI SANs up to 32 TB. Both provide management features such as virtual disk pooling, synchronized mirroring for high availability, load balancing and thin provisioning. To learn more, visit: http://www.datacore.com/products/prod_sanmelody.asp

Now Available: Novell* PlateSpin Protect* Solution Recipes

PlateSpin* offers extensive solutions for the management of heterogeneous workloads that encapsulate data, applications and operating systems residing on a physical or virtual host. These solutions improve the speed and quality of server consolidation, data center relocation and disaster recovery. PlateSpin* delivers support for mixed infrastructure environments and workload lifecycle management and optimization for Linux*, UNIX* and Windows* operating systems in the physical and virtual data center. Recipes are now available for the Intel® Server Board S5000PAL and Intel® Modular Server platforms. Learn more at <http://www.novell.com/promo/platespin.html>.

StorMagic SvSAN and Virtual Appliances

With its recently announced SvSAN—a virtual SAN based on the existing direct attached storage found in most virtualized servers—StorMagic is aiming to simultaneously deliver storage value to, and release trapped business functions within, VMware ESX installations. Targeted carefully for medium-size business users, SvSAN promises high end features and functions without the cost and complexity of traditional SAN approaches. For more, visit http://www.stormagic.com/CaseStudies/pdf/ESG_Brief_StorMagic_SvSAN_Feb_09.pdf. StorMagic has also launched a new website for more resources on storage virtual appliances: www.storagevirtualappliance.com.