



## Intel® ESAA Newsletter - November 2009

### Help Us Build a Better Intel® Server Configurator Tool!

As a valued customer, your feedback and ideas are important to us and will be used to help us improve the tool to better meet your needs. We've created a short, 10 question survey to help us pinpoint specific features and improvements; we also want to hear your ideas on how to improve the tool. Remember, this is your tool so the more feedback you give us the better it will be! 50 people who complete the survey will be randomly selected to receive a \$10 USD Amazon gift card as our thank you for participating. The survey will be available through December 7th. Take it today!

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/survey-intro.zqi?p=WEB229W8KGQFQL>

### Register Now: Pass-Through Certification Webinar from Intel® ESAA

Learn how to take advantage of Intel® ESAA Pass-Through Certifications for system builders Webinar is December 15 at 10 AM PST. Register Now:

<https://event.on24.com/eventRegistration/EventLobbyServlet?target=registration.jsp&eventid=177998>

### Now Available: VMware vSphere\* 4 from Intel

Pre-validated combinations of VMware vSphere\* software and Intel® Server Products are now available at a discounted rate from Intel® Authorized Distributors:

<http://www3.intel.com/cd/channel/reseller/asmo-na/eng/products/server/436106.htm>

In addition, receive SMB training, enablement, demo licenses, and more by joining the free VMware System Builder Program: <http://www.vmware.com/partners/programs/system-builder/>.

### North America First Time Buyer Promotion for Intel® Server Board S3420GP — Ending Soon!

First-time buyers: get a rebate of up to \$250 when purchasing Intel® Server Board S3420GP or Intel® Server System SR1630GP through an Intel® Authorized Distributor. Promotion expires December 5th, 2009: <http://www3.intel.com/cd/channel/reseller/asmo-na/eng/promotion/306999.htm>

See all Intel® Server Board S3420GP recipes: <http://www.esaa-members.com/index.php/pages/recipeGroupList/2>

### New Recipes Posted: November

Oracle\* VM Server\* 2.2 Installation Guide - Intel® Server Board S5520UR

Platform\* Cluster Manager\* 1.2 Intel® Cluster Ready Configuration on Red Hat\* Enterprise Linux\* 5.3 - Intel® Server System SR1670HV

Citrix\* XenServer\* 5.5 Installation Guide - Intel® Server Boards S5520HC, S5500WB, S5500BC, S3420GP; Intel® Server Systems SR2612UR, SR1680MV, SR1670HV

VMware\* vSphere\* 4 Installation Guide for ESX\*/ESXi\* 4.0 - Intel® Server Board S3420GP; Intel® Server Systems SR1680MV, SR2612UR, SR1670HV, SR2612UR

Don't miss an update — get the Intel ESAA recipe RSS feed! <http://www.esaa-members.com/index.php/pages/rssFaq>

### Intel® ESAA Partner News:

#### Astaro Introduces Free Firewall Edition

Astaro now offers the free Astaro Security Gateway Essential Firewall edition. The Essential Firewall edition includes the necessary functions that all organizations need to secure their networks and operate a successful business. The Essential Firewall offers the same easy-to-use Graphical User Interface and is available as a software and virtual appliance. Additionally, users of the Essential Firewall edition will receive support through Astaro's user forum.

Features included in the Essential Firewall edition:

- Networking: Internet Router, Bridging, DNS server & proxy, DynDNS, DHCP server & relay, NTP support, automatic QoS
  - Network Security: Stateful Packet Inspection Firewall & Network Address translation
  - Remote Access: PPTP and L2TP over IPsec support (including iPhone support)
  - Logging/Reporting: Full logging on local hard drive, searching, real-time reports for hardware, network usage and network security, daily executive reports
  - Management: Web-based GUI in local languages, setup wizard, configuration backup & restore, administrator notifications, SNMP support, centralized management via Astaro Command Center
- Astaro offers the Astaro Security Gateway Essential Firewall edition as an easy-to-install download:  
 Software Appliance: [www.astaro.com/en/essential\\_firewall](http://www.astaro.com/en/essential_firewall)  
 Virtual Appliance: [www.astaro.com/en/essential\\_firewall\\_vmware](http://www.astaro.com/en/essential_firewall_vmware)

### **UnivaUD and Intel ROI Case Study: Private Cloud Computing at Corus AEG**

Intel and Univa just released a case study and ROI analysis that quantifies the benefits delivered at Corus Automotive Engineering from an infrastructure transformation based on the Intel® Xeon® Processor 5500 series processors and Univa private cloud software. The solution has delivered measurable benefits in less than three months, including an 80% reduction in systems administration time, cost savings exceeding \$115,000 and a 200% increase in application performance:  
<http://www.univaud.com/hpc/cloud-roi-study.php>

### **Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization for Servers — Now Available**

This end-to-end virtualization solution is designed to enable pervasive datacenter virtualization, significantly enhance capital and operational efficiency, and allow for datacenter optimization and consolidation. It is the ideal platform on which to build an internal or private cloud of Red Hat Enterprise Linux\* or Microsoft Windows\* virtual machines and provides robust virtualization management features, expanded virtualization performance and scalability, proven enterprise security, advanced hypervisor features, and a complete ecosystem of certified software and hardware.

Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization for Servers includes the following components:

- Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization Manager for Servers: a feature-rich server virtualization management system that provides advanced capabilities, including high availability and live migration, for hosts and guests
- Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization Hypervisor: a modern hypervisor based on KVM virtualization technology

Learn more: <http://www.redhat.com/virtualization/rhev/>

### **Red Hat Ranked as #1 Software Vendor for Fifth Time**

The CIO Insight Vendor Value Study recently ranked Red Hat as the No. 1 software vendor. Now in its seventh year, the "CIO Insight Vendor Value" study polled more than 650 IT executives on their general perception of the value of vendors' products and services along with their overall satisfaction with the support provided by those vendors. Red Hat was the highest-ranking software company on the overall list of IT vendors across all categories — software, networking, hardware and security. To top it off, Red Hat also topped the list for meeting vendor expectations for customer value, flexibility and responsiveness. See why IT executives keep Red Hat at the top of their list:  
<http://www.redhat.com/promo/vendor/?intcmp=701600000013MOAA0>

### **The Power of NetScaler In a XenServer-Compatible Virtual Appliance — FREE**

Citrix recently announced the release of Citrix NetScaler 9.1. One key product feature of NetScaler 9.1 is the VPX virtual appliance. This virtual appliance is easy to install and can be placed directly on any Citrix XenServer-compatible server and provides exceptional app acceleration, SSL-VPN and load balancing capabilities. VPX recipes will be available soon from Intel ESAA. For easy evaluation and limited production deployments, Citrix is offering NetScaler VPX Express Edition, which can be downloaded and activated at no cost:

<http://www.citrix.com/English/ss/downloads/results.asp?productID=21679>

### **Open-E's NEW DSS V6 (Data Storage Server)**

Open-E's NEW DSS V6 (Data Storage Server) is an all-in-one IP, Fibre Channel and InfiniBand storage operating system offering NAS, iSCSI and FC functionality in a single application with enhanced management and superior reliability. The DSS V6 is designed with both the simplicity and ease-of-use demanded by SMB users, and the advanced features required by Enterprise users. The trial version will enable you to test all of the DSS software features, including file sharing, automatic failover for high availability, snapshot copy for backup and volume replication for disaster recovery. The Free Trial

supports 120TB and can be used for up to 60 days: <http://www.open-e.com/products/>

#### **StorMagic SvSAN High Availability Kit**

Has the cost and complexity of external shared storage kept you up at night wondering if your VMware infrastructure is safe? High Availability has become a mandate for most organizations, even with the tough economic climate and strict budget allocations. The traditional approach of implementing an external SAN or NAS is too expensive and complicated for many organizations or departments. While VMware presents you with many of the advanced features enabling business continuity you still require the shared storage that unlocks those features. Stormagic's SvSAN HA Kit gives you the shared storage you need to unlock High Availability features such as VMware HA, VMotion and DRS. Continuous access to datastores maintains online applications and constant accessibility.

Download StorMagic's SvSAN HA Kit today and leverage the many benefits of having an "Always On" virtual infrastructure: <http://www.stormagic.com/HA30.php>



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