Westek Launches SANterprise at Storage Expo 2004

Westek's latest range of *SANterprise* iSCSI based storage systems will be on show at Storage Expo.

The advantages of iSCSI technology over conventional fibre channel SANs and even direct SCSI attached storage is obvious: using low cost Gbit Ethernet to connect servers to iSCSI storage systems results in a significant cost saving over fibre. It also means that storage can be located virtually anywhere and shared between servers over the LAN.

Using the latest fast S-ATA disk technology coupled with a high performance integrated hardware RAID engine, the SANterprise family provides amazing versatility and saleability, with up to 8 Terabytes of useable storage in a single 5U rack mount system.

To expand capacity, multiple units are simply added to the network and low cost Ethernet Switches are used to provide non-blocking expansion, increase bandwidth and provide multi-path redundancy in the network as required.

Westek's range includes compact 2U, 3U and 5U rack mount systems with 8, 12 and 24 hot swap disk drive bays in each unit. All iSCSI units have dual Gbit Ethernet Interfaces as standard (expandable) and have redundant hot swap power supplies.

Operating systems including Windows 2003 and most Linux flavours now include iSCSI initiator drivers as standard, and so creating an IP based SAN is simple for servers on the network. Each iSCSI storage unit appears as an iSCSI target device over the Ethernet LAN and the iSCSI storage capacity effectively appears as if it was directly attached to each server as a disk.

About Westek Technology

Westek Technology is a leading UK manufacturer of rack mount server and storage systems since 1987. Its products are installed in more than 70 countries worldwide and much of its output is OEM for major systems vendors.

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