Nominee: StarWind Software Inc.

Nomination title: StarWind iSCSI SAN & NAS

StarWind iSCSI SAN & NAS has taken the deserved place among the leading storage virtualization products for high performance, reliability, innovative approach, and advanced technologies. StarWind iSCSI SAN & NAS is the storage hypervisor that creates fault-tolerant and high performance storage within minutes. This is a truly hardware-agnostic solution that can be installed on any commodity server. This robust software is a perfect fit for SMBs that need to create highly available shared storage without large investments.

New configuration brings super benefits:

- 1. Quick ROI due to the effective utilization of JBOD and RAIDO.
- 2. Tolerance to double fault (failure of 2 out of 3 storage nodes), resulting in 99.9999% uptime.
- 3. The Active-Active configuration delivering 50% higher performance (compared to a 2-node cluster).
- 4. No single point of failure StarWind iSCSI SAN & NAS is a reliable, affordable storage virtualization solution that delivers an ideal mix of performance, simplicity and enterprise-class features, such as: Active-Active-Active High Availability, 3-Way Synchronous Data Mirroring, Automatic Failover and Failback, Remote Asynchronous Replication across a WAN, Clustered Scale-Out NAS, Continuous Data Protection (CDP), Snapshots, Global Deduplication, Thin Provisioning, High Speed Caching etc. and provides ultimate data protection.

StarWind iSCSI SAN & NAS is designed to work with VMware vSphere, Microsoft Hyper-V and Citrix XenServer virtual infrastructures.

Anchor Brewing Implements StarWind as a Storage Solution for Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI) "The stability has never been an issue, not even a single hiccup. This is a product I would highly recommend especially in the SMB market where budgets are always tighter and utilizing hardware for multiple purposes makes the management very happy." - Daniel Covell, IT Consultant of Anchor Brewing Company, Founder and President of The Covell Group LLC.

Reseaunance chose StarWind iSCSI SAN software for its shared storage "With the StarWind solution, Reseaunance obtained reliable SAN with advanced features. The StarWind storage solution offered security for our data. It can be scaled according to the company's storage needs with promised zero downtime and fast disaster recovery."

"...Data deduplication technology was exactly the thing we required, because it permits us to store a large amount of data without extending our existing storage." - Peter Tkatchenko, Director of Information Technology Department CMS Internet chooses StarWind SAN Software over EMC Clariion iSCSI SAN. "There were four reasons that we chose StarWind iSCSI SAN software instead of EMC Clariion iSCSI SAN: best price we found, flexibility of using software to build our own SAN, ability to separate network from storage, and superb level of support that we got." - Andy Kasdorf,

Network Infrastructure Engineer, CMS Interne Lawrence Academy chooses Starwind iSCSI SAN Software for shared storage.

"Since I installed the StarWind Server, I haven't touched it. No downtime: we just set it and forgot it." - Kyle Jones, IT Manager

Why nominee should win

- StarWind iSCSI SAN & NAS is a robust storage virtualization solution that ensures efficient management of datacentre.
- StarWind iSCSI SAN & NAS is cheaper than other competitive solutions on the market.
- StarWind iSCSI SAN & NAS has everything that is expected from a high-end storage appliance. It makes enterprise features affordable for SMBs.
- StarWind iSCSI SAN & NAS can be enhanced with StarWind VMware/Hyper-V backup. Storage and backup solutions are managed from a single console and ensure ultimate data protection.