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NEC Upgrades D-Series SAN Storage Lineup

Store, save, load, backup, everything is possible

Midrange customers are probably quite happy today, with so many storage devices being thrown at them from all directions nowadays. I mean, hardly do I finish reading one press release that I feast my hungry eyes on yet another. This time from NEC, announcing it has added a new and extremely expandable iSCSI modular model to the D-Series SAN storage lineup.

"In a 9 billion USD market, we estimate companies are overpaying by approximately 3 billion USD a year in order to buy a brand name," said Josh Eddy, product marketing manager, Advanced Storage Products, NEC Corporation of America. "Businesses can not and should not be overpaying for storage, nor should they have to give up functionality. NEC offers affordable, enterprise functionality and value, but we're not well known as a storage vendor in the U.S."

The new iSCSI D3i modular storage array has definitely been built with expandability in mind. Just think about it, you can go for the minimum size of 219 GB or add up to 11 2U 12-drive expansion enclosure and take maximum storage capacity to as high as 144 TB. As far as connectivity goes, each of the enclosures will communicate with the other via a 24Gbps bandwidth thanks to the SAS wide-link connection. The updated NEC D-Series SAN Storage lineup has recently been made available, however I haven't any clue as to what the pricing is.

"The current economic situation is definitely driving users to carefully prioritize what they're looking for in SANs, but it does not remove that other big concern of IT managers -risk," said Mark Peters, senior analyst at the Enterprise Strategy Group. "NEC may not be well known in storage but it is a very reputable brand and offers SANs with an excellent balance of features, pricing, dependability and scalability. Users looking for IT and economic efficiency may well want to try the product - and NEC's aggressive 30-day 'no-questions' test period will make that decision risk-free and far easier."

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