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AnexTEK Global Inc. Launches Network Attached Storage (NAS) Solution

The AccuSTOR NS100 provides cross-platform continuity, RAID support (Levels 0, 1 and 5), easy installation, Ethernet connectivity and manageability

HSICHIH, TAIWAN, Dec. 13, 2001—AnexTEK, a storage networking solutions provider wholly-owned by the Acer Group, today announced the shipment of its entry-level Network Attached Storage (NAS) appliance, the AccuSTOR NS100. Sporting a thin, 1U (1.75") design, the AccuSTOR NS100 offers 160 or 300 gigabytes of available storage space and features an easy-to-use Graphical User Interface (GUI), 4 hot-swappable IDE hard disk drives, a redundant cooling system, multiple RAID level support, and an embedded Linux Operating System with a small 4MB footprint via DiskOnChip® technology. The AccuSTOR NS100 installs in minutes, can be managed from any web browser on the network and can operate under more than one network Operating System, simultaneously. With simplified management features and reliable data availability, the AccuSTOR NS100 is suitable for file sharing among workgroups or small offices and it's so easy to operate it can even be used in the home.

"The amount of storage being processed at corporations is dramatically expanding," said Garth Naude, AnexTEK's Technical Marketing Manager. "As data consumption increases, so too does the complexity of storage subsystems and the demands placed on data administrators to manage those systems. The AccuSTOR NS100 is designed to offer a streamlined, multi-purpose Network Attached Storage solution that is easy to use and integrate. Administrators can configure the AccuSTOR NS100 quickly and painlessly, assign it to back up a high-traffic server, put it on a desktop to serve files for a workgroup, take it to a remote office to collaborate on projects or even use it as a personal file server. With numerous mid-ranged features and excellent administrative

functionality, we expect the AccuSTOR NS100 to attract traditional storage customers as well as first-time storage buyers.”

Key Features

- Installs in Minutes—as easy as plugging in the power adapter, plugging in a standard LAN cable, turning the unit on and then following a browser-based installation wizard to configure your system.
- RAID levels 0, 1, 5 and non-RAID (JBOD) support, as well as multiple RAID level configuration for increased storage flexibility
- Thin, 1U chassis (1U = 1.75” in height) fits in a standard rack or sits nicely on a desktop via a vertical stand
- Engineered with an Embedded Linux Operating System on a small 4MB footprint and with advanced Disk-OnChip® technology for enhanced performance
- Convenient Liquid Crystal Display with four function keys and event notification readout
- Supports up to 4 hot-swappable IDE ATA 66/100 hard disk drives
- Auto-sensing 10Base-T and 100Base-TX Ethernet connectivity
- Simultaneously compatible with virtually all major network Operating Systems including: Microsoft Networks (CIFS/SMB) and UNIX (NFS)
- User, group and file-level security
- Installed Veritas backup software agent facilitates tape backup through servers installed with Veritas backup software
- Auto-rebuilding hot-spare capabilities eliminates downtime
- Supports double-byte characters for Asian languages and supports extended file names
- Advanced management features including remote management and easy-to-use Web-based administration
- Redundant fans, system status LEDs, audible system fault alarm and automatic system fault E-mail notification

Streamlined Operating System

The AccuSTOR NS100 has no need for a complex, space-consuming Operating System. Instead, the AccuSTOR NS100 comes with a mere 4 megabyte Linux Operating System (OS) embedded on a chip (DiskOnChip®) located on the motherboard. All of the AccuSTOR NS100’s important software including the BIOS, OS and NAS engine software have been installed on the DiskOnChip instead of on the hard disk drives. An embedded OS helps save important hard disk space, avoids hard disk crashes, reduces the chances of malicious virus attacks and improves overall performance. And there are no costly per seat software licensing fees associated with the AccuSTOR NS100 and no additional software upgrade fees. Upgrades for the DiskOnChip® Linux Operating System are downloaded via the Web at no cost to the customer.

Data Protection

Multiple RAID level support offers users multiple backup options to suit the particular needs of their environment. With support for RAID levels 0, 1, 5 as well as JBOD (Just a Bunch of Disks), the AccuSTOR NS100 can be configured as four individual drives, one large drive or multiple drives operating multiple RAID levels. The AccuSTOR NS100 can also be configured to use all four hard drives, or three hard drives plus a hot spare. The AccuSTOR NS100 offers numerous event notification methods to inform the administrator in the event of device failure, including an audible fault alarm, LCD panel notification, LED system status notification as well as e-mail notification.

The AccuSTOR NS100 comes installed with a Veritas software backup agent. The agent allows content from the AccuSTOR NS100 to be copied directly to one or more backup servers or even to tape devices on the network. The backup is all scheduled from servers with installed Veritas backup software. The agent acts as a conduit between the server and the AccuSTOR NS100, allowing users additional protection for their data.

Multi-platform support

Cross platform file sharing in workgroup environments where there is a mix of Operating Systems can be a headache for IT managers. The AccuSTOR NS100 operates smoothly in heterogeneous environments and it communicates effortlessly through standard networking protocols (TCP/IP, NCP, UDP, AFP, HTTP, FTP and SNMP), enabling access, management, security and alerting capabilities to function instantly. The AccuSTOR NS100 also supports clients running popular operating software including Windows, Novell, UNIX, Linux and Apple.

Manageability & Connectivity

The AccuSTOR NS100 is a self-contained unit that offers easy storage access over a standard Ethernet cable. To install, plug in the power adapter, plug in a live Ethernet cable, power on the AccuSTOR NS100 and it configures in minutes thanks to a web-based installation wizard. To administer the NAS device, simply access the AccuSTOR NS100's Graphical User Interface (GUI) from any client on the network and go to the desired AccuSTOR NS100 management page on the Web. The AccuSTOR NS100's GUI is very user-friendly offering Windows-like functionality with point-and-click icons, colored screens, pop-up windows and a configuration wizard all accessible over the Internet. The Java-based GUI management software installed on the AccuSTOR NS100 can be run over a local or wide area network from any industry-standard browser. Thus, the AccuSTOR NS100 can be managed remotely or locally from any client with web access. From administering user accounts, maintaining the RAID subsystem, assigning users, to monitoring IO statistics, the AccuSTOR NS100's GUI simplifies storage management--a few mouse clicks and you're done. And reconfiguring the AccuSTOR NS100 takes only moments and doesn't interrupt client data access.

The AccuSTOR NS100 saves administration time and reduces disruptions to workgroups since it is attached to the network--if a server goes down, the AccuSTOR NS100 remains available to continually serve up files. The AccuSTOR NS100 allows administrators to add storage with no downtime; assign disk storage quotas; or assign access rights to users, workgroups and even to files. And moving frequently accessed files to the AccuSTOR NS100 can lessen the load on general-purpose servers and help eliminate potential throughput bottlenecks. The AccuSTOR NS100 also offers extended file name support for long file names, multiple-language support for global sales and double-byte character support for Asian languages.

"The AccuSTOR NS100 helps companies devote resources right where they're needed," says Naude. "Instead of assigning an expensive server, storage unit and IT personnel to manage workgroup data, companies can install an AccuSTOR NS100 in a data-demanding region of the organization, and then free up their servers, storage devices and IT personnel to perform more advanced tasks."

The AccuSTOR NS100 with 160GB and 300GB capacities is available through AnexTEK's network of distributors, system integrators and value-added resellers.

About AnexTEK

AnexTEK Global Inc. is a dedicated storage networking division of the Acer Group aligned under the Wistron (www.wistron.com) corporate umbrella. Established in April 2001, AnexTEK has positioned itself as a value-added and affordable IP-based storage networking solutions provider. AnexTEK currently offers mid-ranged DAS (Direct Attached Storage) systems with SCSI-to-IDE and SCSI-to-SCSI solutions, integrated NAS (Network Attached Storage) solutions and will produce SAN (Storage Area Network) solutions as well as integrated Multimedia storage solutions in the near future. AnexTEK also provides storage-based digital security solutions to meet the long-term requirements of data-rich digital video surveillance systems. AnexTEK is promoting its products through its network of sales channels in Australia, Greater China, the Middle East, Singapore and South Africa. AnexTEK is currently targeting ASPs, IDCs, ISPs, SSPs, VARs and small-to-medium-sized businesses. Wholly owned by the Acer Group, AnexTEK in its first full year of operation is expected to contribute positively to the earnings of its parent company. For more information about AnexTEK and AnexTEK products, please visit <http://www.anextek.com> or call (8862) 2696-7500.

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