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Hello and welcome to the April 2017 issue of the [Server StorageIO update newsletter](#).

Spring is here in the northern hemisphere which means that there is a lot of things going on, or about to be occurring soon. April has been a busy month for me including spending time in Europe doing some seminar and workshop presentations, along with other consulting advisory activities.

Besides travel, I have been busy working on client projects, attending to various post-production activities for my new book [Software Defined Data Infrastructure Essentials](#) (more about this in the May issue). Other things I have been doing include being briefed on upcoming technology announcements along with some hands activities trying out things that will be covered in future updates, as well as working with some interesting NDA items that, well, are NDA.

Be sure to check out the recent blog posts, as well as industry trends perspectives commentary below, along with recent and upcoming webinar among events.

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Server StorageIOblog Posts

Recent and popular Server StorageIOblog posts include:

- [VMware vSAN 6.6 hyper-converged \(HCI\) software defined data infrastructure](#)
- [VMware vSAN V6.6 Part II \(just the speeds feeds features please\)](#)
- [VMware vSAN V6.6 Part III \(reducing costs complexity\)](#)
- [VMware vSAN V6.6 Part IV \(HCI scaling ROBO and data centers today\)](#)
- [VMware vSAN V6.6 Part V \(vSAN evolution and summary\)](#)
- [Software Defined, Cloud, Bulk and Object Storage Fundamentals](#)
- [Cisco Next Gen 32Gb Fibre Channel NVMe SAN Updates](#)
- [March 2017 Server StorageIO Data Infrastructure Update Newsletter](#)

View other recent as well as past [StorageIOblog posts here](#)

Server StorageIO Commentary in the news

Recent Server StorageIO industry trends perspectives commentary in the news.

[Via SearchCloudComputing](#): Virtual private clouds an alternative to on-premises computing
Hybrid clouds continue to grow in popularity as well as deployed usage, from storage to compute to networking, said Greg Schulz, the senior advisory analyst at StorageIO in Stillwater, Minn. Most cloud and service providers talk about hybrid along with public clouds, while AWS tends to talk about [VPC aka virtual private clouds].

[Via SearchDataCenter](#): Ask the right questions before committing to a collocation SLA policy
Do you just need a physical space to put things, or do you need high bandwidth and ultra-reliable power? asked Greg Schulz, senior advisory analyst at StorageIO, a consultancy in Stillwater, Minn.

[Via EnterpriseStorageForum](#): Tips for Enterprise SSD Form Factor Selection Deployment
It's doubtful that there is one form factor to rule them all. Some may be best for X but lousy for Y. But Greg Schulz, an analyst at StorageIO Group notes that many vendors attempt to champion a particular flash SSD form factor and interface, claiming it's the best and only fit for the enterprise.

[Via SearchITOperations](#): Storage performance analysis reveals IT's ongoing bottleneck
Sometimes it takes more than an aspirin to cure a headache, said Greg Schulz

[Via SearchDNS](#): Parsing through the software-defined storage hype
Beyond scalability, SDS technology aims for freedom from the limits of proprietary hardware, explained StorageIO analyst Greg Schulz.

[Via InfoStor](#): Data Storage Industry Braces for AI and Machine Learning
AI could also lead to untapped hidden or unknown value in existing data that has no or little perceived value, said Greg Schulz.

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Events and Activities

Recent and upcoming event activities.

May 11, 2017 - [Webinar](#) - Email Archiving, Compliance and Ransomware

May 8-10, 2017 - Dell EMCworld - Las Vegas

April 3-7, 2017 - Seminars - [Dutch workshop seminar series](#) - Nijkerk Netherlands

March 15, 2017 - Webinar - [SNIA/BrightTalk](#) - [HyperConverged and Storage](#) - 10AM PT

See more webinars and activities on the [Server StorageIO Events page here](#).

Server StorageIO Industry Resources and Links

Useful links and pages:

[Microsoft TechNet](#) - Various Microsoft related from Azure to Docker to Windows
[storageio.com/links](#) - Various industry links (over 1,000 with more to be added soon)
[objectstoragecenter.com](#) - Cloud and object storage topics, tips and news items
[OpenStack.org](#) - Various OpenStack related items
[storageio.com/protect](#) - Various data protection items and topics
[thenvmeplace.com](#) - Focus on NVMe trends and technologies
[thesddplace.com](#) - NVM and Solid State Disk topics, tips and techniques
[storageio.com/converge](#) - Various CI, HCI and related SDS topics
[storageio.com/performance](#) - Various server, storage and I/O benchmark and tools
[VMware Technical Network](#) - Various VMware related items

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