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Hello and welcome to this February 2015 Server and StorageIO update newsletter. The new year is off and running with many events already underway including the recent USENIX FAST conference and others on the docket over the next few months.

Speaking of FAST (File and Storage Technologies) event which I attended last week, here is a link to where you can download the conference proceedings.

In other events, VMware announced version 6 of their vSphere ESXi hypervisor and associated management tools including VSAN, VVOL among other items.

This month’s newsletter has a focus on server storage I/O performance topics with various articles, tips, commentary and blog posts.

Watch for more news, updates and industry trends perspectives coming soon.

Commentary In The News

Following are some StorageIO industry trends perspectives comments that have appeared in various print and on-line venues. Over at Processor there are comments on resilient & highly available, underutilized or unused servers, what abandoned data is costing your company, align application needs with your infrastructure (server, storage, networking) resources.

Also at processor explore flash based (SSD) storage, enterprise backup buying tips, re-evaluate server security, new tech advancements for server upgrades, and understand cost of acquiring storage.

Meanwhile over at CyberTrend there are some perspectives on enterprise backup and better servers mean better business.

View more trends comments here
Tips and Articles

So you have a new storage device or system.

How will you test or find its performance?

Check out this quick-read tip on storage benchmark and testing fundamentals over at BizTech. Also check out these resources and links on server storage I/O performance and benchmarking tools.

View recent as well as past tips and articles here.

StorageIO blog posts

Recent StorageIO blog posts include:

- I/O, I/O how well do you know about good or bad server and storage I/Os?
- Server and Storage I/O Benchmarking and Performance Resources
- Server and Storage I/O Benchmark Tools: Microsoft Diskspd (Part I and Part II)
- Server and Storage I/O Benchmarking 101
- VMware announces vSphere V6 & associated virtualization technologies

View other recent as well as past blog posts here.

Resources and Links

Check out these useful links and pages:

- storageio.com/links
- objectstoragecenter.com
- dataprotectiondiaries.com
- storageperformance.us
- thessdplace.com
- storageio.com/raid
- storageio.com/ssd

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