

ONStor and Hammer Announce Distribution Agreement (6/6) "As part of the continuing drive to grow its range of complete, enterprise-class solutions...Hammer, has confirmed an agreement to distribute ONStor's NAS Gateways. ONStor...selected Hammer to strengthen its channel strategy...The agreement also recognizes the general move away from a strong reliance on tier one products in meeting customers' storage requirements..."

(http://www.onstor.com/pr_5_6_2006.php;
Accessed 6/8/06)

TECHNOLOGY AND PRODUCTS

Hammer Z-Series Network Storage Line Now Shipping (6/8) "Hammer Storage...announced that its new line of network storage, the Hammer Z-Series, is now shipping...Bell Microproducts expanded the Hammer line to fill a disparity in the market by adding Zetera Corporation's...Z-SAN Storage-over-IP (SoIP) technology to create the Hammer Z-Series...The Z-Series product family is enabled by Zetera's Z-SAN technology...a technology...that delivers on the vision of SoIP. SoIP uses Internetworking Protocol (IP) as the only storage fabric, eliminating the need for costly controllers, dedicated switches and RAID controllers that also serve as performance bottlenecks...The first Hammer Z-Series solutions include the Z-Box desktop and the Z-Rack 1U rackmount solutions with capacities of up to two terabytes per device...The Hammer Z-Series offers several exclusive features...Eliminates need for and cost of specialized hardware like Fibre Channel switches, host-bus adapters, TCP offload engines and RAID controllers...Aggregates for capacity up to 128 PB per volume across multiple enclosures...Aggregates for performance of 10+ GB/sec across multiple enclosures...Distributed RAID delivers hardware RAID functionality and the ability to extend RAID volumes across physical enclosures...Multi-initiator file system delivers NAS-like file and volume sharing on a block-based device...Z-SAN technology from Zetera simultaneously optimizes on performance, scalability, reliability and cost..."

([http://www.hammer-storage.com/downloads/Press%20Release%20Hammer%20Shipping%20FINAL%206-7-06%20\(2\).doc](http://www.hammer-storage.com/downloads/Press%20Release%20Hammer%20Shipping%20FINAL%206-7-06%20(2).doc); Accessed 6/8/06)

Dell Simplifies Storage (6/7) "Dell...announced new disk, tape and management products designed to simplify storing, managing and protecting data for enterprises of all sizes. In a related move, Dell...unveiled the ninth generation of its PowerEdge servers featuring customer-inspired design enhancements that can boost performance, reliability and manageability...Dell's storage initiative spans a broad array of products including direct-attached storage (DAS), network-attached storage (NAS), storage area network (SAN) and tape. With the worldwide introduction of two new Dell Storage Servers, Dell is significantly enhancing its NAS portfolio. Optimized for file sharing, designs of both NAS products were designed on Dell's ninth generation of industry-standard PowerEdge 2900 and PowerEdge 2950 servers...For SAN environments, Dell is offering customers streamlined deployment and management capabilities by integrating Dell IT Assistant management software with EMC's Navisphere software.

INSIDER TRANSACTIONS*

Filed in recent months, sorted by number of shares (35,000 shares and above)

Sales			Shares ('000)			
DELL	S.E.Sheskey	Officer	263	1/4	\$30.85	S
NTAP	T. Mendoza	President	402	12/27-3/17	\$28.13-\$35.11	S
NTAP	J. Lau	VP	300	12/6-6/2	\$28.14-\$36.97	S
NTAP	D. Hitz	VP	200	12/15-4/20	\$27.69-\$37.93	S
NTAP	S. Semmoto	Director	67	3/20-3/21	\$34.95-\$35.06	S
STX	D. Wickersham	CO	172	1/26-3/3	\$25.78-\$28	S
STX	M. Kryder	Officer	151	2/1	\$25.80	S
STX	R. Whitmore	Officer	72	1/31	\$25.99	S
STX	J. Chirico	SVP	185	1/25-3/3	\$25.66-\$28	S
SUNW	B. Plaga	Officer	35	1/31	\$4.50	S
WDC	M.E.Massengill	Director	655	12/12-12/22	\$18.87	S
WDC	A. Shakeel	EO	90	1/30	\$21.92	S
WDC	R. Bukaty	GC	58	1/30	\$21.79	S
WDC	S. Milligan	FO	40	1/30	\$21.95	S
Purchases						
DELL	M. Dell	Director	5,355	1/3	\$12.45	P
DELL	S. Sheskey	Officer	640	1/4	\$1.37	P
NTAP	T. Mendoza	President	336	12/23-3/17	\$9.99-\$16.25	P
NTAP	J. Lau	VP	60	3/17	\$11.25	P
NTAP	S. Semmoto	Director	50	3/17	\$15.32	P
STX	R. Whitmore	Officer	50	1/31	\$10.00	P
WDC	M.E.Massengill	Director	500	12/22	\$6.77	P
WDC	A. Shakeel	EO	94	1/30	\$9.52	P

* Sources: Baseline and Bridge. Certain trade dates may be approximations.

Customers now can manage Dell/EMC SAN environments...via a single management console. To address customers' requirements for...storage optimization, Dell is expanding disk drive technology on PowerVault MD1000 DAS systems to include support for Serial ATA (SATA) II disk drives. This technology is available in addition to previously announced configurations supporting 3.5-inch Serial Attached SCSI (SAS) drives. Dell is also...expanding its line of PowerVault ML6000 tape libraries with the PowerVault ML6030 control module (CM) and PowerVault ML6000 expansion module (EM). These modular tape products feature intelligence and self-diagnostic capabilities..."

(http://www.dell.com/content/topics/global.aspx/corp/pressoffice/en/2006/2006_06_07_rr_000?c=us&l=en&s=corp; Accessed 6/8/06)

Symantec to Support Linux (6/7) "Symantec...announced an agreement with IBM that provides for the delivery of Symantec high availability, storage management, and backup products for the Linux on POWER platform by the end of 2006. These solutions will help clients consolidate Linux applications on the IBM System p platform, leveraging the benefits of IBM's...System p hardware platform and Symantec's...data center infrastructure software. The announcement is another example of Symantec's commitment to support all major UNIX, Linux and Windows platforms in the data center, enabling customers to standardize on a consistent software infrastructure across heterogeneous environments...The deal extends the strong engineering relationship between the two companies that began in April 2000. In addition, IBM will resell Symantec's Veritas Cluster Server and the Veritas Storage Foundation family of products with IBM System p servers for AIX and Linux on POWER in the U.S. Federal and Japan markets. The addition of Symantec's high availability and storage management software...to the IBM resell portfolio of System p software...enhances IBM's ability to offer clients integrated solutions in the key market segments of U.S. Federal and Japan. The agreement also includes a commitment by Symantec to port these products and Veritas NetBackup