

# Rainfinity launches Heterogeneous NAS Management

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Rainfinity today introduces its RainStorage network attached storage (NAS) management appliance, the storage industry's first system to provide non-disruptive data migration across multi-protocol NAS environments. The plug-and-play appliance optimises utilisation and increases ROI by providing the ability to move data across volumes and NAS systems without restricting client or application access to those storage systems.

"Ideally, data migration should be uneventful, not an event," said Mike Fisch, Director, Storage and Networking for analysts The Clipper Group. "If the storage industry will realise its promise of a brighter future, data movement must be less painful and disruptive than it often is today. Rainfinity addresses this need with RainStorage, a solution that makes file migration a normal, useful, and non-disruptive part of storage management."

The ActiveBand™ architecture of the RainStorage NAS management appliance enables it to move in-band during active migrations, then revert to out-of-band for uninterrupted network performance. This non-intrusive design enables easy implementation and does not require changes to end-user mount points or the deployment of software agents on servers or applications. The RainStorage architecture also eliminates concerns surrounding data integrity, disaster recovery, and throughput.

"With digital data demands continually multiplying, the inability to move and store data without impacting end-users and applications has become a significant enterprise storage dilemma," said John Schroeder, Rainfinity president and CEO. "RainStorage enables administrators to proactively manage NAS storage and perform consolidation, performance tuning, data re-architecting and lifecycle data management at any time while providing end-users full access to moving data – a first for the NAS industry."

The RainStorage NAS management appliance supports heterogeneous environments including multi-protocol support for Network File Systems (NFS) and Common Internet File Systems (CIFS). As the convergence of NAS and storage area networks (SAN) continues, the multi-protocol and multi-vendor support of the RainStorage solution allows customers to manage all NAS devices and access SAN data behind a NAS gateway.

Additional RainStorage features include:

- Web-based management console
- Self monitoring with automated recovery/restart functions
- Distributed deployment for multi-segment support and complex topologies
- Clustering support
- Command line interface, automated scripting capabilities
- Integration with industry standard management tools
- Support for NFS version 1 or version 2 using UDP or TCP

ÿ Support for CIFS NT level, Win2000, and Win2003

#### Availability and Pricing

RainStorage is available now. Pricing to support unlimited terabytes of NAS is \$80,000.

#### About Rainfinity

Rainfinity's patented award-winning products provide high availability and optimized performance of networked resources, from Internet connections and security to networked attached storage. Rainfinity's solutions plug and play into existing environments, simplify deployment and administration, and significantly reduce costs.

Rainfinity's solutions are deployed across industries by customers such as AT&T, Bayer Corporation, Dresdner Bank, Harvard Medical School and Qantas Airways, Ltd. Strategic partners include Check Point Software Technologies, Ltd., Hewlett Packard Company, Microsoft, Network Appliance, Inc., Sun Microsystems, Inc. and Symantec Corporation. The company is headquartered in San Jose, California, with offices worldwide. More information is available at [www.rainfinity.com](http://www.rainfinity.com)

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