

Cybernet Introduces First Integrated Linux File, Print and CD-ROM Server Appliance Software

New NetMAX Internet Appliance/Thin Server Software Delivers Simple, Low-Cost File and Print Sharing for Windows, Macintosh and UNIX Systems

Ann Arbor, Michigan, October 4, 1999 - Cybernet Systems Corporation today announced the industry's first Linux-based Internet file server appliance software to be available through retail channels. NetMAX FileServer, part of a suite of NetMAX thin servers, dramatically simplifies Linux server installation and management, and creates a network appliance that offers such enhanced capabilities as print and CD-ROM sharing, backup services and more. A relatively unsophisticated user can set up a NetMAX FileServer for Windows, Macintosh and UNIX systems in as little as 15 minutes through a few simple mouse clicks.

"The true power of the NetMAX FileServer is in simplifying Linux," noted Greg Emery, vice president of marketing for Cybernet. "While Linux is recognized for its power and rock-solid reliability for server applications, it's notoriously difficult to install and configure. We've simplified this configuration and management, while at the same time enhancing the package with a number of additional capabilities. This creates an extremely low-cost server appliance for virtually any application."

The NetMAX FileServer uses custom configuration code, tight component integration and an advanced graphical HTML interface to simplify setup of a fully functioning file, print and backup server. Setting up a typical Linux file server takes significant technical depth and potentially several days of configuration and "tweaking." The NetMAX FileServer, in contrast, can be set up by anyone that can use a web browser, and yet command-line access to the Red Hat™ Linux OS is simply a mouse-click away.

Run a fully functional file server, print server, and backup machine in 15 minutes

The NetMAX FileServer installs the operating system, file and print sharing software, and backup software. Minimal system information is required to get the system running; after installation (typically 15 minutes) the FileServer is sharing files, printers, and is capable of performing backups.

Share files and printers with Windows, Macintosh, and Unix clients

Everyone on the network can share files and printers, regardless of which operating system they run. The NetMAX FileServer also provides backup services to Unix, Windows and Macintosh clients.

Minimize the effects of hardware failure

Multiple hard drives can be added to the NetMAX FileServer to increase shared file space and allow the use of built-in disk redundancy features. Disk redundancy, either through mirroring or software RAID 5, ensures that a single hard drive failure will not

cause loss of data. NetMAX FileServer also provides for scheduling of full or differential backups, and backed-up data can be restored to either the server or any client on the network.

NetMAX FileServer includes and installs a Linux operating system based on the Red Hat (NASDAQ: RHAT) distribution, the Samba and Netatalk file/print sharing software, and backup software. All of the services are pre-configured and fully integrated; no other software is required. NetMAX FileServer is carried by leading retailers and distributors throughout North America, with an approximate street price of \$99. Separate press releases on the other products in the NetMAX server series are available on the Cybernet NetMAX web site (www.netmax.com) or by calling Alice Aoki at 408-441-4100.

About Cybernet

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