Product Reviews

MiraLink 1000

Summary: The MiraLink 1000 offers 600GB of mirrors storage through two systems at different locations and it receives our Editor's Choice Award for ingenuity and functionality.

Price: : $xx,xxx

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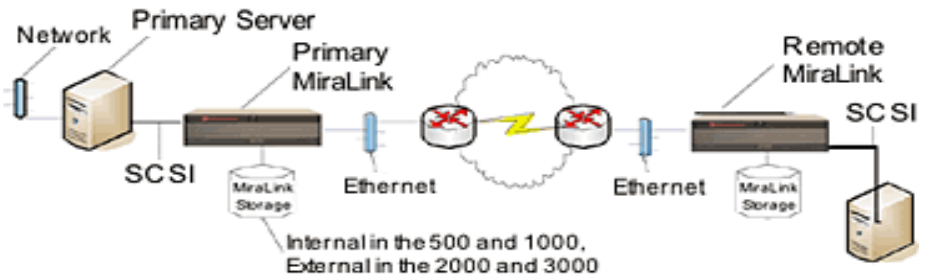# MiraLink offers an added security method by providing mirrored storage at alternate locations.

When the data on your file server is key to the success and operations of your company, simply backing up the data on regular intervals isn't enough to insure the correct rebuilding of transactional data. MiraLink, a Portland, Oregon company has a unique solution to this scenario and even offers an added security method in its approach by providing mirrored storage at an alternate location. The MiraLink 1000 wins our Editor's Choice Award for ingenuity and functionality.

When you order the MiraLink 1000, you actually receive two 4U rack-mountable appliances. One to be used in a primary location and the other mirrored storage device in a different location of your choice. This approach guarantees the data's safety in cases where theft, fire, water damage and weather-related situations destroy the appliance in one of the locations.

Each of the mirroring systems contains a computer with an Intel 3.4GHz processor with 1MB of Level 2 cache on an 800MHz bus, 2GB RAM and dual redundant 300-watt power supplies. The unit can house up to three Ultra 320 SCSI hard drives although one of them will be used by the system. Maximum storage capacity of the MiraLink 1000 is 600GB and you'll want to contain the same hard drive setup in both devices. The unit will work with almost every type of server including Windows, Linux, Novell and most of the UNIX brand of systems.

You can connect each the appliances directly to a server through the 68-pin high density SCSI connection and the mirroring capabilities are provided through the fast 10/100/1000Base-T Ethernet connection of the device. There are no distance requirements using the Ethernet connection, so logically your mirrored site could be housed in another company location or in the offices of a disaster recovery company. The possibilities are unlimited in regards to how you want to setup the two devices. Setup of the two MiraLink 1000 devices were rather to accomplish with a good working knowledge of your network and only required around 30 minutes or so to install each unit. The company's motto of "get it, set it, forget it" is quite accurate.

The price of the two MiraLink 1000 devices start at $xx,xxxx, which might be somewhat on the high side as far as storage devices are concerned however when you look at the data integrity that you can be assured of, it's well worth the price. For more information on the device and resellers visit the company's web site at **www.miralink.com**.

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