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MiraLink 1000

Summary: The MiraLink 1000 mirrors fileserver data from two completely different locations and it receives our Editor's Choice Award for uniqueness and performance. Price: \$14,000

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Web hosting companies know the importance of keeping customer web sites up. Whether it's the internet connection to your location or providing the most amount of uptime in regards to your fileserver. Another aspect should be the integrity of the data and although back ups are fine it usually involves some data loss. Enter the MiraLink 1000 that allows you to mirror your data in two different locations and this appliance wins our Editor's Choice Award for uniqueness and performance.

When you order the MiraLink 1000 you actually receive two of the appliance, one for you current fileserver system and another that is housed in a alternative location. The MiraLink has produced their own proprietary software that allows for this internet-based mirroring technology. Each of the units contain an Intel 3.4GHz processor, 1MB L2 cache, 2GB RAM and two 300-watt power supplies of which one of them is used as a redundant back up. This particular model of the

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appliance has three drive bays that house SCSI drives, one of them is used by the appliance and the other two offer a total of 600GB of storage data. The appliance sports a 68-pin SCSI adapter that connects to your server in addition to a 10/100/1000Base-T Ethernet port used for internet communications.



The 4U rack-mountable MiraLink 1000 works with most server systems on the market today and this includes several brands of UNIX and Linux as well as Windows and Novell networks. A good network administrator should be able to connect and configure each MiraLink unit in approximately 30 minutes. We think the company's slogan of "get it, set it, forget it" is right on the mark.

The mirroring capabilities of the MiraLink 1000 offer a unique solution to disaster recovery and data integrity. Because the mirrored data travels through the internet, there are no limitations as to the distance between servers. This means that a company can house one device in a standard fileserver room and the other located in a remote office, disaster recovery firm or another location that offers a different environment.

When you consider the security of knowing that the integrity

> of your data in a real time environment is protected, the cost of the MiraLink 1000 is well worth the price. You'll receive two of the appliances for an approximate price of \$14,000. Technical specs, white

papers and more information are available on the company's web site at www.miralink.com.



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