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ExaGrid Systems, an integrated storage and data protection solution provider founded in 2002, has recently announced Advanstor, a data storage and protection solution that combines primary Network Attached Storage (NAS) with a fully integrated suite of data protection capabilities. The value of the solution, according to ExaGrid, lies in its ability to ensure storage and protection, data availability and self management, and they feel it is a cost effective solution for mid-sized businesses and departments of large enterprises.

ColoSpace, a leading provider of colocation, managed hosting and disaster recovery services in the Northeast, is in trials with Advanstor, to support ColoSpace's own storage requirements, as well as provide a cost-effective foundation for disaster recovery services to its customers. "We provide our customers with carrier-grade facilities to store and protect their data and equipment, ensuring 100 percent uptime for their hosted applications and Internet presence," said Aaron Sawchuk, CTO of ColoSpace. "We evaluate new approaches and solutions to storage backup and recovery very carefully. We feel that Advanstor is a compelling approach to reducing costs - and inefficiencies - associated with backup and disaster recovery, while still allowing us to ensure the highest levels of protection and data integrity."

Addressing backup and disaster recovery issues, ExaGrid's intelligent infrastructure software - leveraging grid computing concepts - enables Advanstor to virtualize and optimize storage resources, automatically move/replicate data, and self heal - based on a centralized, easy-to-define policy. ExaGrid's software tightly integrates and manages a distributed set of commodity hardware components including high-performance NAS storage and repositories of self-managing Serial ATA (SATA)-based GRIDDisks.

"The ExaGrid Advanstor solution combines primary NAS storage, D2D backup and disaster recovery/avoidance, eliminating the need for backup software and tape libraries," said Tony Asaro, senior analyst for the Enterprise Strategy Group. "Advanstor makes the management of data as it moves through its lifecycle of primary, nearline, archival, and offsite a seamless part of its operations. Advanstor collapses painful and human resource-intensive processes into a single product that intelligently, easily and cost effectively manages it all. While other next-generation NAS solutions are focused on scalability and performance, ExaGrid has focused on nuts and bolts operations to solve painful IT challenges."

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“There is a real business challenge for companies to fully protect data and ensure disaster recovery,” said Mark Kaufman, president and CEO of ExaGrid Systems. “Firms that range from legal services to energy, manufacturing, financial services and pharmaceutical are facing ever increasing business and regulatory pressures to protect the constant growth of data. And protection must be accomplished without the staff or budgets to integrate and manage multiple storage software and hardware components. Advanstor is the only integrated storage and protection system that meets the demands and provides easy, fast and ultra-reliable data restores with plug-and-play simplicity.”

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