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Sanbolic Melio FS Provides High Availability and Live Migration for Hyper-V Virtual Machines Using Direct Attached Storage

SMB Customers Can Utilize Internal Storage on Host Servers to Deploy Hyper-V Clusters

New Orleans, Louisiana, June 9, 2010 Sanbolic announced today that Melio 2010 now supports creating highly available Hyper-V clusters using internal storage on host servers. Host servers can present internal storage to the network using an iSCSI target, such as the Microsoft Software iSCSI Target. Sanbolic's Melio 2010 RAID capability will mirror the target across servers for availability and then create a shared storage volume on the iSCSI targets that can be concurrently accessed by multiple Hyper-V host servers. This enables Live Migration of virtual machines across physical servers using System Center Virtual Machine Manager and Hyper-V native management, and allows the storage volume to remain available if one of the host servers fails, without the use of expensive SAN hardware.

Melio 2010 is a software suite built around a clustered file system and a clustered volume manager that provides concurrent shared access to SAN volume on any industry standard SAN hardware, or on internal storage presented as an iSCSI target. It also includes storage management features such as volume expansion on the fly, quality of service, and integration with Active Directory. Disaster recovery is enabled by a distributed VSS-based snapshot capability. Melio's self-contained snapshot reduces the I/O overhead and provides better storage utilization. Asynchronous Mirroring, which enables high availability for internal host storage, will be available in mid-June. Melio 2010 is recognized by Windows Server 2008 R2, Hyper-V, Windows Failover Clustering, and Microsoft System Center Virtual Machine Manager, which automatically configure a Sanbolic volume as an active-active storage resource, simplifying deployment.

"Hyper-V brings the benefits of server virtualization to SMB customers at a very low total cost of ownership," said Jim Schwartz, director of Solutions Marketing, Virtualization, Microsoft Corp.

"Sanbolic's software extends the benefits of highly available Hyper-V clusters to those customers who have not deployed SAN storage in their environment."

Sanbolic distributes its product solutions worldwide through a network of distributors, OEMs, VARs and system integrators. Sanbolic will be exhibiting at Microsoft TechEd in New Orleans June 7-10 in Booth 2440, and at the Microsoft World Partner Conference July 12-15 in Washington, D.C. in Booth 887. Evaluation software can be downloaded at www.sanbolic.com.

Sanbolic, Inc is a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner that provides software for managing virtual and cloud computing storage infrastructure using any industry standard SAN storage hardware. Sanbolic's product extends the capability of Windows applications by allowing SAN storage to be easily administered, expanded and reassigned, while supporting shared data access to improve application availability and/or application scalability. Further information about Sanbolic can be found on its website www.sanbolic.com.