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## **RackForce Deploys Next Generation Hosting Environment using Microsoft Hyper-V and Sanbolic's Melio clustered file system**

*Hyper-V and Melio clustered file system enable dynamic scalability in virtual dedicated servers for fast-growing hosting company*

**Bellevue, Washington. September 8, 2008** – Sanbolic, Inc., a leading developer of software to simplify and share SAN storage, today announced that RackForce Networks Inc. ([www.rackforce.com](http://www.rackforce.com)) has deployed Melio clustered file system in conjunction with Microsoft's Hyper-V for their newest virtual Dynamic Dedicated Server initiative. By enabling Hyper-V host and guest servers to have shared access to SAN storage resources, Melio FS provides new capabilities for migrating virtual machine resources and dynamically assigning storage for application data.

RackForce is one of the fastest growing Hosting Service Providers in North America. The company has three data centers in British Columbia, utilizing dual hydropower grids. A fourth facility, the 150,000 SF GigaCenter datacenter is currently in development.

"With our new Dynamic Dedicated Server model, the DDS-V, we have essentially separated resources - storage, processing and memory - from the physical container," said Brian Fry, VP of RackForce. "We have created a robust cloud computing environment using best-of-breed technologies and hardware and in doing so have eliminated most of the limitations associated with typical virtual private servers."

"Melio file system provides some key advantages for us," continued Fry. "It gives us the added functionality and flexibility needed to dynamically manage our SAN resources. This ultimately

allows us to respond nearly instantaneously to customer demand to scale computing and storage resources.”

Sanbolic’s Melio clustered file system and LaScala volume manager are designed to support Windows applications which benefit from central administration of a large virtual storage pool simultaneously accessed by multiple physical or virtual servers. Melio FS uses 64 bit architecture, allowing very large volume and file system sizes. These products install easily on physical or virtual servers, and can utilize any fibre channel or iSCSI storage hardware. Windows Active Directory and clustering features are supported. Reporting on storage I/O and transaction performance facilitates optimization of storage intensive workloads. The file system also incorporates quality of service assignment to allow prioritization of defined workloads in storage bandwidth-constrained environments.

Sanbolic software currently supports Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003 and Windows Server 2008. Sanbolic distributes its product solutions worldwide through a network of distributors, OEMs, VARs and system integrators.

Sanbolic will be exhibiting at the Microsoft Virtualization Launch in Bellevue, Washington on September 8, and at VMworld in Las Vegas September 15-18.

**About Sanbolic, Inc.**

Sanbolic, Inc is a Watertown, Massachusetts-based company that provides software for simplifying and sharing SAN storage. 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](http://www.sanbolic.com).

**About Rackforce**

RackForce is a leading provider of green data center infrastructure and network services from its strategically located facilities in the heart of British Columbia, Canada. Through its advanced data center design, automated systems and virtualization expertise it provides highly reliable On Demand servers, colocation and Internet connectivity to a world-wide customer base. Learn more about RackForce by visiting their website at: [www.rackforce.com](http://www.rackforce.com)

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