IT Trend Spotting

NetworkWorld

Why not iSCSI?

Fibre Channel over Ethernet gets all the hype for unifying data centres; is iSCSI not up to the task?

Even though Fibre Channel over Ethernet gets all the hype, iSCSI over Ethernet is just as capable of converging or unifying data centre servers, storage and networking, proponents say. 40/100G Ethernet needed, but too pricey.

The key component in the unified data centre is lossless Ethernet, according to Fibre Channel and iSCSI advocates. Yet there is a religious war brewing between the two camps on the best way to integrate storage into an Ethernet-based unified data centre fabric.

http://www.networkworld.com/news/2010/041510-iscsi-over-ethernet.html?page=1

Techworld

Almost 60 percent of European CIOs using cloud computing.

According to a new survey from IDC, nearly 60 percent of European CIOs are already using cloud services — and they may not even realise it.

http://www.cio.co.uk/news/3224819/almost-60-per-cent-of-european-cios-using-cloud-computing/

Computerworld UK

Microsoft: SMB tech spending on the rebound.

SMB technology spending will rise an average of 16 percent during the year, predicted survey respondents based in the UK, US, Canada, Brazil and India.

http://www.networkworld.com/news/2010/042110-microsoft-sme-tech-spending-on.html

IDG News Service

Storage revenue on the rebound, IDC says.

The storage business recovered strongly in the first quarter, showing clear signs that enterprises have shaken off the effects of the worldwide recession, at least when it comes to their fast-growing storage needs, IDC said Friday.

http://www.cio.com/article/595895/Storage_Revenue_on_the_Rebound_IDC_Says