



## HP Storage Essentials Wins Network World Clear Choice Award

HP Storage Essentials Enterprise Edition was honored with the Clear Choice Award for storage resource management (SRM) in the latest round of SRM testing by *Network World*.

HP Storage Essentials Enterprise Edition Software Suite provides customers with the monitoring, reporting, correlation, provisioning, and automation capabilities of traditionally separate point products for Storage Area Network (SAN) management, storage resource management (SRM), provisioning, and application management in a scalable, easy-to-use solution. Built on industry standards, Storage Essentials integrates with HP System Insight Manager (SIM) for advanced storage and server management.

"Storage Essentials' Clear Choice win demonstrates HP's continued leadership in addressing customer demand for standards-based, heterogeneous SRM and SAN management," said John Kelly, product marketing manager, Storage Software, StorageWorks Division, HP. "A cut above competitive offerings, Storage Essentials simplifies the administration of increasingly complex storage infrastructures, plays a key role in delivering unified server and storage management, and reduces the operational costs associated with IT management."

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The Clear Choice Award for SRM recognizes the leading product in its category based on *Network World* criteria. In this test, products were required to autodiscover a SAN comprising nine HBAs from QLogic and Emulex, two QLogic Fibre Channel switches, Nexsan SATABlade and SATABeast storage arrays, Windows 2000 and 2003 servers, and Red Hat ES 3.0 and 4.0 and SUSE Linux 10 servers. The IP network had three segments in a simulated WAN configuration and two SAN segments using LUN masking.

"Reporting tools are excellent, easy to use and powerful. Reports can include any of the thousands of details that the agents collect on the SAN, from user statistics, average use by port number to SAN storage use," *Network World* product reviewer, Logan Harbaugh, wrote on Storage Essentials.

*Network World* chose HP Storage Essentials exclusively over Symantec's Veritas CommandCentral Storage. Competitive products, including the Brocade Fabric Manager, Cisco Fabric Manager, CA StoreAge, Commvault Storage Manager, EMC SAN Manager, Hitachi HiCommand Storage Services Manager, IBM/Tivoli Storage Manager, and Softek Storage Manager, were also considered for the award but either did not meet the criteria or the vendors declined to participate.

The Storage Essentials Clear Choice Award win was announced in the December 4,

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