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Storage Thin Provisioning Gathers Steam

Broomfield, Colo. – Sunday, 5 August 2007 – Ray Lucchesi of Silverton Consulting (www.silvertonconsulting.com) has written an article for the September issue of InfoStor on storage array thin provisioning. Thin provisioning is like a number of inflatable castles in a hallway, any of the castles can expand as they are inflated. For thin provisioning, volumes expand as data is written to them.

Thin provisioning has been available from a few vendors in the past but recently a number of storage vendors have introduced this capability. In fact, HDS started supporting it within the last few months for their enterprise storage subsystem. Also in the mid-range space Equal Logic now supports thin provisioning.

Not all customers benefit from thin provisioning. It takes one who can be vigilant and willing to continuously monitor storage consumption. However, for these customers the savings from deferring storage purchase can be significant.

Even for the right customers not all application storage should be thinly provisioned. The article discusses a number of workloads that suffer when using thin provisioned storage.

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