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Open-E Launches Next Generation Software Defined Data Storage Software – Open-E JovianDSS

JovianDSS ZFS and Linux-based storage software system ensures enterprise users highest data reliability and integrity with thin provisioning, compression, and de-duplication

Atlanta, Georgia; Munich, Germany, July 8, 2014: — Open-E, a leading developer of innovative data storage software used for building and managing centralized storage servers, announced today the general availability of its next generation flagship product, Open-E JovianDSS (Data Storage Software).

<u>Open-E JovianDSS</u> provides enterprise users the highest level of performance with unlimited capacity and volume size. Delivered through Open-E certified partners as an innovative software defined storage system, Open-E JovianDSS comes complete with advanced features including thin provisioning, compression, and de-duplication.

"Our many thousands of global customers have been asking us to expand our capabilities to support larger and larger storage environments while maintaining our industry leading benchmarks of quality, reliability, performance, and price point," said Krzysztof Franek, CEO and president of Open-E. "Today I am very excited to announce an expansion of our product line to answer to that request, Open-E JovianDSS. Through diligent work by our engineering team and listening to our customers and partners, we have created a software defined storage system that enables our customers to implement a unified SAN solution to their exact requirements."

The software's ZFS- and Linux-based storage operating system is designed to be sold and installed exclusively through partners with Open-E JovianDSS training and certified hardware. This combination allows customers tremendous flexibility in choosing hardware components and the ability to confidently design a high performance storage system that best suits their business and application requirements. This robust software also comes standard with one year of software support.

Added Franek, "With Open-E JovianDSS, we continue to provide innovative licensing and pricing for our products. There are no hidden feature costs as often occur with competitive offerings and customers only need to pay for the capacity they actually use – not for caching, spares, or mirrored drives."

Open-E JovianDSS has been designed to take full advantage of the many capabilities that ZFS offers. These features are all directly accessed through an intuitive web-based Graphical User Interface (GUI) simplifying the administration of storage servers and eliminating the need to use a complicated command line interface. The web GUI also provides easy administration of Open-E JovianDSS advanced features including:

- Massive scalability through nearly unlimited LUN sizes
- Tiered RAM and SSD caching for additional performance when using low latency solid state drives
- Thin and over provisioning for advanced utilization and administration of storage capacity

- Data de-duplication for better storage capacity management
- Data compression for block level capacity management
- Check-sum data integrity checking to avoiding data corruption
- Self-healing to repair silent data corruption

"Each selected Open-E Partner, like Broadberry Data Systems, is equipped with JovianDSS Certified Engineers who are in close contact with Open-E's Support and Development teams, ensuring high quality system designs and fast reaction times when needed," continued Franek. "These partners around the globe will continue the sales growth that we are seeing with our Open-E DSS V7 to small-to-medium enterprises, and add Open-E JovianDSS for their larger accounts. Additionally, technology agreements we have with Intel and Supermicro will help continue to ensure that these partners can deliver compatible, interoperable hardware systems that take full advantage of the performance and reliability characteristics provided by Open-E Data Storage Software."

"We're pleased to continue our strong relationship as an Open-E JovianDSS Partner, having had great success with Open-E's Data Storage Software integrated into our award winning CyberStore DSS product family," concluded Colin Broadberry, Managing Director of Broadberry Data Systems. "Our reputation for more than 25 years has been built on providing the best-in-class, competitively-priced products that offer high performance, rock-solid reliability, ease-of-installation and manageability to our discriminating customer base. Open-E's new JovianDSS fulfills those requirements nicely and will allow us to reach a broader audience."

About Open-E

Open-E is a well-established developer of IP-based storage management software. Open-E JovianDSS and Open-E DSS V7 are robust, award-winning enterprise storage applications which offer excellent compatibility with industry standards, and are the easiest to use and manage. Additionally, they are some of the most stable solutions on the market and undisputed price performance leaders.

Open-E accounts for over 27,000 installations world-wide and has received numerous industry awards and recognition. Thanks to its reputation, experience and business reliability, Open-E has become the technology partner of choice for industry-leading IT companies such as Citrix, Intel, LSI, VMware, and Adaptec.

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