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Cirrascale Announces CirraStor Appliances with NexentaStor: Built for Cloud Storage Scale Out

Certified Nexenta Technology Partner, Cirrascale, Provides De-Facto Open Platform to Optimize Performance, Functionality and TCO for Petascale Storage Applications

San Diego, Calif., October 25, 2011 —Cirrascale, a premier developer of build-to-order, blade-based computing and storage platforms, today announced it has integrated Nexenta System's [NexentaStor™](#) unified storage management software into its [CirraStor Petascale Storage Appliances](#). This exceptional combination of industry-leading, standards-based storage appliances and open enterprise-class software enables Cirrascale to offer the highest performance, density, and flexibility with the lowest power utilization in the industry. CirraStor appliances are designed for a broad range of storage applications that include high-availability SAN and iSCSI solutions for public and private clouds, and large pools of unstructured data in low cost NAS, DAS, and bulk-tier storage deployments. Cirrascale will showcase its new CirraStor appliances at the OpenStorage Summit, October 26-27 in San Jose, California.

[Cirrascale's breakthrough Vertical Cooling Technology™](#) (VCT) makes it possible to provide high density server and storage solutions that move the application servers closer to the physical storage, minimizing network bottlenecks, thereby increasing

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performance. Combining VCT with the powerful NexentaStor ZFS technology, Cirrascale enables easy configuration and scalability of cost-effective, multi-tiered storage arrays. CirraStor appliances with NexentaStor offer tremendous flexibility with rich functionality to configure highly available storage arrays. This advanced functionality includes right-sized compute performance, network I/O, and SATA, SAS, and high-performance solid-state drive (SSD) storage technology to meet the demands of a multitude of workloads in hybrid storage systems.

CirraStor appliance components include a range of head nodes and storage blades, integrated in the company's BladeRack2 chassis. For example, a high performance cluster incorporating CirraStor storage blades with OCZ (Nasdaq:OCZ), [Talos SAS 6Gbps enterprise SSDs](#), which offer superior mixed-workload performance for increased throughput, and managed by NexentaStor, provide up to 2 Petabytes (PB) of storage capacity in a single namespace, all in a 24-inch (609mm) x 46-inch (1168 mm) BladeRack2 chassis footprint.

“Cirrascale represents the epitome of a technology partner—one that matches Nexenta’s vision of leveraging industry leading, standards-based platforms to address the storage industry’s biggest hurdles, including cost-effectively scaling out storage for private and public clouds, SaaS applications, and PaaS offerings,” said Evan Powell, CEO of Nexenta Systems. “Our expanding open community of partners ensures customers will have continued access to the newest, most innovative OpenStorage solutions.”

“Our relationship with Nexenta is a welcome addition to Cirrascale’s already rich product and professional services offering,” said Dave Driggers, CEO at Cirrascale. “Combining NexentaStor with our petascale storage appliances means that we can more finely tune our products to meet the needs of customers who face scale out challenges. CirraStor represents a feature rich, cost-effective solution that combines high density, high reliability, and optimal performance with low power consumption and the lowest total cost of ownership in the industry.”

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About Nexenta Systems

Nexenta Systems is the leading supplier of enterprise-class OpenStorage solutions. Its flagship software-only platform, NexentaStor, delivers high-performance, ultra-scalable, cloud- and virtualization-optimized storage solutions. Built upon ZFS technology, and running on any industry-standard hardware, NexentaStor eliminates vendor lock-in and provides open, unified storage management at a fraction of the cost of legacy systems. www.nexenta.com.

About Cirrascale

Cirrascale Corporation is a premier developer of blade-based cloud computing and storage platforms for conventional and containerized data centers. Cirrascale provides the industry's most energy-efficient and reliable standards-based solutions with the absolute densest form factor and the lowest possible total cost of ownership due to its patented Vertical Cooling Technology. Cirrascale sells to large-scale infrastructure operators, hosting and managed service providers, Cloud Service Providers, and HPC users. Cirrascale also licenses its award winning technology to partners globally. To learn more about Cirrascale and its unique data center infrastructure solutions, please visit <http://www.cirrascale.com> or call (888) 942-3800.

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