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JackShephard wrote:

On Sat, 02 Jun 2007 16:25:10 GMT, Joerg
<notthisjoergsch@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Lionel wrote:

On Fri, 01 Jun 2007 18:28:53 GMT, Joerg
<notthisjoergsch@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Lionel wrote:

On Fri, 01 Jun 2007
09:25:02 -0700, Joerg
<notthisjoergsch@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote:

Jasen wrote:

On

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2007-05-30,

Joerg

<notthisjoergsch@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote:

John
Larkin
wrote:

I
wish
there
were
small
backup
RAID
assemblies
that
you
can
just
hang
on
the
LAN
where
the
whole
thing
would
show
up
as
one
shared
drive.
Most
I
saw
were
USB,
very
few
had
a
LAN
port

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but
those
only
had
one
drive
in
it
without
the
possibility
to
connect
several
as
RAID.

it
sounds
like
you
want
NAS,
(Network
attached
storage)

Exactamente.

[...]

Considering
the number
of people
who run
small
networks at
home I was
thinking
there'd be
enough of a
market for
backup and
file sharing
across a

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LAN or
WLAN. It
doesn't have
to be
industrial
strength, for
example it
would be ok
if the whole
thing quits
upon a
power
supply
failure as
long as that
doesn't take
the data
with it.

If you've got a spare PC
(doesn't have to be fancy,
but preferably
solid & reliable), you can
throw some big hard disks
into it & install
SME-server on it:
<<http://www.smeserver.org/>>
The software's free, it does
RAID on standard disks, it's
very well
maintained, sets up from a
single bootable CDROM &
is managed from a
web interface.
I've been using it here for
about 6 years, &
recommend it to people
all the time.

I might just have to go that route if I don't
find something off the shelf soon. But from
looking at the web site this stuff seems to be
for Linux experts. Which I am not :-(

Actually, they're much easier to set up than Windows-based

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servers,
believe it or not. All the 'advertised' features can be managed
from
a web interface, & are pretty well-documented. You only
need 'Nix
knowledge if you're doing something fairly unusual with it.

It's also configured to be secure by default, so it's safe to plug
it
into a DSL modem & a switch before you've even booted the
install
CDROM, so you can use it straight away, rather than having
to wait
until you've downloaded a gazillion updates & security
patches.

I've installed about a dozen SME servers at various small
client
sites (eg; 2-30 users) that don't have any tech-savvy staff &
need a
system simple enough for them to manage the day-to-day
basics
(add/delete users, create network shares, set access rights,
etc)
themselves, rather than being dependent on me or some other
tech
person.

Actually Michael has found what looks like "the" solution that probably
won't require much more than buying two ATA hard drives of suitable size
and plugging it all in:

<http://www.netgear.com/Products/Storage/NetworkStorage/SC101.aspx>

That does standard ATA drives.

If you want the new version that does SATA and does the transfer rate
faster, look up the SC101T. The turbo model.

Thanks, I will.

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Regards, Joerg

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