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Sun customers and partners listened to Oracle executives in London discuss plans regarding Sun hardware and software. Oracle's director of Solaris product management recently talked about the future of OpenSolaris and Solaris. Another Oracle executive reviewed the company's move toward a more direct channel model. Also learn what's in store for the Oracle Office product family.

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Fishworks Engineer Bryan Cantrill reflects on Sun Storage 7000 2010.Q1.

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News

Oracle Works to Assuage the Anxieties of Its Customers

Audience Learns Where Oracle Will Focus Its Attention



Writing in eWeek Europe about the audience reaction to the presentation made by Oracle executives to 500 Sun customers and partners in London, Peter Judge assessed the response positively, saying, "The most surprising thing about the event was the complacency. Many of the delegates suggested that this merger, billed as one of the most cataclysmic ever (in a good way or a bad way), might simply lead to business as usual, with the products and support coming from the usual partners and executives,

OpenOffice

What's in Store for the Oracle Office Product Family

First Desktop to Web to Mobile Solution Based on ODF Standard

Office Productivity...anywhere



A rebranding is in store for StarOffice and StarSuite, and a web-based office suite is in the works that will be tightly integrated with the OpenOffice.org desktop version, allowing users to access their documents from basically any browser and from any device. This information is from Michael Bemmer, former Sun staffer and now head of the new Office Global Business Unit at Oracle, who presents a brief summary of the future of OpenOffice.org and office productivity at

Guest



**Rapidly Deploy Mission-Critical Services Out-of-the-Box
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Oracle Enterprise Manager Ops Center Released

A Platform for Making Use of Physical and Virtual Sun Environments

Oracle Enterprise Manager Ops Center is the newest addition in the Oracle Enterprise Manager family. It is used to manage both physical and virtual systems, and manages across the entire system lifecycle from discovery to provisioning, updating, monitoring and management.



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Oracle Gets Approval from Russia on Sun Merger

Development of MySQL Required

Reuters reported that Russia's anti-monopoly regulator, the Federal Antimonopoly Service or FAS, has approved a \$7 billion takeover of Sun Microsystems by Oracle on condition that the company continues to develop Sun's MySQL database. "FAS has reviewed the application and ... has decided to approve the application," the regulator, said in a statement, adding that the approval would only be valid if Oracle continues to develop Sun's MySQL database.

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Training

Online Training Services Information for Recently Acquired Oracle Employees

Oracle Community Offers a Couple of Suggestions for Newcomers



Former Sun employees now working for Oracle may be interested in the personalized online training their new employer does offer. In a question posed on Oracle Mix, an inquisitive newcomer gets a couple of hints from Oracle veterans.

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Partners

A More Direct Channel Model Planned for Oracle-Sun

Oracle Exec Says This Benefits Both Customers and Partners

Oracle plans to continue Sun's roadmap practically unchanged, but it will move towards a direct channel model, said Nicky Sheridan, country manager at Oracle South Africa (SA), who believes this will improve service to customers and take away part of the "less value-added perspective of the business" from channel partners.

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Features

Suits and Their Countersuits

Freed of Executive Constraints, Jonathan Schwartz Blogs on Threats from the Competition



With his tenure in Sun's executive suite behind him, Jonathan Schwartz exercises his new found liberty to disclose two incidents involving Steve Jobs and Bill Gates and their respective threats to sue Sun

Oracle, along with how the Sun Oracle merger will benefit customers and users.

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Free and Open Source Software

Document Freedom Day Set for March 31st

To Educate About the Importance of ODF and Open Standards



Document Freedom Day 2010 is March 31st and there will be events all over the world. Document Freedom Day (DFD) is a global day for document liberation. It will be a day of grassroots effort to educate the public about the importance of Open Document Formats (ODF) and Open Standards in general. Learn more about DFD and how to get involved by visiting the DFD's main page.

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Developer

Sun POJO Service Engine User's Guide

Building Business Integration Applications to JBI Standards with Plain Old Java Objects

Sun POJO Service Engine User's Guide



"Using the Sun POJO Service Engine" is a guide to the tools available in the Plain Old Java Objects (POJO) Service Engine that enable users to build business integration applications based on JBI standards and using Plain Old Java Objects.

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Design Principles for Thread-based Systems

Thread Safety Policy Helps Simplify Design of Applications

A java.net article discusses design principles to follow when the objective is to build an efficient, thread-safe application. In the article "Rethinking Multi-Threaded Design Principles" Dibyendu Roy asserts that careful design and adherence to a well thought out underlying policy is essential for productive thread-based systems.



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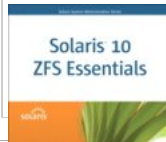
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Publications

"Solaris 10 ZFS Essentials"

Concise Reference on Setting Up and Administering ZFS



As the title reads, this book is an essentials guide to Solaris 10 ZFS. Numbering only 144 pages, the slim paperback is designed to show its

for patent infringement. Schwartz relates how Sun successfully played the countersuit card, staving off the threatened litigation.

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OpenSolaris

Oracle, OpenSolaris, and Solaris

A Few More Details on Where the Three Are Heading



In no uncertain terms, the Director of Solaris product management at Oracle, Dan Roberts, says OpenSolaris will continue as an open source entity and Oracle will actively support and participate in the community. There are some questions regarding which direction Oracle will take in open sourcing some of OpenSolaris' technologies and the level of support that will be offered, but generally speaking, all is well, affirms Roberts.

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Storage

The Importance of Information Storage and Management

Dealing with the Data Deluge



The February 27, 2010 issue of The Economist contains a special feature on the data deluge assembled by its Tokyo correspondent Kenneth Cukier, who observes, "Information has gone from scarce to superabundant. That brings huge new benefits but also big headaches." Statistics show the average American is bombarded with 34 gigabytes of information per person per day. The biggest data hogs were video games and television while, in terms of bytes, written words are insignificant, amounting to less than 0.1% of the total. Data, The Economist reports, is accumulating at a rate that exceeds the capability to store it.

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OpenStorage

Sun Storage 7000 2010.Q1 Quality and Features

Technical Lead Bryan Cantrill Parts the Curtain a Bit on this Release



Wiping the sweat from his brow, Fishworks Engineer Bryan Cantrill reflects on the release of the new major Sun Storage 7000 series software update, known as 2010.Q1. Producing this release was no mean feat, Cantrill writes, given that it involved building enterprise-grade storage on commodity components, incorporating entirely new elements like Flash, and creating an ambitious management stack entirely from scratch.

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Top10

Top Ten Articles for last few Issues

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We track how frequently each article is viewed on the web site to determine which the readers consider the most important. For last week, Vol 145 Issue 2, the top 10 articles were:



readers how to deploy and manage ZFS file systems. It is particularly useful for those users who are new to Solaris or are using ZFS for the first time. It is easy to get ZFS up and running on a home system or business IT infrastructure by following the simple instructions in this book.

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Virtualization

Running VirtualBox VMs as Services in Windows

With VBoxVmService, VMs Truly Run in the Background

With the VBoxVmService, users can easily create up to 127 VMs and run them as a service in any flavor of Windows, or so says Joe Mocker in his Weblog. Mocker tried it with Windows 7 on x64. He did have to implement a workaround to have his VMs identified by name, but other than that, he now has his VirtualBox VMs running in the background with no console windows or anything else. Plus, VBoxVmService can start virtual machines without anyone having to login first.

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Oracle Management Connector for Ops Center

An Event Forwarding Solution From Ops Center to Oracle Enterprise Manager



The Oracle Management Connector for Ops Center enables users to view event information in the Oracle

Enterprise Manager console. With the Connector, Ops Center notifications are displayed as Oracle Enterprise Manager Grid Control alerts. Benefits of such an integration for system administrators include faster resolution times, more immediate root cause analysis, and faster communication flow between IT departments.

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Java Technology

Mobile Desktop Grid

Harnessing Available Global Clustered Computing Resources



Mobile Desktop Grid (MDG)

The Mobile Desktop Grid is a project designed to interconnect institutions that have clustered and non-clustered computers, with the objective to assist researchers who are addressing global issues in completing their intensive computational jobs in a shorter period of time. Basically, the MDG project aims to assist those requiring the intensive computational power of clustered systems, but are unable to purchase the technology due to financial constraints.

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PSA Deploys GlassFish in the Manufacture of Peugeot, Citroën Vehicles

Part of Company's Commitment to Open Source

GlassFish figures prominently in the IT infrastructure car maker



PSA, which produces Peugeot and Citroën vehicles, where it is used in support of the company's wide-ranging set of internal and external Java applications and as part of the company's strategic use of open source, writes Alexis Moussine-Pouchkine. PSA's production deployment of GlassFish follows a stringent evaluation and qualification process including setting up consolidated development environments leveraging the domain and node-agent architecture of GlassFish for an overall optimized utilization

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of GlassFish v2.1. The administration tools (both web console and the asadmin CLI) are key features here, the blogger adds.

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Oracle

Flash Storage in Exadata V2 Cuts Query Processing Time Significantly

Oracle Exec Also Discusses Smart Scan to Help Solve Bottleneck Issues



Christopher Chelliah, general manager for Exadata and Appliance solutions, Oracle Asia Pacific, said the flash storage integration within the second iteration of Oracle's Exadata Database Machine eliminates the need to source data from storage disks and cuts query processing time significantly. "Coupled with the hybrid columnar compression feature which groups data by column before compression, the flash storage can fit up to 50 terabytes of data," said Chelliah, as reported by IDG.

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