



BakBone Ships NetVault For Mac OS X Server 'Tiger' with Native Mac Interface

PARIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sept. 20, 2005--BakBone Software(R) (TSX:BKB) (Pink Sheets:BKBO), a global provider of data protection software, today announced NetVault(R) 7.3.1 for Mac OS X Server version 10.4 "Tiger" with a native Mac user interface. This version is the first enterprise-class backup and recovery solution modeled after Apple's Server Manager user interface and combines enhanced data protection with unique networked storage functionality.

"BakBone(R) continues to gain significant traction across a wide range of industries with its ability to deliver enterprise-class data protection for Mac OS X Server," said Jim Johnson, president and CEO of BakBone Software. "The response from trials underway at leading digital media, publishing, education and government organizations has been extremely encouraging. This is the first data protection product to come standard with the Mac OS X Server Manager-like user interface which has already been embraced by Mac OS X network administrators everywhere."

"The combination of Xserve G5, Xserve RAID, Xsan and Tiger Server offers enterprise customers an unbeatable combination of price, performance, ease of use and interoperability in heterogeneous environments," said Ron Okamoto, Apple's vice president of worldwide developer relations. "We're thrilled that BakBone continues to advance NetVault for Mac OS X Server which takes advantage of Apple innovation and offers Mac customers a familiar interface for customized backup and recovery."

"While the Mac market was traditionally focused on specialized niches such as graphic design, education and desktop publishing, today the combination of Mac OS X Server with new 64-bit processing power allows Apple to support business critical environments with powerful computing and advanced functionality. This has prompted increasing data protection requirements for Mac applications in enterprise environments," said Arun Taneja, founder and consulting analyst of The Taneja Group. "Recognizing this opportunity, BakBone has moved quickly to deliver enterprise functionality that is clearly ahead of its competition, along with a new native Mac GUI that allows Mac users to use a familiar interface to speed data recovery, simplify disk-based backup and integrate solutions such as Apple's Xsan."

Designed to address the new reality of multi-terabyte file storage, as well as help users implement and manage a robust feature-rich data protection solution that is high performance and easily deployed, BakBone's latest software offering fits easily within the price and scale of Mac OS X Server environments, including those built around Xserve G5, Xserve RAID and Xsan. NetVault for Mac OS X Server with native Mac interface is ideally suited for the education, government, digital media and entertainment, publishing, retail and electronics industries, many of which are already using BakBone's product as the foundation for backup and restore applications.

Available in three unique bundles -- Entry, Mid-Size and Departmental -- NetVault 7.3.1 for Mac OS X Server with native Mac interface offers a flexible array of configuration options to match a customer's unique mix of budget, feature and service-level requirements. The intuitive interface complements existing Mac deployments, thus minimizing user learning curve and freeing up time to focus on deploying backup properly. NetVault for Mac OS X Server integrates easily with heterogeneous platforms and business-critical applications while delivering increased performance, operational scalability, proven reliability and advanced data protection and includes the following feature specific benefits:

Heterogeneity -- Backs up heterogeneous NetVault clients to Tiger Server. NetVault provides one simple, easy-to-use backup solution for users managing a Mac-only environment, as well as complex, heterogeneous environments comprising Unix, Linux and Windows platforms.

-- High availability -- Manages high capacity and data-intensive applications such as digital audio and video editing using BakBone's Virtual Disk Library (VDL) disk-to-disk backup capabilities. This functionality allows a user to create a VDL inside a disk file system where NetVault backs up data to a virtual pool of tape storage. Regardless of whether a physical tape drive or tape library exists, VDL can operate as a standalone backup storage device, facilitating shorter backup windows while eliminating backup bottlenecks and minimizing SLA restore times. NetVault's VDL scales both in capacity and throughput to meet growing data volumes and high performance needs without traditional 'forklift upgrades.

-- Scalability -- Scales storage environments by simply adding more NetVault clients to the network. NetVault accommodates increasing demands on network infrastructure and application-server performances by streamlining the addition of new clients, which can be introduced dynamically and seamlessly to the NetVault domain.

-- Lower total cost of ownership -- Lower TCO and increase return on initial software investment in as little as six to nine months. By dramatically simplifying implementation and networked storage administration, NetVault for Mac OS X Server ensures improved data availability while reducing associated labor costs.

Pricing and availability

Globally available now, bundle prices start from \$3,399 for an Entry Level configuration that includes 10 clients, 1.2TB VDL, 8 VDL devices and 21 media slots. To purchase, customers are able to source each of the three NetVault for Mac OS X with native Mac interface bundles exclusively from the Apple Store and Apple's Value Added Reseller network. To learn more about BakBone and NetVault's enterprise-class data protection features, please visit BakBone at Apple Expo in Booth D80, BakBone's web site at http://www.bakbone.com/products/netvault_mac/ or contact applesales@bakbone.com.

About BakBone Software, Inc.

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