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Network Instruments® Expands GigaStor™ Drive Capacity to Capture 12 Terabytes of Data

Network analysis and forensic recorder offers industry's largest data captures

London, UK – 3 October 2006 –Network Instruments, a leading provider of innovative analysis solutions for in-depth network intelligence and continuous availability, today announced that it has increased the drive capacity of the GigaStor appliance to be able to store up to 12 terabytes of data. With the industry's largest drive capacity, the GigaStor Probe is capable of capturing terabytes of traffic to disk for network analysis on a variety of full-duplex network topologies, including WAN, LAN, Fibre Channel, wireless, gigabit, and 10 Gigabit (10 GbE).

As network problems, such as viruses and hackers, become more sophisticated and the number of network management issues, like compliance enforcement and data theft prevention, increase, the need for solutions that capture enormous amounts of network traffic to disk for comprehensive analysis becomes more acute. Network Instruments GigaStor appliance allows organisations to store days, weeks, and even months worth of packet level data for comprehensive historical analysis. This data can be used to analyse network performance, mission-critical connections, and intermittent issues with the GigaStor's unique time-based navigation utility.

When investigating network performance issues, the GigaStor eliminates the need to recreate a problem on the network. In the case of intermittent issues, which cannot be easily recreated by the network administrator, the appliance allows the administrator to perform historical analysis on captured data and then identify, isolate, and resolve subtle network problems. For investigating network policy violations or compliance issues, the GigaStor reassembles packet streams and recreates e-mails, visits to web sites, IM sessions, and VoIP calls.

"The entire GigaStor line offers wire-speed capture technology, a simple time-based navigation utility and a comprehensive Expert system, all of which cannot be matched in the industry," said Douglas Smith, president and co-founder of Network Instruments. "And although we are offering the most advanced high-capacity analysis technology, it also comes at the best price point. A GigaStor of any configuration costs literally thousands of pounds less than competing, less-impressive technology offerings in the market."

Coinciding with the release of the 12 TB GigaStor, Network Instruments is launching the "StorMore" promotion, which allows users to nearly double the hard drive capacity of any new GigaStor ordered between October 3rd and December 15th. With StorMore, for the price of a 2 TB GigaStor, a user will receive 4 TB of storage. For the price of a 4 TB GigaStor, a user will receive 8 TB of storage. For the price of an 8 TB GigaStor, they will receive 12 TB of storage.

To learn more about GigaStor and the StorMore promotion, call +44 (0) 1959 569880 or visit http://www.networkinstruments.co.uk.

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