

Isilon Releases SmartQuotas, Delivering Industry's First Storage Utilization Application For Clustered Storage

New Software Application Enables Enterprises to Partition and Manage One, Highly Scalable, Shared Pool of Storage Up To 1.6 Petabytes, Transcending Limitations of Traditional Storage Systems

SEATTLE, WA - July 23, 2007 - Isilon® Systems [Nasdaq: ISLN], the leader in clustered storage, today announced the release of SmartQuotas, the industry's first quota management and thin provisioning software for clustered storage, enabling enterprises to flexibly partition a single, highly scalable, shared pool of storage - up to an unprecedented 1.6 Petabytes of production-ready scalability in a single volume - into capacity limits assigned to individual users or groups. SmartQuotas, the latest addition to Isilon's expanding suite of software applications, combines quota management and thin provisioning capabilities into one, robust software application, unleashing the power of clustered storage to provide IT administrators with maximum control over the management and optimization for large and rapidly growing stores of digital content and unstructured data. In conjunction with the launch, Isilon today announced that RenewData, a leading provider of electronic evidence services and data migration for corporations and law firms, and UCLA Laboratory of Neuro Imaging (LONI) are among Isilon customers who have used SmartQuotas to help optimize their storage and IT resources.

"Today's enterprise IT departments are being required, year over year, to store more unstructured data with fewer storage resources, creating extreme data management complexity which magnifies the inefficiencies of traditional storage systems," said Sam Grocott, Senior Director of Product Management, Isilon Systems. "Isilon's SmartQuotas is an advanced quota and thin provisioning software application providing IT managers with the flexibility and simplicity to do more with less, reclaim control over their datacenters, optimize the value of their clustered storage resources, and ultimately improve their organizations' bottom line."

According to a June 2007 presentation by Forrester Research, Data Storage Trends 2007, "There is a critical focus on reducing complexity and cost of operation in storage environments today, where storage organizations lag in technology improvements. Enterprises are seeking ways to increase utilization and reduce complexity. Thin provisioning is gaining interest as a way to reduce stranded capacity and mitigate unsatisfactory reporting and communication."

With SmartQuotas, IT administrators can thin provision - or oversubscribe - the physical storage resources of their Isilon IQ cluster with maximum control and flexibility, releasing the full power of clustered storage to directly align their storage investment with the unique requirements of their business. When combined with Isilon IQ's modular clustered storage architecture, SmartQuotas enables businesses to employ this oversubscription capability with the ease of knowing that additional capacity can be added on the fly by joining additional Isilon IQ nodes.

In addition to its thin provisioning capabilities, SmartQuotas allows IT administrators to assign quotas to seamlessly divide a single, highly scalable, shared pool of storage into flexible, easily managed capacity limits, satisfying IT guidelines and users' requirements. SmartQuotas, which deeply integrates with Isilon's IQ clustered storage platform providing a single, scalable shared pool of storage up to 1.6 Petabytes, delivers "one-stop" management of storage utilization, removing the complexity and limitations of silos or volumes associated with traditional SAN and NAS storage systems. With SmartQuotas, storage resources can be managed at the directory, sub-directory, user, and group level, providing unprecedented management precision and ease of use for IT administrators while enabling enterprises to achieve maximum efficiency and access in data storage with minimal resources.

"UCLA's LONI serves as the hub of a national neuro imaging resource supporting more than 60 national and international brain imaging collaborations, all with different access patterns and storage requirements," said Rico Magsipoc, Chief Technology Officer, LONI. "Managing storage access and capacity demands for various user groups is critical to our operations and ongoing research, as well as to our optimization of Isilon IQ. SmartQuotas offers the ability to set easily managed quota limits to satisfy user groups while allowing the administrative flexibility to manipulate these limits and provision storage capacity on the back-end, enabling better optimization of clustered storage resources and ensuring that all research groups get equal access to these resources."

"RenewData processes multiple Petabytes of information every year - literally trillions of pages - for a wide variety of customers both large and small. Therefore, we require storage that is both extremely scalable and easy to manage," said Steven Nygard, Chief Operating Officer, RenewData. "With Isilon IQ, we are able to create a single, highly scalable pool of easy to use storage to meet our rapid data growth demands and help accelerate loading, searching and sorting of information. The addition of SmartQuotas delivers a simple, flexible tool for maximizing storage investment and increasing resource management capabilities."

Isilon's SmartQuotas software application integrates with all of Isilon's IQ line of clustered storage systems and is immediately available for purchase.

Powered by OneFS®, Isilon IQ delivers the industry's first single file system that unifies and provides instant and ubiquitous access to the rapidly growing stores of digital content, eliminating the cost and complexity barriers of traditional storage architectures. OneFS is a unified operating system software layer that powers all of Isilon's award-winning IQ family of clustered storage systems including the Isilon IQ 200, 1920, 3000, 6000, 9000, Accelerator, and EX 6000 and 9000. Isilon also provides a robust suite of software applications including SnapshotIQ™, SmartConnect™, SmartQuotas, MigrationIQ™ and SyncIQ® that leverage OneFS and clustered storage, providing the highest levels of data protection and automated data management.

About Isilon Systems

Isilon Systems is the worldwide leader in clustered storage systems and software for digital content and unstructured data, enabling enterprises to transform data into information - and information into breakthroughs. Isilon's award-winning family of IQ clustered storage systems combines Isilon's OneFS operating system software with the latest advances in industry-standard hardware to deliver modular, pay-as-you-grow, enterprise-class storage systems. Isilon's clustered storage solutions speed access to critical business information while dramatically reducing the cost and complexity of storing it.

Information about Isilon can be found at <http://www.isilon.com>.