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By Eric Endebrock; Dave Jaffe, Ph.D.; and Kathryn White

Digital data is outstripping storage capacity and complex systems are failing to adapt under the strain as storage demands grow faster than IT budgets. The good news is that easy-to-use IP-based networked storage with built-in data protection and management capabilities promises to bridge the budget gap—and effectively complement traditional Fibre Channel-based storage area networks.



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By Joe Pollock

Enterprises of all sizes struggle with the ever-increasing complexity of IT. By helping simplify and streamline the requirements for ongoing operations and systems maintenance, the Dell IT simplification approach enables organizations to reclaim the time, money, and personnel needed to turn innovation into a daily business practice instead of a long-term business goal. For more information, visit **DELL.COM/Simplify**.

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Using Dell/EMC CX3 storage replication software when deploying Oracle Data Guard can help significantly reduce primary database downtime during the deployment process.



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Using parallel rendering technologies with clusters of high-performance computing (HPC) workstations configured with high-end graphics processors helps scale out graphics capabilities.



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By Jose De la Rosa and Puneet Dhawan

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