Fasthosts Debuts Virtual Server Range



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Fasthosts Internet Ltd, a leading web hosting provider, has introduced a new range of virtual servers that combine high-speed performance, scalability and resource monitoring.



Designed to scale with the changing needs of businesses and their customers, RAM, CPU, disk space, and IP addresses can all be determined by the user and dynamically adjusted. The Virtual Private Servers deliver dedicated resources, the latest Windows 2008 R2 operating system and full remote access and resource monitoring as well as fullVirtual Private Server control.

<u>Fasthosts</u> Virtual Servers are based on <u>Microsoft Dynamic Data Center</u> architecture, meaning that resources are dedicated but also adaptable dynamically and can be upgraded or reconfigured easily without losing data or functionality. Fasthosts customers can select from a range of suggested configurations or design a server by choosing capacity, processor power and control settings at order, and are free to modify these at any point in time. By re-adjusting their server, the user only pays for the resources they need and so saves money and helps the environment.

All servers receive the power of Intel Xeon Quad-Core processors and dedicated RAM. Fasthosts has used Hyper-V (hypervisor based) technology, the latest in Microsoft server virtualization, to harness the full power of the hardware. All users can benefit from the most advanced Microsoft Server operating system yet – Windows Server 2008 R2. Furthermore, Fasthosts provides free Resource Monitoring via the user Control Panel. Customers can measure CPU, RAM, disk space and network usage in real-time, and so keep an accurate check on their requirements. For business users and IT professionals alike, the ability to adapt to peaks and troughs in demand with speed and at low cost, makes the task of managing a server far simpler and improves ROI.

Steve Holford, CMO Fasthosts Internet Ltd., said, "As a long-standing expert for Microsoft web hosting, we have taken our time to invest in and develop a range of virtual servers that deliver the performance and strength traditionally only seen with dedicated server hardware. Microsoft Hyper-V virtualisation is well suited to our robust network and connectivity. For even the most demanding pro users, we expect virtual servers to be a popular choice".

Fasthosts Virtual Servers benefit from greatly increased redundancy, built-in. Clustered servers provide automatic fail-over and combine with RAID disk arrays to enhance reliability. Users have full access to their server via remote desktop connection, and can apply the powerful Parallels <u>PLESK 9 Control Panel</u>, for effective deployment and server management. Packages also include Windows Platform Installer 2.0 which provides effortless implementation of the latest Windows compatible applications.

Fasthosts has also released data from a study of 500 UK firms using a server which found 19% have already chosen a virtual server solution. A further 20% expect to implement a virtual server solution in the coming year. Half of firms wish to utilise only one server, suggesting

that a flexible virtual server could be ideal. At 55% of firms the owner/CEO makes the decision on which server technology to implement. The data also identifies server monitoring and file back-up services are becoming increasingly important for businesses, these topping their wish-list for additional services.

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About Fasthosts

Fasthosts is a leading web hosting provider. Based in the UK and operating 24x7 from their dedicated UK data centres, Fasthosts keeps over 1 million domains running smoothly and ensures over 42 million emails are delivered safely each day. All Fasthosts services can be self-managed through the award winning Fasthosts web-based control panel that provides customers with unparalleled online control, enabling them to manage hosted services including Virtual Private Servers, domain name registrations, shared web hosting, business-class email, dedicated servers, software-as-a-service, internet merchant accounts and unlimited broadband. Fasthosts' maintains an award-winning, highly successful reseller channel.

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