



TARMIN TECHNOLOGIES ANNOUNCES GENERAL AVAILABILITY OF GRIDBANK

Delivers Substantial Reduction in Storage Costs, Increased IT Efficiency, Greener Storage Deployments, and Compliance

Ongar, United Kingdom and Palo Alto, Calif. (February 12, 2009)—Tarmin Technologies, a leading provider of active archive, content addressable storage (CAS), information lifecycle management (ILM) and intelligent storage software optimized for secondary storage environments, today announced general availability of its flagship product, GridBank™. First introduced to the market at Storage Networking World and Storage Expo UK in October 2008, GridBank's distinctive and innovative design for enterprise-class active archiving and next-generation intelligent storage software allows organizations running Windows, Linux, Solaris®, HP-UX®, AIX®, or virtual servers (VMWare® or HyperV), to significantly decrease their storage Total Cost of Ownership (TCO).

"Tarmin's GridBank is a game-changing active archiving platform that delivers a tightly integrated single solution", said Arun Taneja, founder and consulting analyst, Taneja Group. "GridBank provides comprehensive functionality for policy-based data movement between tiers, content addressable storage for immutability and long-term retention of data, auditability, security and much, much more. Given its extremely innovative design, GridBank appeals to a broad spectrum of customers across many sectors, but especially to customers who do not want to spend their sparse IT resources cobbling together many different products from many different vendors."

Tarmin's GridBank is a high-performance, high-availability product that utilizes affordable industry-standard, heterogeneous server and storage platforms to form a grid-based active archive and intelligent, scalable storage solution. This enables effective long-term, fixed-content data preservation on cost-effective secondary and tertiary storage tiers. GridBank delivers a comprehensive storage software solution that substantially reduces storage and IT costs while providing active archiving, CAS, ILM, policy-based storage automation, search and e-discovery, security, and audit management, in a unique all-in-one package that also satisfies any organization's regulatory and compliance requirements.

"GridBank has dramatically reduced our storage and IT labor costs," said Derek Kruger, IT supervisor, City of Safford in Arizona. "With GridBank, data and content management has become incredibly easy, making our storage operations much more efficient and cost effective. We also know that should there be a need to find records for e-discovery, or just our own use, we can quickly, securely, and accurately retrieve the data."

GridBank instantly reduces CAPEX as it optimizes storage and provides maximum efficiency. To achieve this, GridBank moves data from expensive primary storage to much lower-cost secondary storage, saving up to five times on the cost of primary storage. Since secondary storage requires less power and cooling than high performance primary storage and has a reduced carbon footprint, GridBank makes data center deployments much greener.

GridBank also promotes CAPEX savings through its heterogeneous storage and virtual pooling design. In addition, GridBank delivers considerable OPEX advantages through its policy-based storage automation; as policies are deployed, all storage functions are performed without human intervention, eradicating time-consuming tasks, reducing IT manpower needs, and increasing productivity.

“GridBank offers critical data management capabilities that, prior to GridBank, were only offered by disparate products,” said Shahbaz Ali, founder and CEO of Tarmin. “With GridBank, companies from the large enterprise to the SME will substantially reduce the TCO of their storage infrastructures. At the same time, GridBank increases the security of company data resources, provides a more efficient use of IT manpower, assists organizations meet compliance needs, and delivers a much more environmentally sound storage ecosystem.”

Summary

GridBank’s next-generation solution provides:

- All-in-one solution for CAS, ILM, active archiving, policy-based storage automation, search and e-discovery, security, and audit management
- Dramatic reduction of IT, storage, and compliance CAPEX and OPEX
- Extensive data lifecycle management from ingestion/migration through to end-of-life
- Complete storage optimization and efficiency to shrink the capacity of migrated or archived data, to provide more efficient storage power and cooling, and to deliver much greener storage installation
- Substantially improved productivity through the policy-based automation of archiving, data management and secondary storage administration
- Rapid e-discovery, search, and data retrieval
- Easily accessed, but highly secure, data.

"In this economy our end users are asking us to deliver solutions that help them reduce their IT and storage costs", said Andrew Griffiths, Sales Director, Q Associates, a Tarmin authorized channel partner, in Newbury UK. "GridBank achieves this by automating key functions, including CAS, ILM, active archiving, encryption, security, policy management, search and audit management. By allowing us to deliver a single, integrated solution, GridBank helps deliver substantial reductions in storage CAPEX and OPEX, while continuing to satisfy complex regulatory and compliance requirements."

Availability

GridBank is generally available now from Tarmin and its worldwide network of channel partners.

ABOUT TARMIN TECHNOLOGIES

Tarmin™ Technologies is a leading provider of active archival and next-generation intelligent storage solutions optimized for secondary storage environments. Tarmin’s GridBank™ platform solves archiving problems across all business functions. Deployed as a heterogeneous grid of clustered servers, GridBank delivers maximum data reliability and substantially lowers storage and IT CAPEX and OPEX. A high-performance, high-availability, highly scalable, and active archiving solution, GridBank satisfies any organization’s regulatory, governance, and compliance requirements by ensuring secure, long-term data retention, and fast search and retrieval of valuable business records. GridBank’s policy-driven software completely automates all

processes, while empowering staff to securely share, search and publish their archived data, while delivering a “Green” friendly storage solution. Tarmin is headquartered in Ongar, United Kingdom, with North American offices in Palo Alto, California. For more information, please visit www.tarmin.com or e-mail us at info@tarmin.com

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