(PhysOrg.com) -- Today Addonics announced their NAS (network attached storage) adapter, a low-cost way to add USB storage devices onto a local area network. The NAS adapter will permit USB storage devices shared by any network user just like any NAS device. The adapter comes with a USB 2.0/1.1 connection and a fast Ethernet 10/100Mbps connection.

The Addonics NAS adapter will allow users to custom build their own NAS appliance with unlimited expansion and RAID capability by using Addonics family of drive enclosures, port multipliers and IO converters. When incorporated with Addonics storage towers, users can instantly add to any LAN multi-tera bytes of storage with RAID capabilities.
The NAS adapter supports both SMB (Server Message Block) and the open source Samba network protocols. This allows for cross-platform access of all shared data for most versions of Windows, Mac OS X, and various Linux distributions.

Remote users who are not connected to the LAN have the ability to connect via FTP with up to eight simultaneous connections from anywhere in the world using an internet connection. The NAS adapter also can be used as a print server.

**Other features of the NAS adapter include:**

- Support for fast Ethernet 10/100 Mbps
- Ability to power most 2.5" USB hard drives or any low powered USB storage device
- Simple installation
- Small and light weight
- Support for Samba and FTP servers
- User management that allows read only or read/write access to folders.

The Addonics NAS adapter is compatible with all Windows OS, Mac OS, Linux 2.6.x and above, Solaris 9 and above. The list price of the NAS adapter is $55.

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