

Intel & Hitachi Team up for Enterprise Grade SSDs

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(PhysOrg.com) -- Intel and Hitachi announced that they are joining forces to produce Enterprise-grade SSDs that will incorporate Serial Attached SCSI (SAS) and Fiber Channel (FC) interfaces. Both firms plan the first products, produced under the agreement, to be available in 2010.

The plan is that Intel will provide the SSD technologies and raw materials to Hitachi. Hitachi will incorporate their expertise to develop the drive firmware, reliability, qualification, and system integration. Intel will also develop their own line of SSD products, like the X25 and X18 SSDs.

In a statement, Randy Wilhelm of the Intel NAND solutions group stated, "The new solid-state drives for the enterprise include a number of architectural breakthroughs and improve performance and energy usage models that will change enterprise computing. Intel and Hitachi GST

share a common objective in delivering SAS/FC products based on solid-state technology that will help enterprise customers meet the skyrocketing demands for performance while reducing space, power and cooling costs."

Hitachi's VP of Strategic Business Operations Shinjiro Iwata understands the need of today's Enterprise customers, and is committed to delivering breakthrough products that will increase Data Center performance while reducing cost.

By Hitachi expanding their product line-up to include both traditional enterprise hard drives and new SSDs, they will continue to provide customers with a set of products tailored to meet the high-performance and reliability requirements required for Data Center's.

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