

IBM to launch three biotech data storage units

IBM of the United States is set to launch a trio of storage-networking suites designed to enable researchers to share between labs large volumes of data quickly and efficiently. The technology integrates its storage technology, servers, DB2 database software and the Tivoli management software. According to IBM, the units will be available in the following three configurations:

- (1) Small-range labs can get a configuration that comprises IBM's FAStT500 mid-range storage disk, the Total Storage LTO mid-range tape storage for archiving and backup, and the UNIX applications tool eServer p630;
- (2) Medium-range pharma companies and research groups can choose a kit that contains the FAStT500 disk, the Total Storage LTO storage for backup and archiving, the network-attached storage 300G from IBM's storage area network, and the eServer pSeries for applications;
- (3) Big pharma and research groups can choose a set-up with the Total Storage enterprise storage server, the NAS 300 and 300G for file-serving either from a SAN or within a department, the Total Storage LTO for backup and archiving, an eServer pSeries, and an eServer xSeries for running applications.

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