



Press Release

Active Circle announces version 3.1 of its file storage software platform. New items include remote collaboration features and new editions of the software

November 19, 2008 – Active Circle has announced the release of version 3.1 of its file storage software platform. The principal new feature in this version is **Multi-Site Data Sharing**, which allows users in distributed organizations to implement a distributed file system to collaborate securely and intelligently. Also, beginning with this version, Active Circle has made its solution available in **three distinct editions** better to meet the needs of their target markets: NAS, archiving solutions, and cloud storage.

New functionality: Multi-Site Data Sharing

Beginning with version 3.1, the Active Circle storage software platform offers *Multi-Site Data Sharing* for remote collaboration on distributed file systems. Simply put, this functionality leverages the existence of multiple copies of files, which are needed to guarantee data security, by storing those copies near the people that need them, thereby optimizing access and reducing network traffic overhead. A distributed locking mechanism ensures that only one user at a time can modify any given file.

"The need for collaboratively sharing files is very widespread. In practically every organization, work groups are distributed over multiple sites and their members need to share files. Up until now, there has not been a simple solution available on the market. The only options available were applications that are complex to install and difficult to manage. Active Circle 3.1 responds to this need with a simple solution that provides a rapid return on investment," states Philippe Boyon, Marketing Director for Active Circle.

New: Active Circle available in three editions

With the release of version 3.1, the Active Circle file storage software platform is available in three editions:

- **Active Circle File Server Edition**, the high-availability file service platform that grows to meet client needs. Sold directly or via OEM agreements with manufacturers of servers and NAS devices, this edition transforms a group of x86 servers into a secure, high-availability NAS cluster.
- **Active Circle Archive Edition**, for long-term storage of large volumes of files. This edition, which is optimized for fixed-content data, manages data lifecycles while protecting against loss, corruption, or inadvertent modification.
- **Active Circle Enterprise Edition**, the complete solution for file storage services. This edition allows medium-sized to large companies to create their own *cloud storage* solution, thereby delivering a secure, reliable file service to everyone in their organization, wherever they are.

About Active Circle

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Active Circle has developed an innovative software-based platform designed for the storage of large volumes of files. It is based on a clustered, tiered and distributed file system that runs on any x86 server and operates with any disk or tape storage device. Companies handling large data volumes can utilize Active Circle's system to set up fully secure and scalable file archiving and storage infrastructures that optimize return on investment. Active Circle is marketed through a network of system integrators and OEMs.

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