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Startup ScaleIO emerges from stealth-mode with a renewed take on SANs-- Elastic Converged Storage (ECS) v1.1, a virtual storage appliance (VSA) combining the storage capacity of multiple servers.



According to the company ECS creates a file system scaleable to 1000s of servers in a data centre (including both existing and newly-purchased servers), without need for specialised storage admins or adding to the workload of existing administrators.

It also claims the system has enterprise-class resiliency similar (or better) to the traditional SAN, and is able to leverage a large number of disks in parallel.

Users manage ECS from either command-line interface or GUI. It supports all leading Linux distros or hypervisors, is agnostic to any model, shape or form of SSD/HDD and runs on x86, ARM and other chipsets.

ECS v1.0 customers include SAP, Check Point, Aer Lingus, OCF and Colt. ScaleIO ECS v1.1 is available now for sale and deployment.

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