



Overland Storage Announces Storage Management Alliance Program; QLogic Is First Partner

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SAN DIEGO, Dec. 19 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Overland Storage, Inc. (Nasdaq: OVRL), a leading provider of storage solutions, today announced its Storage Management Alliance Program, recognizing companies who have successfully completed compatibility testing with Overland's Storage Resource Manager (SRM) software. QLogic Corporation, the first Overland Storage Management Alliance Partner, is joining the program to ensure future interoperability between QLogic products and Overland SRM.

"We believe that the key to enabling our customers' success in dynamic and demanding technology environments is to offer SRM software that works with all network products," said John Cloyd, vice president and general manager of Overland's storage management business unit. "As we support the industry-leading products that our customers use to build heterogeneous IT infrastructures, strong alliance partnerships allow us to solve potential interoperability issues so that our customers achieve successful implementations the first time -- providing a much quicker ROI."

IT professionals selecting QLogic products will have confidence the products will work seamlessly with Overland SRM as a result of the software's open architecture. QLogic products that complement Overland's SRM offering include SANblade(TM) host bus adapters, SANbox(TM) switches and SAN Connectivity Kits.

"We have worked closely with Overland in their tape library business to enable heterogeneous operating systems, and so it is a natural transition to support their software as well," Joseph Kimpler, director of business alliances, QLogic Corp. "We are pleased that Overland has tested several of our products and has chosen QLogic as one of its first Storage Management Alliance Partners."

Overland SRM lets IT departments know exactly what data resides on the network, what should be saved, what can be moved to tape storage and what can be deleted. It helps to increase network reliability, strategically deploy existing and future assets, and facilitate backup and disaster recovery in heterogeneous environments. Features include automated policy management, instant reporting, comprehensive notification tools, and easy storage and system performance tracking.

About Overland Storage

Overland Storage, Inc. (Nasdaq: OVRL) is a leading global supplier of innovative hardware and software storage solutions for mid-range computer networks. The company's reputation for delivering high availability products, including its award-winning automated storage libraries and the industry's first family of fully open storage management software solutions, sets the standard for intelligent, automated and scalable storage. Overland sells its products worldwide through leading OEMs, commercial distributors, storage integrators and value-added resellers. For more information, visit Overland's Web site at www.overlandstorage.com.

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