

We have reviewed the Revised Server Definitions document and have not major issues. As always, though, we would like to make a couple of suggestions. None of these are significant alterations to any of the definitions, but rather are recommendations for clarity and completeness.

With regard to the definition for 'Storage Equipment':

- The definition contains the phrase "which may be part of an archival process". We point out that archival is but one of many different processes of which external storage may be a part. So, while not incorrect, it is a bit odd to call out archival processes specifically and offer that it isn't necessary to the definition.
- We suggest that "data replication" be include in the list of embedded storage applications as it is virtually ubiquitous and can have a significant impact on the energy consumption profile.
- The phrase "not made available to execute user- installed software applications" would be better phrased as "not made available to execute user-provided software applications" to avoid confusion in cases where the embedded storage application is enabled or loaded after purchase.
- Storage may contain more than one embedded processor.

Taken together, these would result in the following definition:

*Storage Equipment: A system whose primary function is to provide data storage external to the server. While storage equipment may contain one or more embedded processors, these processors are not made available to execute user-provided software applications, but may execute data specific applications, e.g. data replication, backup utilities, data compression, install agents, and other tasks.*

With regard to the definition for 'Network Equipment':

- Your definition states "A product whose primary function is to route Internet Protocol traffic...". However, network equipment may transport layer 2 (e.g., Ethernet) or other non-IP traffic (e.g., SNA used in mainframes, or Fibre Channel used for Storage Area Networks). These other protocols equally involve dedicated equipment such as switches that should be accommodated in the definition, either by extending the definition or simply removing the phrase "Internet Protocol".

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