

# Demartek Lab Notes - October 2010



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### Welcome



Welcome to the **Demartek Lab Notes**, our monthly newsletter. This newsletter contains a few links to our recent lab evaluations, articles and upcoming speaking engagements. I recently spoke at some storage industry conferences to packed rooms on the subjects of [SSDs](#) and [FCoE](#). It seems that IT pros are very interested in these topics. What about you? I'd love to hear from you.

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#### Demartek Video Library



Dennis recently appeared in a TechTarget video, titled "[Expert Video: SSD Advantages and Disadvantages](#)." In this video, Dennis outlines SSD advantages and disadvantages, including:

- Major obstacles that stand in the way of SSD adoption
- SSD power and cooling advantages
- Questions you should ask SSD vendors
- SSD management tools
- SSDs and their place in a tiered storage architecture

#### [Demartek Article on Solid-State Storage](#)

Dennis Martin, Demartek President, has written an article making the case for solid-state storage. Interest in solid-state storage is high, and with a variety of solid-state implementations available and newer technologies emerging, it's time to take a serious look at how solid-state could enhance your storage environment.

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## Upcoming Speaking Engagements

### Storage Networking World Europe - October 26-27, 2010

Dennis Martin will present at the Storage Networking World (SNW) Europe Conference in Frankfurt, Germany.



- Tuesday, October 26, 11:35 a.m.: [Storage Best Practices for Microsoft Server Applications](#)
- Tuesday, October 26, 12:15 p.m.: [I/O Virtualization - The Next Virtualization Frontier](#)
- Wednesday, October 27, 2:00 p.m.: [Panel Discussion: FCoE - The Arrival of the New Data Center](#)

### Storage Decisions Conference - November 4, 2010

Dennis Martin will present two sessions at the Storage Decisions Conference in San Francisco, California. These sessions are:

- Thursday, November 4, 11:25 a.m.: [A Practical Guide to Fiber Channel over Ethernet](#)
- Thursday, November 4, 1:25 p.m.: [Deep Dive on SSD](#)

### Server Design Summit - December 1, 2010

Dennis Martin will speak at the Server Design Summit in Santa Clara, California. He is participating in the I/O Virtualization session in the Workshop on Servers for Cloud Computing.

- Wednesday, December 1, 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.: [I/O Virtualization - The Next Virtualization Frontier](#)

## Storage Interface Comparison

As new details become available or when further explanation becomes needed, we revise the [Demartek Storage Networking Interface Comparison](#). This document summarizes the basic information for each of the storage networking interfaces. Recently, the page was updated with information on **16Gb Fibre Channel Standards**. Please [contact us](#) if you would like to see additional specifics listed on this page.

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