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News from THINK IT Solutions

THINK IT named NetApp Silver Partner

As a reward for demonstrating on-going and heightened commitment to the NetApp brand while providing sales and services for the high quality storage systems provider, local ICT solutions provider, THINK IT Solutions has been awarded NetApp Silver Partner status. [More >](#)

The THINK IT family is growing!

And it's Virgo season at THINK IT as two teeny tiny little ones were born this month. Congrats to Eugene and Leanne on the birth of Tyler David Nel on 11 September 2010 and to Curtis and Stella who brought Nirvana Hunt into the world on the 3rd September 2010.

We, here at THINK IT, get all gooey when babies are born and look forward introducing them to their THINK IT family as soon as they're old enough to answer the phones ☺



New-borns

Name: Tyler David Nel son of Eugene and Leanne
Born: 11/09/2010
Weight: 3.8kg
Length: 50cm



Name: Nirvana Hunt daughter of Curtis and Stella
Born: 03/09/2010
Weight: 2.74kg
Length: 48cm

Expert Opinion Column

New IT trends – Are they right for you?

Why are we here? That is not an existential question, but rather a questioning of your business goals especially when it comes to new IT trends. [More >](#)

Software Assurance: Windows licensing everyone loves to hate

Customers have been unhappy with Microsoft's licensing since the company started selling its software via an annuity model. Software Assurance can be problematic for enterprises on tight budgets because it requires companies to prepay a percentage of their license price for upgrade rights to a future software release. [More >](#)

Storage Management

Direct Attached Storage vs. SAN and NAS

When it comes to choosing storage components for virtual infrastructures, there are always trade-offs. Direct-attached storage (DAS) may be the right choice for your virtual environment, but it can also severely limit your options. [More >](#)

Tips and Tricks

- > [Learn How To Clean Your Computer](#)
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Business Insight

Choosing the "right" thin client" - Thin clients aren't as dumb as they used to be

In the old days you know, like five years ago thin-client devices were pretty "dumb." In other words, a thin client was a more-or-less stateless device used to access remote applications. It didn't really do anything except process keystrokes, mouse movements and screen updates. [More >](#)

Are Value Added Resellers a SMB best friend?

For small- to medium-sized businesses (SMBs), the importance of a value-added reseller (VAR), or channel partner, is that vendors "simply can't get enough feet on the street to serve SMBs and VARs fill that gap. The VAR role is good for SMBs on multiple levels. [More >](#)

Products and Solutions



R 8825.00 (Excluding VAT)

Lenovo - L512 Intel Core i5 450M (2.40 Ghz, 3MB L3, 1066Mhz) 2GB DDR3, 320GB/7200rpm, DVD±RW DL, Mobile Intel GM 45 Intel Integrated Graphics, 15.6 HD non-glossy, Eth Giga, Intel 5100 AGN (1x2), 3G ENABLED, Bluetooth, Camera, FPR, 6 cell, Windows 7 Pro 64, 1 Year Carry In Warranty



R 1995.00 (Excluding VAT)

SAMSUNG BX2250 LED LCD - 21.5" Wide, 16:9 HD, 1920x1080, 2ms Response Time, 5,000,000:1 Contrast Ratio, 250cd/m² Bright - D-SUB, HDMI x2



R 975.00 (Excluding VAT)

Lexmark Interpret S405 - Print, Scan, Copy, Fax - 33 ppm black / 30 ppm colour, Vizix single cartridge print technology, Wireless 802.11b/g, 4800 x 1200 dpi, Pictbridge & Cardslots, 35 page Automatic document feeder, 3 - Year guarantee.



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Seagate STAC3000200 - 3TB External Hard Drive, SEAGATE FreeAgent GoFlexDesk 0.1 (3.5",3TB,USB 2.0) Black



Virtualisation & Cloud Computing

Are You Ready For Virtualisation?

From the outset of a virtual server deployment, the intimidation factor can loom large. Identifying which servers and applications to virtualise can paralyse even savvy IT managers. [More >](#)

Simplifying Windows 7 rollouts with a virtual desktop deployment!

The maturation of desktop virtualisation is helping enterprises manage their IT environments, migrate to Windows 7 and ease into cloud computing. [More >](#)

Cloud Computing Is Redefining Technology

The most widely used software in the world is now made for the cloud. Twenty million businesses and over a billion people use Microsoft cloud services. We and our partners are committed to delivering a broad set of enterprise-ready products and business solutions that build on what you already know. We're all in the Cloud. [More >](#)

Cloud Computing Threat or Opportunity?

Many solution providers have heard the phrase cloud computing thrown around as if it were the end-all, be-all future of information technology. But cloud computing can mean many different things to different people, and the channel is no exception. For many system integrators and VARs, cloud computing seems to be more of a threat than an opportunity. [More >](#)

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