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Kinetic Open Storage restructures traditional storage server architectures to handle masses of data

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STORAGE VENDOR Seagate has inked a three-year partnership with CERN Openlab to help better manage and store the masses of data generated by the Large Hadron Collider (LHC).

The partnership will see the two firms collaborate on the Seagate Kinetic Open Storage platform, which aims to better manage and store the 100 petabytes of

data the Large Hadron Collider - which can be explored on Google Street View - has generated to date.

It will also help to manage the the additional two to three petabytes of data it produces on a monthly basis.

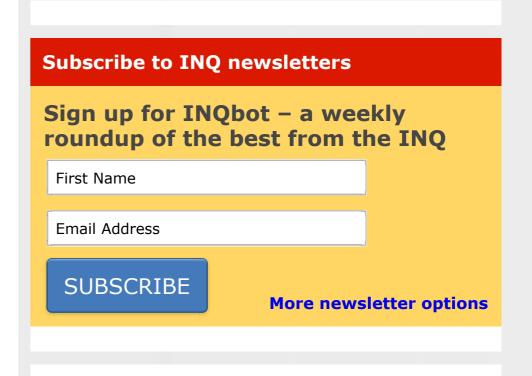
Alberto Di Meglio, head of CERN Openlab, said: "CERN creates a truly astonishing amount of data on a daily basis, and finding secure and efficient ways to store that information is one of the most important challenges we face.

"We are excited to collaborate with Seagate on understanding how the Kinetic storage architecture could potentially contribute to the CERN infrastructure and aid the very demanding LHC programme, by reducing complexity and operational costs in our storage systems."

Seagate says that the Kinetic Open Storage platform is capable of handling such huge amounts of data because it restructures traditional storage server architectures from the bottom up, connecting object-oriented applications directly to the storage device. Most read

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The firm adds that it also improves performance and cuts cost by 15 to 40 percent, by canning some of the many layers of hardware and software used in traditional stacks.

Scott Horn, vice president of marketing at Seagate, said that, thanks to its partnership with CERN, it will be able to further boost its Kinetic Open Storage platform.

"This is a thrilling opportunity for Seagate to collaborate with CERN to more efficiently operate one of the most extreme and demanding storage environments in the world.

"We believe our partnership will not only deliver extensive benefits to CERN's largescale storage system, but also help us further enhance the Seagate Kinetic Open Storage platform by testing it in an unparalleled data creation environment."

As part of the partnership, Seagate will also cast its eye over CERN's EOS storage system to determine whether there are opportunities to enhance and improve it. μ



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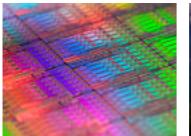


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