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Welcome to the summer issue of Eze Castle Integration's newsletter, *IT Perspective*. We have designed this publication to keep you educated and informed on technology and its effect on your business.

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### • [Evaluating & Selecting a Storage Area Network \(SAN\)](#)

In the last IT Perspectives, we discussed the three most common technologies that allow you to keep copies of your important data off-site: remote-backups, host-based replication, and Storage Area Networks (SANs).

For a business with many production servers, a SAN model is a sophisticated alternative that compares favorably to the host-based replication method. With a SAN, data is stored in a high-speed network designed specifically for data storage. SANs are pertinent to the discussion of business continuity planning because most models are capable of very efficient and reliable data replication between units.

In this article we'll provide considerations and recommendations on evaluating and working with SAN vendors.

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### • **Maximizing the Information Pipeline: Research Management Software**

Investment firms from mutual funds to pension funds to institutional investors have successfully moved from paper to nearly electronic everything. However, electronic data is only as good as the methods of its upkeep and organization. The significant influx of information flooding today's firms has created the need for more mature tools to receive, manage, and mine that information.

This changing landscape is driving organizations to implement new technology solutions aimed at increasing idea throughput, reducing operational risk, and meeting compliance regulations. Research Management Software (RMS) is one such technology. RMS benefits include allowing investment analysts to reach new levels of efficiency in distilling information and generating ideas; and enabling workgroups to collaborate more quickly on ideas.

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### • **The Promise Of IP Telephony: Product Review**

Imagine having customized applications delivered to a Graphical User Interface (GUI) display on your desk phone, allowing you to easily navigate routine tasks. These applications can be specific to your business needs and include stock updates, important event updates from a web service, email notifications, meeting reminders, and voice mail notifications. Now imagine that your desk phone with these customized applications can be accessed from anywhere in the world through a PDA, a PC, or a "smart" cell phone.

The Avaya AG250 application gateway is designed to make all that possible. This converged device is another example of how IP telephony is changing the way businesses operate.

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