



## Tech Awards Circle Winners Represent Best of Tech 2009

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AUSTIN, Texas, Nov. 9 -- Tech Awards Circle ([www.techawardscircle.com](http://www.techawardscircle.com)), a uniquely unbiased, independent awards program, today announced the winners of its inaugural competition. The winners represent a broad range of achievements, from hardware to software to services in consumer/SOHO, SMB, midrange, and enterprise markets. Tech Awards Circle winners, selected by an independent circle of journalists, should be considered the 'best of the best' in the computer and consumer technology industries today.

Gold, silver and bronze awards were given out in each category. Gold product award winners in each category will automatically be entered into an annual Product of the Year competition for additional recognition. Winners are listed below, in order from Gold, Silver, to Bronze.

### **Consumer/SOHO/SMB Hardware:**

- Hewlett Packard HP dc7900 Business Desktop PC -- Tripp Lite ECO Series UPS Systems -- Pano Logic Pano System 2.7

### **Consumer/SOHO Software or Service:**

- Decho Corp. MozyHome -- iolo technologies, LLC System Mechanic 9 -- Bitstream BOLT Browser

### **SMB Software or Service:**

- Ifbyphone Ifbyphone Platform -- Pano Logic Pano System 2.7 -- Concentric Concentric Managed Backup

### **Midrange Hardware:**

- Xiotech Emprise 7000 Edge -- Storwize STN-6000i -- ExaGrid Systems, Inc. ExaGrid Disk-based Backup System

### **Midrange Software or Service:**

- Seanodes Exanodes VM Edition -- C2C Systems ArchiveOne -- Marathon Technologies everRun 2G

### **Enterprise Hardware:**

- Schooner Information Technology Data Access Appliances -- Net Optics, Inc. Director Data Monitoring Switch -- Storwize STN-6000i

### **Enterprise Software:**

- Rosetta Stone Rosetta Stone Enterprise Version 3 -- NetEx HyperIP -- Librato Librato Load Manager

**Enterprise Service:**

- Nirvanix CloudNAS -- Asankya RAPIDnet -- Global Capacity One Marketplace Initiative - Optimization and Expense Managements service

**Executive of the Year:**

- Noah Rowles, CEO and founder, iolo technologies, LLC -- Kevin North, President & CEO, Dyadem -- Ken Horner, Senior Vice President of Corporate Development and Strategy, Bakbone Software

**Technologist of the Year:**

- Jason Caulkins, Chief Technologist, Dataram -- Vess Bakalov, Chief Technology Officer, SevOne, Inc. -- Linda Brotherton, Chief Technology Officer, ConnectWise

Because the Enterprise Software category was so competitive, these additional vendors were given Honorable Mention:

- Gideon Technologies SecureFusion -- InDorse Technologies InDorse Image Assurance (InDIA) -- HardMetrics, Inc. Performance Manager (HPM v5.3) -- Zeta Interactive Zeta Mail 5.0

"The competition was extremely strong, so we congratulate these winners for their outstanding products, talented executive leadership and engineering innovators," said Kevin Anderson, awards program coordinator. "For our first time out of the gate, we were pleased to get entries of such a high quality. Despite some challenging economic times, I can assure you there is much progress to celebrate in high tech today."

Tech Awards Circle will be accepting a new crop of nominations for Winter 2010 in January.

**About Tech Awards Circle**

Tech Awards Circle was established this year to truly honor the 'best of the best' in technology. Tech Awards Circle is not affiliated with an analyst firm or a media company, both of which are directly supported by tech vendors through consulting relationships or advertising sales, so it is uniquely unbiased and immune to conflicts of interest. Entries are judged by an independent circle of journalists, including product reviewers, each with at least a decade of experience covering technology from consumer electronics to enterprise-class computing. To prevent these judges from being unduly influenced by vendors, they have agreed to remain anonymous. For more information or to be added to the mailing list please visit [www.techawardscircle.com](http://www.techawardscircle.com).