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Richard B. Gilbert wrote:

> **jughead wrote:*

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> >I've recently picked up a Sun 220R for short money in order to work

> on

> >my rusty technical skills at home (e.g. Oracle, apache, etc). Now

> I'm

> >thinking about picking up some external storage so I can play with

> >mirroring, clustering etc. My question is, does anyone have any

> >suggestions for inexpensive storage options? While poking around,

> I've

> >found some cheap arrays, but the SCSI contoller that I would need

> (e.g.

> >Sun X6541A) would cost nearly as much as the server. Any thoughts?

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> >Thanks.

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> >I just did a quick search on e-Bay. There are fifteen X6541A cards

> available. Current prices range from \$49 to \$650. With patience

> and

> luck you should be able to pick one up for \$100-\$150. *

Thanks for the advice. I have started looking at Ebay for these cards, and I guess paying \$100-\$150 wouldn't be all that bad, it's just tough to swallow after paying very short money for a well-configured 220R. It looks like I'd have to pay as much for such a card and a couple of

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cables, that I did for the server.

Due to the cost, I'm wondering if a Netra D130-type setup would be a good compromise. I'm assuming that it is able to use the integrated SCSI connection on the 220R. Any other thoughts?

My problem is that I don't have much experience with low-end external storage, having always had an employer's money to spend. Now that it's on my dime, it's different. ;)

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