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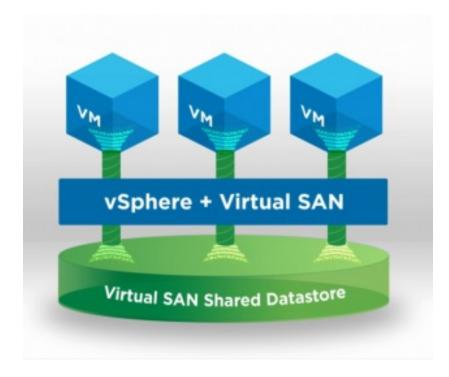
Canadian Web Hosting brings first VSAN private cloud to Canada

March 3, 2016 by Denise Deveau

With the introduction of a VMWare's Virtual SAN Storage to support its private cloud hosted offering, Canadian Web Hosting aims to deliver a high-performance distributed storage solution that is reliable and flexible at lower cost.

"What is on the network stays on ... [the] network"

Matt McKinney, chief strategy officer, Canadian Web Hosting, explains how the VSAN enabled private cloud has allowed the company to build a shared resource across Canadian locations – and the outcome: "What's on the network stays on our network throughout the country so we know at all times where data goes, how it flows and all connection points in between." Read more



TCBC issues guidance on Advanced Cloud Application Adoption and Enablement Best Practices

March 14, 2016 by Michael O'Neil

The Toronto Cloud Business Coalition has developed a compelling whitepaper that explores best practices designed to optimize the implementation of advanced applications on cloud. Paul Gragtmans, principal of ET Group, Arturo Perez, president and CEO at Solsteace, and Norman Sung, a cloud solutions architect at Red Hat tell you how to get started with your cloud application adoption strategy Read more







The Advanced Cloud Application Adoption and Enablement working group: Paul Gragtmans, ET Group; Arturo Perez, Solsteace; Norman Sung, Red Hat

The curious case of women in ICT

March 8, 2016 by Mary Allen

Ranstad surveyed 1,005 working women to uncover the reasons behind the gender gap in STEM studies, and the impact of this on women's employment. The results highlighted the need for greater enrollment of women in STEM related fields, such as ICT, which are now male dominated.

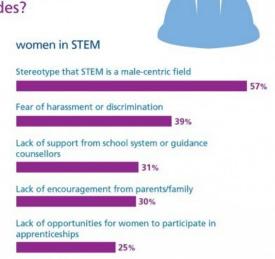
ICT in need of disruption

One survey finding is that women in STEM related careers perceive even greater barriers to advancement in their respective industries than do women from outside these fields.

But there are strategies that can help mitigate the persistent challenges of gender inequality in the tech industry.

Mentorship had "huge impact on my personal development, confidence, authenticity and therefore, impact" stresses Bernadette Wightman president, Cisco Canada. For more thoughts on what can be done, click here

what are the barriers that most prevent women from choosing STEM or skilled trades?





all women

apprenticeships

Peer pressure

Stereotype that STEM is a male-centric field

Fear of harassment or discrimination

Lack of support from school system or guidance counsellors

26%

Lack of opportunities for women to participate in

23%

None - I do not feel there are barriers that prevent women

Lack of encouragement from parents/family

from choosing STEM or skilled trades careers

Stop helping me!

March 7, 2016 by Lynn Greiner

Peer pressure 9%

Microsoft has offered a free Windows 10 upgrade, an update with significant improvements. But the bad news is that the upgrade is not free for all, and there may be compatibility issues with some applications and systems.

A big performance challenge

Commenting on the impact of forced upgrade in a business environment, tech journalist and frequent contributor to InsightaaS Lynn Greiner asks: "Do you feel lucky?' That's just one system [that doesn't work with Windows 10]. Multiply that by an office full of machines, and things could get – um – interesting. And not in a good way." Read more

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