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 - Networking Roundup. According to a study by Mier Communications, an independent lab, network interface card (NIC) company Phobos Corp.'s four-port Fast Ethernet adapter came out tops in comparison tests.

The tests used trunking software over two Gigabit Ethernet cards two out of three times.

The company claims that the results "demonstrate Gigabit Ethernet performance at a price that is roughly one half of Gigabit Ethernet adapters."

Mier conducted the study on behalf of Phobos and reportedly found the P430 achieved the highest overall transfer rate of 280 megabits-per-second (Mbps), compared to Alteon's ACEnic at 277Mbps and Packet Engines' G-NIC2 at 276 Mbps when measured with Hewlett Packard's NetPerf and Turbosoft's TTCP. Ganymede Software's Chariot showed throughput for Phobos at 241 Mbps, with Alteon at 271 and Packet Engines at 264.

The company said its P430 Quadport Fast Ethernet is compatible with existing Fast Ethernet switches, which it maintains "delays the need to upgrade servers to Gigabit Ethernet." The P430 lists for \$495.

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