Emerald V3.0 Specification - Overview

The Emerald Power Efficiency Measurement Specification has supported Energy Star Data Center Storage V1.0 (released Dec'13)

- The current Emerald release is V2.1.1 (dated December 2, 2015)
- No issue with Online Block testing methods

Status of Emerald V3.0 (draft)

- Foremost: Adds File-access (to Block) into the Online Taxonomy categories
 - > Includes File-access workload, measurement and data reduction extensions.
 - > Four workloads adopted from SPEC SFS ® 2014 test suite
 - > SPEC SFS run rules have been modified to create comprehensive suite
 - > Extensions include power and IO bandwidth measurement instrumentation
- Additional minor clarifications / upgrades
 - > Removable and Virtual Media Library edits to align to Online
 - > Aligned Environmental (Power, Temp) test conditions to ENERGY STAR
 - > Accommodated new solid state modules in the Online taxonomy
 - > Considered Stability Criterion filter parameters in light of AFA characteristics, but no changes needed

Plans for 2017

- Review Draft Emerald & POV with EPA / Industry at San Jose Tech Symposium (Jan)
- Finalize V3.0 and supporting material (e.g., User Guide, Test Data Report)
- Spec Publication and Industry Training by Summer
- Enable Energy Star V1.1 release by Sept.

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