

Metron News Release

ATHENE AT THE HEART OF US GOVERNMENT

24th September 2007, Taunton, Somerset, UK: One of the largest departments within the US government has selected Metron's Athene for its capacity planning operations.

The department runs a combination of mainframes and distributed UNIX systems. With these systems handling 11 million transactions every twenty four hours, capacity planning has long been regarded as essential.

In 2000, the capacity planning team of the government department decided to evaluate Metron's Athene over a six month period as an alternative to their existing system. The results were clearly in Athene's favor, with four aspects of the product proving to be particularly attractive: its functionality, its ease of use, the fact that it wasn't necessary to utilise the mainframe to run the product (which could be run on a server) and the large number of reports which could be tailored to meet the specific needs of the organization.

Having completed the evaluation and compared the results with those being achieved using the existing product, the decision was taken in 2001 to adopt Metron's Athene product for all mainframe and UNIX capacity planning activities throughout the department.

The primary role of Athene is to produce a quarterly capacity planning report. This is used to show the status of the systems, with projections of how they are likely to be performing over the course of the next eighteen months. The objective is to help determine when an upgrade needs to be implemented, and exactly what type of upgrade it needs to be. With the aim of running systems at about 80% capacity, Athene is the principal means of determining when the department's systems are approaching this level, and what hardware and resources will be required.

Metron is currently enhancing the connectivity between Athene and HP's Measureware software to provide the department with more choice of where the data used by Athene is sourced.

Notes for editors

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Metron Technology was founded in 1986 and is Europe's leading Performance Management and Capacity Planning specialist. At Metron we are committed to continue developing products to provide IT users the maximum benefits at the least cost. We are delivering this by creating automated products that embody an increasing level of intelligence to address the continuing evolution and complexity of hardware environments and software applications.

Metron's Athene performance management software is the most cost-effective product in its class providing fully integrated ITIL-compliant capacity management with automatic performance analysis and reporting for UNIX, Linux, Windows and Mainframe Servers.

In Europe Athene is installed for clients such as T-Mobile, WH Smith, O2, Nestle, LloydsTSB, and a number of government agencies. The company works in partnership with leading IT suppliers such as Hewlett Packard, Microsoft Systems, VMware, Computer Associates, IBM, Capgemini, and Oracle. The world's leading outsourcing companies and half the UK's top 100 companies are now using Athene combined with expert ITIL consultancy and training services as a key element of their Service Management and Delivery.

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