

# Metron News Release

## METRON ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF ATHENE 7.4 FOR PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND CAPACITY PLANNING

**7th July 2003, Taunton, Somerset, UK:** Leading European performance management and capacity planning specialist, Metron, announces the launch of the latest version of the company's Athene product. Version 7.4, which will start shipping in July, is a major release of the product and includes a number of significant new features, some of which reflect industry needs, whilst others are in response to specific requests from existing users. Three important feature sets within Athene 7.4 are Automatic Reporting, Data Capture and CustomDB.

### Key features:

- Enhanced automatic reporting including application wide views
- Extended data capture for UNIX and Oracle

### Automatic reporting

Using Version 7.4, users will now be able to group servers by application and thus receive automatic reports on a specified application across a group of servers, rather than on a single server basis. This allows users to view performance or a service as a single entity, irrespective of where the processing is actually taking place. The same concept of 'grouping' – and the ability to achieve application-wide views - also applies to disks within Version 7.4.

### Data capture

Version 7.4 of Athene incorporates the ability to capture Netstat data from a wide number of UNIX variants including Solaris, HP-UX, AIX and Tru64. Improved memory usage statistics are also available. Data on Oracle segments and extents, and from Windows Terminal Server, can also be captured and stored.

### CustomDB

CustomDB, which provides an 'integration' facility with the ability to collect data from a wide range of different applications and environments including network statistics and other operating systems, has been extended in Athene Version 7.4. Multiple instances can be run within a single schedule, providing users with an easier to use, more flexible solution.

Paul Shimell, a director of Metron commented: "In Version 7.4 we have drawn upon our seventeen years experience in the development of capacity planning and performance management software for both the European and US markets. We have also consulted extensively with a number of our clients, who include many of the largest financial institutions, utilities and leading retailers, to ensure that we meet – and in many cases – exceed their needs. Reaction to beta testing of this latest release has been extremely positive, and I am confident that Version 7.4 will be well received by both our existing customers and our new clients."

### Notes for editors

#### About Metron Technology Ltd.

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<sup>®</sup>-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<sup>®</sup> consultancy and training services as a key element of their Service Management and Delivery.

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