

Metron-Athene News Release

METRON ANNOUNCES ATHENE VMWARE VIRTUAL APPLIANCE

Monday 23rd April 2008, Woodland Hills, California, USA: Metron, the world's leading capacity management specialist and VMware Technology Alliance Partner, announces the availability of its new VMware Virtual Appliance. Metron's Athene Virtual Appliance supports VMware as well as all other leading virtual and physical environments to analyze performance, provide reports and a centralized capacity database across the entire enterprise.

With Athene the client can:

- create trends of behaviour
- analytically model future scenarios to optimize future configurations and minimize on-going costs
- optimize on-going capacity
- minimize over-spending on hardware
- avoid the costs of performance crises
- guarantee service levels
- receive alerts on trends to know when a capacity issue will begin to emerge
- model how to avoid potential performance problems
- evaluate tuning and management strategies in advance rather than in crisis mode.

Paul Shimell, a director of Metron said: "Capacity management is fundamental to a successful virtual infrastructure. Metron has been developing capacity management services and software for over twenty years and was an original co-author of the ITIL definition for capacity management. Given this depth of experience, we are the ideal partner for VMware and their focus on VMware Operations Framework. Downloading the Virtual Appliance is the ideal way to evaluate the potential benefits that Athene can bring to any organization by providing 'out of the box' reports immediately on activation"

The Athene Virtual Appliance is also an essential component of Metron's VMware Service Acceleration Kit, provided for VMware VAC partners, which is available for download from the VMware Partner Central web portal, with further details at www.metron.co.uk/partners/vmware/virtual_appliance.html

Supported by Metron's 22 years of experience as a specialist in capacity management, Athene provides a full three tier capacity management implementation in line with the ITIL® 'good practice' framework.

Notes for editors

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Metron Technology was founded in 1986 and is Europe's leading Performance Management and Capacity Planning specialist. Metron-Athene Inc is a wholly owned subsidiary of Metron technology Ltd. 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. Athene 8 is the world's most scalable performance management software for real and virtual environments with the Universal Capacity Planning Module interfacing with all third-party systems management products.

In the US Athene is installed for clients such as AIG Inc, Airline Tariff Publishing, CNF Inc, eBay, First Data, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Internal Revenue Service, LA County, Lehman Brothers, Pentagon, Pindar, Safeway, TDS Telecom, Telecheck Services, US Customs. 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 are now

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using Athene combined with expert ITIL consultancy and training services as a key element of their Service Management and Delivery.

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