

Metron-Athene News Release

LEADING US FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANY SELECTS METRON'S ATHENE FOR EASE OF USE MANAGEMENT LEVEL REPORTING

Metron's Athene Provides Much Increased Ability to Explore Metrics for More Insights Into All Aspects of Computer System Performance and Capacity

April 28th, 2004, Woodland Hills, California, USA: Metron-Athene, a leading provider of Performance Management and Capacity Planning solutions, today announced that one of the US's leading investment banking and securities trading and brokerage firms has selected Metron's Athene to support its IBM z900 series computers. Initially, the priority use will address Performance Management and Reporting requirements.

"Our customer was looking for a solution to give them a way to point-and-click to get management level reports on various system metrics. They already had an MXG database which allowed them to custom-write SAS programs to get out many reports with details down to jobs, datasets, etc. However, they only had one person on their staff proficient enough to write these from scratch. While that activity continues, as needed, they can now generate system-level reports for quick insights into various aspects of system performance and capacity with no special knowledge of SAS or MXG. At some point, they also hope to use the modeling side of Athene. This will offer the ability to watch trends developing and project the effect of these trends continuing or what the effect of a specific upgrade might be."

System performance data is collected in an ATHENE database and then also available for trending and analysis. The customer's primary reason for obtaining ATHENE was to gain

- A much increased ability to explore metrics for more insights into their mainframe computer performance
- Ease of generating ad hoc reports for inclusion in emails to explain performance or capacity issues to others
- Greater confidence in their existing SAS/MXG program-generated monthly reports

Notes for editors

About Metron-Athene Inc.

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

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