

# Metron News Release

## METRON LAUNCHES CLIENT-SERVER CAPACITY PLANNING SOFTWARE

**12th May 1998, Taunton, Somerset, UK:** Metron, Europe's leading capacity performance management specialist, is launching capacity planning software for the client-server environment.

Athene/Client-Server is designed to manage and predict end-to-end performance in distributed multi-platform environments.

One product offers a complete overview of the most complex and intricate of client-server environments and allows users to evaluate the impact of changes without committing valuable resources in advance.

The software can provide a wide range of information including end-to-end response times for each type of transaction, estimates of the distribution of end-to-end response time, the total utilization of each device in the environment, and the contribution of each transaction to the utilization of each device.

Easy-to-follow diagrams illustrate the client-server model using linked nodes - representing servers, networks or clients- to give the topology of the environment.

Clients and servers can be any computers (NT, UNIX, MVS or VME) for which Athene models have been defined and where these do not exist, users can manually create models of any system element. Athene/Client-Server can also import live Ethernet data to assist with network definitions.

What-if analyses are evaluated in real-time to provide instant answers to questions relating to:

- the work volume generated by client systems
- the resource consumption of each type of client-server transaction at the client, LAN or server systems
- the number and speed of hardware devices on the client and server systems
- the number of client or server systems
- the volume and resource consumption of 'local' workloads -processing that is not part of the client-server system such as applications specific to one machine
- LAN loads generated by sources other than the modeled client-server systems.
- increased WAN or LAN loadings

The software also includes a number of advance features including Saturation Reporter, which displays any device that becomes saturated during what-if predictions and Trend Setter, which defines long-term predictions and shows their effect over time.

### 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

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