

Metron News Release

METRON AND FACILITA FORM PARTNERSHIP TO DELIVER COMPREHENSIVE CAPACITY PLANNING TESTING SOLUTION

7th February 2007, Taunton, Somerset, UK: Leading performance management specialist, Metron, and Performance and Load Testing specialist, Facilita, have formed a joint marketing partnership to provide comprehensive capacity planning for new or upgraded applications. The collaboration creates a coordinated performance management solution that streamlines load and stress testing for application teams with ongoing capacity management for production systems.

Too often application developments or changes are stress-tested in isolation from production systems. Similarly, capacity management of production systems often fails to incorporate the wealth of information available from load testing into production capacity plans. With this partnership, performance testing by Facilita's Forecast software can now be measured using Metron's Athene capacity management software. Athene can then model the effect of implementing the load-tested application under a variety of different 'what if' scenarios. The combination of development and production capacity management forms a key element in Metron's Lifecycle Capacity Management initiative.

Customers will benefit from a better understanding of the likely performance of the application prior to implementation, including the knock-on effects of the implementation on existing systems. This means better performance of applications in production, reducing the on-going costs of application management and providing a more consistent and reliable quality of service to end users. Both solutions are supported under all key environments, including major operating systems such as z/OS, UNIX, Linux, Windows, iSeries, virtualized environments such as VMware and all major application platforms such as SAP, Peoplesoft, Siebel, Oracle, BEA WebLogic and IBM Websphere among many others.

Paul Shimell, a director of Metron said: "I am delighted that we are now working with Facilita to offer a comprehensive new application performance management service to clients. Walls still exist between many areas of IT infrastructure. Costs can be better-managed and service to end users enhanced through shared capacity management practices in line with industry management initiatives such as ITIL®. Working with Facilita enables both organizations to offer a comprehensive and coordinated solution to the benefit of our clients."

"Through working with specialist partners such as Metron, Facilita has created a portfolio of best-of-breed technology and service solutions that combine to address all aspects of the performance management lifecycle, from initial specification and development right through to ongoing planning, tuning and monitoring," added Facilita's Managing Director, Peter Greenwood. "Working with Metron significantly extends our application performance management capability, and we look forward to a successful partnership."

Notes for editors

About Facilita:

Formed in 1989, Facilita (www.facilita.co.uk) is a leading UK developer of IT performance and load testing tools and solutions, and has delivered testing solutions across a range of industries including financial institutions as well as IT systems integrators and testing consultancies. Facilita backs its portfolio of testing tools with comprehensive professional services, providing major organizations such as with cost-effective, enterprise-class testing solutions. Facilita also works closely with an expanding network of partners to add value to their own testing offerings.

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About Metron Technology Ltd.

Metron Limited was founded in 1986. The company is the foremost capacity planning and systems performance management specialist. Metron's flagship product, Athene, is the leading performance management software package providing measurement, analysis, planning and reporting capabilities for UNIX, Linux, Windows Servers and z/OS mainframe environments

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