

Metron News Release

FOOD LION, ONE OF THE USA'S LARGEST SUPERMARKET CHAINS, ADOPTS METRON'S ATHENE FOR MAINFRAME CAPACITY PLANNING

10th February 2006, Taunton, Somerset, UK: Metron-Athene, Inc announces that its Athene capacity planning and performance management system has been selected by Food Lion to provide capacity planning information for all the company's IBM mainframe installations.

Prior to purchasing Athene, Food Lion used an in-house developed system but was frustrated by its inflexibility in producing different kinds of reports. According to Rob Moore, Systems Programmer at Food Lion: "The ability to gather data on our mainframe systems and then produce a wide range of reports is a key part of my role at Food Lion.

"With Athene, we are able to generate a much wider variety of CPU utilization and workload utilization reports than with our previous system. Questions about how much capacity a specific workload is using and the extent to which the CPU is being utilized during a particular time of day can be answered easily and efficiently with our use of Athene."

In addition to Athene's strength in reporting, the product is also being used by Food Lion to project workload. Queries about potential savings to be made by disposing of a particular workload or the implications of introducing a new application are handled by Athene's workload projection module.

Rob Moore added: "Athene plays a part in helping us to pinpoint those applications which are consuming large amounts of CPU. Armed with this information, we are able to tune the relevant applications and thus prolong the life of our CPU. I am very satisfied with the performance of Athene at Food Lion, and the significant contribution that the product has made to our CPU reporting processes."

Notes for editors

About Food Lion

Food Lion LLC is a subsidiary of Brussels-based Delhaize Group (NYSE: DEG). Food Lion LLC operates 1,300 supermarkets, either directly or through affiliated entities, under the names of Food Lion, Bloom, Bottom Dollar, Harveys and Reid's. These stores meet local customer needs and preferences for the freshest and best quality products. Food Lion LLC employs approximately 73,000 associates in eleven Southeast and Mid-Atlantic states.

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

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