

# Metron News Release

## HP SOFTWARE WELCOMES LEADING PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND CAPACITY PLANNING SPECIALIST, METRON, TO THE HP ENTERPRISE MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE PROGRAM AS A GOLD BUSINESS PARTNER.

**14<sup>th</sup> September 2005, Taunton, Somerset, UK:** Working together, we can achieve more. That's the spirit of the HP Enterprise Management Alliance Program.

The Enterprise Management Alliance Program (EMAP) is driven by HP's focus on delivering value-added partner solutions that extend and enhance the HP management solutions for the Adaptive Enterprise by integration with HP OpenView. HP's EMAP program validates that integration. HP partner solutions make it even easier for clients to synchronize HP OpenView with their business processes and technology resources—and the people who run them.

### **Athene for OpenView - Metron's pro-active approach to performance management**

HP OpenView (OVPA agent) data can now be used as an alternative source of data for Athene's Planner module. This offers greater return on investment for those who have invested in OpenView. The integration extends OpenView's functionality without incurring the management costs of running multiple agents.

Although device utilizations vary linearly with changes in the workload, response times do not due to the effects of contention for system resources. Performance can only be predicted accurately by using advanced mathematical modelling techniques such as those developed and proved by Metron. Athene confers the advantages of these methods without requiring any mathematical knowledge.

Athene allows models to be built from an OpenView extract file. A scenario facility enables the client to define the way in which configurations and workloads will change. The resulting model is solved in a matter of seconds. The results are displayed using a powerful graphical reporter that focuses attention on current or potential performance problems.

### **Key Features of Athene's performance prediction function:**

- Evaluates the effect of changes in workload on end user service levels
- Predicts the effect of hardware upgrades and other configuration changes
- Identifies system bottlenecks
- Predicts resource utilization and response times
- Reports results by device and key elements of the workload

### **Athene Benefits:**

- A pro-active approach to performance management that identifies performance problems in advance, so that action can be taken before end-user service levels are adversely affected.
- Assists in hardware budgeting and purchase justification by identifying the minimum hardware (and therefore expenditure) required to achieve target service levels.

Paul Shimell, a director of Metron commented: "Metron has been working in partnership with leading manufacturers and System Software companies for many years. Having an OVPA agent in Athene means that we can now provide the level of predictive Capacity Management capabilities that are encompassed in Athene to sites that have standardised on using HP OpenView for the collection of performance metrics. To date, HP OpenView users have been severely limited in this area. Having an OVPA agent also means that HP OpenView users can take advantage of the sophisticated automatic enterprise-wide reporting tools that Athene provides. Being an HP EMAP Gold Partner validates this solution for existing OpenView users"

### **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.

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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, O<sub>2</sub>, 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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