

Metron News Release

O₂ BOOSTS CAPACITY PLANNING FOR UNIX, WINDOWS AND OPEN VMS PLATFORMS WITH METRON'S ATHENE

- **Metron's Athene now used by 50 of the UK's top 100 companies**
- **ITIL®-compliant**

27th July 2006, Taunton, Somerset, UK: O₂, the mobile phone operator, is extending its investment in capacity planning software in the UK with the purchase of Metron's Athene solution. Under the terms of a contract, Athene will be used by the Service Operations, Capacity and Performance Management team within O₂ to manage the capacity planning and performance management of numerous bespoke and in-house applications - including billing for Pay As You Go - running across UNIX, Windows and OpenVMS platforms.

Prior to selecting Athene, O₂ considered four other systems. Athene was chosen, according to Ricky Mortimer, Head of Service Operations at O₂, as "not only being the best fit with the strategic requirements of O₂, but also because it offered the most comprehensive capacity management capabilities combined with ease of use."

He continued: "The use of Athene is a core part of our strategy, and our commitment to a standards-based, comprehensive and mature approach to capacity management across the key systems within O₂."

The installation at O₂ represents the first deployment of Version 8 of Athene. This provides capacity management, automatic performance analysis and reporting for UNIX, Linux, Windows and Mainframe Servers. Designed for both real and virtual environments, the Universal Capacity Planning Module interfaces with all third-party systems management products. 50% of 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.

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®-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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