

Metron News Release

TDS TELECOM INSTALLS METRON'S CAPACITY PLANNING SOLUTION

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Leading national US telecommunications company, TDS Telecom, is installing Metron's Athene capacity planning and performance management software to handle its UNIX and Windows systems. Athene has been designed to capture performance data from target systems and provide applications that exploit this data for alert management, performance analysis, trend analysis and analytical modeling.

TDS Telecom started looking for a capacity planning tool early in 2001. Having evaluated the various solutions available on the market, they selected Metron's Athene for its comprehensive features, ease of use and ability to manage the performance data from a wide variety of systems.

"We view Athene as a tool that will free the capacity planner from not spending their time gathering, sorting and presenting the information but actually assist with deciphering it. So far, we are very pleased with the quality of pertinent information that Athene provides and it has already assisted us in a couple of performance related issues," states Sailen Manek, senior infrastructure specialist for TDS Telecom.

TDS is also installing the CustomDB module, which automatically captures data from any source identified by the user and passes it to the Athene Performance Database for enterprise-wide performance reporting.

Metron's appointed distributor in Toronto, Beta Pacific, supplied the system for TDS Telecom.

Notes for editors

About TDS

TDS Telecom, a growing national company, brings high quality, locally based telecommunications services to 900 rural and suburban communities across the U.S. Headquartered in Madison, Wis., the company, along with its subsidiaries TDS Metrocom and USLink, services more than one million access line equivalents. TDS Telecom can be accessed through the Internet at www.tdstelecom.com.

TDS Telecom is part of the Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. (AMEX: TDS) family of companies. TDS is a diversified telecommunications corporation founded in 1969. Through its strategic business units, U.S. Cellular (AMEX: USM) and TDS Telecom, TDS operates primarily by providing wireless and local telephone service. The company currently employs approximately 11,100 people and serves 5.1 million customers in 34 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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