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Hitachi Asia Launches latest version of JP1 System Management Suite—JP1 Version 8

Solutions enable business agility and flexibility by delivering transparent, holistic view of IT environment

SINGAPORE — December 7, 2006 — Hitachi Asia Ltd, a leading provider of solutions that enable enterprises to derive business advantage from the optimal use of their IT systems, today announced the release of JP1 Version 8 of its Hitachi Job Management Partner 1 (Hitachi JP1) suite of integrated systems management solutions in Southeast Asia region.

Anchoring on 3 key factors – IT Compliance, Automation and Monitoring – to reinforce transparency in IT system management, JP1 Version 8 allows improved clarity of system-related processes and how they interact via JP1 integrated Management View. It reinforces internal administration to comply with legal requirements and other regulations, and also allows an organisation's entire information systems to operate autonomously on the business level.

"With business environments constantly evolving and concerns over IT compliance and corporate governance increasing, organisations need to correspond to such situation by promptly adapting its IT systems to its business infrastructure. We have made it easier for enterprises to monitor their system processes and IT assets, which in turn enables them to dynamically design, amend, execute, and police service level, security, and software use policies." said Hideto Hoshino, General Manager, System Management Solution Division, Hitachi Asia Ltd.

Full visibility of processes and the system management regime is provided by an easy-to-use GUI and intuitive screen layout common to all the solutions in the Hitachi JP1 suite. This holistic view enables management of IT asset information, software installation status, end user's operation history of client application such as Microsoft Office or Internet Explorer, as well as IT operation process, precise assessment of server performance.

Furthermore, JP1 supports IT system operation's best practice: ITIL (Information Technology Infrastructure Library) in the area of configuration management, capacity management and availability management processes..

| JP1 Version 8 focuses on key areas with new features;

New Features for "IT Compliance":

JP1 IT asset management enables acquisition of end user's operation log or file access log in the client PC, thus enables monitoring of PC operations that are not necessary for business operation. Furthermore, by simply registering a list of "permitted software", execution of the rest of software such as game software or Internet access software can be disabled, thus prevent unauthorized use of PCs. In addition, JP1 enables a quick view of security measurement status such as anti-virus software installation status, patch update status, and automatic logon or screen saver settings.

New features for Transparent Performance and Processes:

Since JP1 server performance monitoring visualizes the server performance status, detection of problem in the server resources and applications is enabled, thus preventive action can be taken and the server performance history information can be used for capacity planning in the future use. In addition, one JP1 server performance function predicts workload of the server based on the past server performance history, thus preventive action can be taken before lack of the server resource happens. This enables more stable server operation by conducting the immediate root cause analysis using various analysis methods such as data correlation.

JP1 Version 8 optimally sets and keeps service level of IT systems, enhances transparency of IT system operation, and supports building and operating IT systems that comply with company's business directions.

For more information on JP1, please visit www.hitachijp1.com

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