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Hitachi Asia Boosts Client Security Management in JP1 Version 7i

New JP1/Client Security Control products facilitate implementation and enforcement of IT security policies

Singapore, 21st February, 2006 – Hitachi Asia Ltd. announced today the addition of a set of client security management software products to Job Management Partner 1 (JP1) Version 7i, its flagship integrated systems management solution.

Called JP1/Client Security Control (JP1/CSC), the software products are part of the desktop management suite of solutions within JP1 and enable enterprises to centrally manage security measures at the all-important end-user level, where the majority of security breaches occur.

“In today’s networked global economy, enterprises rely heavily on their IT systems and networks to streamline their business processes, acquire and retain customers, and drive growth and profitability. Accordingly, IT-related risks have risen and enterprises need to manage these using sound security policies supported by world-class tools,” said Hideto Hoshino, General Manager, System Management Solution Division (JP1), Hitachi Asia Ltd.

Enterprise networks, however, can only be considered secure when each and every client has a full set of security measures. Commonly found gaps in client security include non-installation of operating system patches, installation of prohibited software, and outdated virus definition files.

“JP1/CSC functions as a security quarantine system by inspecting PC clients for security problems, shunting inadequately protected clients to a separate network or network segment for remedial action, and restoring network access once the security shortfalls have been addressed,” said Mr. Hoshino.

JP1/CSC consists of the following components:

- *JP1/CSC - Manager* Provides functionality for managing and maintaining the security of client PCs. Operating procedures (such as PC asset management, security level judgments, and temporary or permanent measures) for maintaining security can be fully or partially automated.
- *JP1/CSC - Network Monitor* Protects networks by detecting unauthorised PCs that are connected to the company's internal LAN and disconnecting them. Security problems such as virus damage and information leaks are prevented by automatically blocking PCs that are not permitted by the system administrator. Links with JP1/CSC - Agent to quarantine assets based on asset information that has been collected by JP1, and automatically blocks any PC that violates a security policy.

- *JP1/CSC - Network Monitor Manager* Remotely specifies environment settings and registers authorised-device lists for multiple monitoring devices.
- *JP1/CSC - Agent* Links with JP1/CSC-Network Monitor to control client PC access to a network, by controlling connection permissions or blocking client PCs from the network.

“JP1/CSC makes it easier for enterprises to implement and enforce IT security policies. Users become more security-aware and the overall security management burden is also reduced, thanks to advanced features that enable central management of clients and automatic execution of remedial actions. Most importantly, the enterprise enjoys a higher level of comfort from knowing that its information, reputation, profit and customers are well protected,” said Mr. Hoshino.

All four JP1/CSC client security management software products are now available.

About Hitachi JP1

Hitachi's JP1 is a leading system management solution. It focuses on workload automation and comprises a suite of products that can be seamlessly integrated into other existing network and storage management solutions.

JP1 identifies all the IT assets that need to be managed over a wide range of applications and requirements, from system administrator needs to departmental and other in-house requirements, thereby enabling efficient, integrated management of all IT assets. The JP1 suite of Desktop, Job, Availability, and Integrated Management solutions is widely deployed in various industries worldwide, promoting both automation and productivity for systems of every size – from single-server PCs to large-scale systems – and optimising enterprise total cost of ownership.

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