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### Datacentre management from a Blackberry

Software vendors unite to help firms manage tricky datacentres

Martin Courtney, IT Week 25 May 2007

Software vendors are joining forces to help corporates manage, design and build their datacentres more efficiently.

Avocent has optimised its DSView 3 datacentre management Software to run on handheld devices like the Blackberry, as well as enhanced integration with other systems management tools like HP OpenView, NetClarity, Uptime Devices and LANDesk Server Manager.

Avocent were not available to confirm which other mobile devices DSView 3 can work be installed on besides a Blackberry, but the software is designed to give IT staff remote control of Windows servers, and enable logging, tracking and reporting on Windows Active Directory and Microsoft Exchange users.

Elsewhere Aperture Technologies announced it will integrate 30,000 technical symbols created by engineering firm Environmental Systems Design (ESD) into the symbol repository of its datacentre management software, which will help architects, developers and facility managers consult on and plan datacentre construction projects.

The move will help the company expand its engineering services to include design and consultation, and provide IT staff with embedded information on servers, switches, UPS's and power racks to aid daily management routines.

"With ESD getting involved in the design and construction of the datacentre, it means that Vista can be properly used as a full [datacentre] lifecycle management tool," said Aperture senior director of product management, Sean Nicholson.

"We can now compose different symbols containing manufacturer information on both the demand and the supply side nodes."

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