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Aperture Joins Industry Leaders in Launching DCML

Aperture Becomes a Founding Member of Industry's First Effort to Improve Operational Efficiencies and Standardize Data Centers

Stamford, CT, November 6, 2003 - Aperture Technologies Inc., the leading provider of data center infrastructure management solutions, today announced its role as a founding member of the Data Center Markup Language (DCML) Organization. Launched on October 14, 2003, the DCML Organization is a collaborative effort chartered with driving a vendor-neutral standard to help bring IT system interoperability and utility computing to data centers.

Aperture's rigorous focus on providing clarity within the data center and utilizing automation, work-process technologies and visual reporting solutions ensure best practices are followed within the data center. As a Founding Member, Aperture will be able to provide and leverage its expertise in data center infrastructure management to assist the Organization in developing the DCML specification. This standardized protocol will enable Aperture VISTA to interoperate and share information with other DCML-compliant data center applications.

The lack of standards in the data center has resulted in operational inefficiencies, disruptions in service delivery, poor visibility into data center operations and higher costs for IT organizations. As a vendor-independent standard that uses a common language for describing disparate hardware and software components and associated best practices, DCML is designed to reduce complexity in the data center and allow enterprises to improve the management of their data centers. As a recognized leader in data center infrastructure management, Aperture joins other industry-leading vendors to help drive efforts to reduce the complexity and costs associated with managing the data center.

"DCML has the potential to significantly reduce the complexity in data center management", says Steve Duda, Director of Interface Strategies. "Our 15 years of data center experience, working with Global 2000 organizations, will enable us to contribute with the other industry leaders in developing this standard."

Aperture chose to join the DCML Organization because the development of DCML is critical to offering utility computing solutions that provide high service level quality and availability benefits while reducing operations costs. Aperture's core technology, Aperture VISTA™, is an enterprise software solution that transforms the way companies operate their data centers. Through the use of innovative visualization and work-process technologies, Aperture VISTA™ increases operational efficiency and promotes higher service levels by automating manual processes within the data center infrastructure.



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About the DCML Organization

The DCML Organization is an open, independent, vendor neutral, non-profit corporation formed to create an open, freely licensed specification, Data Center Markup Language (DCML), and to encourage its broad adoption. DCML is the first standard that provides a structured model and encoding to describe, construct, replicate and recover data center environments and elements. DCML is designed to provide a mechanism to enable data center automation, utility computing and system management solutions to exchange information about the environment to make utility computing a reality. In addition to developing specifications, the organization intends to work with formal standards bodies, enable and administer certification and compliance programs, and perform user and market education. For more information about how to join the DCML Organization, or to learn more about planned activities and DCML, visit <http://www.dcml.org>.

About Aperture

Aperture is a global provider of enterprise software solutions that enable organizations around the world to strategically manage their business infrastructure. With Aperture solutions, companies increase operational efficiency and make better business decisions. Aperture software solutions utilize advanced visualization and work-process technology to help organizations optimize their infrastructure. Founded in 1987, Aperture is headquartered in Stamford, CT, with offices and partners located worldwide. For more information, please go to: <http://www.aperture.com>

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