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## **Aperture Announces Integration to Map IT Infrastructures from Business Services to Physical Assets**

*Aperture VISTA integration with HP Universal Configuration Management Database unveiled at HP Software Universe*

**Las Vegas – June 17, 2009** – Aperture, an Emerson Network Power brand, and the leading global provider of software for managing the physical infrastructure of data centers, today announced the integration of its industry leading IT management software application with HP Universal Configuration Management Database (UCMDB) at HP Software Universe 2009. Aperture VISTA data center service management software has been integrated with HP UCMDB, enabling IT organizations to map the topology of their logical and physical data center infrastructures down to Level Zero.

The integration allows users to identify relationships and interdependences between IT systems and the underlying data center infrastructure by expanding the UCMDB visibility down to physical assets including equipment, space, power and environmentals. The solution produces a complete visualization of logical assets mapped to the physical infrastructure supporting each one, providing top-down visibility into the cause-effect relationship at one level of the IT organization and cascading down across the supporting systems.

“Aperture VISTA provides data center management with the ability to effectively manage their physical infrastructure and resources, balancing availability, risk and cost,” said Steve Yellen, vice president of marketing for Aperture. “Our collaboration with HP combines these best practices for physical infrastructure management with HP’s suite of IT management solutions in a complete end-to-end application for our customers.”

"Customers can reduce the risk of change by discovering the interdependencies between IT applications and physical resources in the data center," said Mahesh Kumar, director of marketing, Software & Solutions, HP. "Working with Aperture extends the HP Configuration Management System ecosystem to reach down to the physical layer, providing comprehensive insight into the IT systems that support the business."

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida began testing the most recent integration in May, and has used the increased visibility to enhance troubleshooting, investigating alarms across the layers of its IT infrastructure to determine the root cause of a failure.

"Implementing the HP Universal CMDB integration with Aperture VISTA has improved our decision making process," said Paul Stallings, senior manager for provisioning services, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida. "By gaining a complete view of the relationships and interdependencies between IT applications and physical resources in the data center, we have provided our team with the end-to-end data needed to plan and execute all aspects of incident, problem, change, configuration, asset and service impact management with minimal risk. Incorporating physical infrastructure data into our visual mapping and collision analysis has allowed our data center staff to turn unknown outages into known issues before they become costly, and resolve alerts by identifying all the related physical components for each logical item. As a result, we've reduced both mean-time-to-repair and operational costs of the IT organization."

Other key integration highlights include:

- A visual interface that provides an end-to-end view of the data center within the Universal CMDB console;
- Current-state information for all configuration items such as racks, servers, ports, power and network components;
- Mapping of physical and logical relationships to facilitate cross-domain analysis;
- Federation Management capabilities that build a single, logical repository easily consumed by other ITIL applications.

The integration is an expansion of a reseller agreement between Aperture and HP signed in 2008 to allow Aperture VISTA's incorporation into HP Asset Manager software, part of the HP IT Service Management offering. The integration with HP Asset Manager helps users manage both physical and virtual IT assets, optimizing server utilization in the data center and reducing overall energy costs.

The collaboration between Aperture and HP has produced solutions that are driven by data center customers that have been searching for a comprehensive solution designed to solve complex data center issues. As a result of this enhanced collaboration, the two companies will jointly develop go-to-market and sales programs that leverage and integrate both companies' direct sales forces. The Aperture VISTA integrated solutions into HP Asset Manager and HP UCMDB are now available directly through HP.

For more information, go to

[http://h20229.www2.hp.com/partner/isv/Aperture.jsp?jumpid=reg\\_R1002\\_USEN](http://h20229.www2.hp.com/partner/isv/Aperture.jsp?jumpid=reg_R1002_USEN).

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