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New Aperture VISTA 600 Data Center Service Management (DCSM) system Optimizes Resources, Accelerates ROI and Reduces Environmental Impact

Enhanced information delivery architecture and 'at a glance' asset insight, ensure more efficient use of energy, technology and human resources while delivering DCSM best practices

Stamford, CT – January 20, 2009 – Aperture, an Emerson Network Power brand, and a leading global provider of software for managing the physical infrastructure of data centers, has released Aperture VISTA 600, the latest version of its market-leading data center management system. Aperture VISTA 600 includes a completely redesigned user interface, featuring operational dashboards and an enhanced navigation scheme, and makes it easier for data center management to understand the relationship between devices and the underlying infrastructure. Empowered by actionable information and an intuitive interface to access it, data centers can now optimize their use of IT and human resources.

“Enhancements in VISTA 600 are inspired by the feedback of hundreds of existing VISTA customers,” said Tom Waun, president of Aperture. “The economic climate coupled with a greater awareness of environmental issues are prompting data centers to think more carefully about how they use energy and how they allocate their infrastructure and human resources. By delivering information in the context of how users perform their jobs, and making data center assets intuitively understood at a glance, we have cut the time it takes for personnel to perform common tasks and have made it easier for the data center to fully utilize its physical assets.”

Aperture VISTA is the first complete suite for Data Center Service Management, a new discipline that ensures the data center is managed holistically, from a service perspective using best-practice processes that span the IT and Facilities teams. The three pillars of DCSM – planning and management, operational control, and monitoring

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and automation – are augmented in VISTA 600 by an enhanced information delivery architecture that spans all three pillars.

Reducing the complexity of data center management while increasing the efficiencies of existing infrastructure are vital considerations for any data center looking to maximize returns on technology investment while minimizing environmental impact. Recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) statistics revealed that data centers used 61 billion kilowatt hours of electricity in 2006. More pertinently, the EPA also estimated that data centers would consume 100 billion kilowatt hours of electricity in 2011.

Aperture VISTA 600 meets these modern challenges head on, providing:

- **Instant insight** – The introduction of dashboards provides ‘at a glance’ insight into data center inventory and resource usage, enabling management to optimize the use of existing resources.
- **In-context information delivery** – data center operations and management can access information in the context of standard ITIL processes and can easily trace infrastructure element relationships, such as power connectivity from the power generator, to the UPS, the breakers and the device.
- **Improved usability** – Aperture’s highly visual interface has been re-architected to improve information access, with users able to navigate the application using fewer clicks and fewer windows. Advanced search reduces the time required to locate a device, even when the user does not know its full name. The new breadcrumb trail enables users to quickly trace their path as they navigate through data center infrastructure. The new interface dramatically cuts the time taken to accomplish standard tasks such as equipment installation, moves and decommissions.

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- **Lower cost of ownership** – Data center personnel can begin leveraging VISTA 600 to improve their productivity with less training. With additional processing over the web, the system requires less administration and running processes at the server means that client machines are easier to install and manage.
- **Optimal virtualization** – VISTA 600 makes it easy to understand the impact of virtual servers on the physical resources of the data center, and makes the relationship between virtual and physical servers transparent. Data center management is able to improve the utilization of costly data center resources and deliver better service to customers (internal and external).

“Adding a clear information delivery layer to a Data Center Service Management suite greatly enhances its capabilities,” said Will Cappelli, Research Vice President, Gartner, Inc. “It is obviously essential to underpin planning and management, operational control, and monitoring and automation with accurate and consistent data, but the final part of the puzzle must be to make information available on-demand in a clear, intuitive format. Data centers can respond to unexpected events more rapidly and effectively if they can view and interpret this key information quickly and accurately.”

About Aperture

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