



Extreme Networks Cools the Data Center With 2nd Generation 10GBASE-T Data Center Switch

Extreme Networks Delivers Energy Efficient 10 Gigabit Ethernet Switches Offering 30% Power Savings

SANTA CLARA, CA, Nov 17, 2009 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Extreme Networks, Inc. (NASDAQ: EXTR) continues to innovate with products for the data center by addressing power consumption and operational costs. Extreme Networks is now shipping a greener, more energy efficient version of its Summit(R) X650 10GBASE-T data center switch, a high performance 10GbE, Top-of-Rack Ethernet switch, designed for the next generation data center, cloud computing and hosted environments.

A second generation 10 Gigabit, Top-of-Rack switch, the Summit X650-24t consumes 200W less power during operation than the first generation, to address the energy efficiency goals of data center planners. The Summit X650 is complemented with Intel's new lower power 10GBASE-T adapter that provides state-of-the-art interfaces to high performance servers.

Earlier this year, Extreme Networks was also the first to support copper 10 Gigabit (10GBASE-T) with the Summit X650 Top-of-Rack data center switch, complementing a complete 10GBASE-T ecosystem, from high performance server adapters to switches.

"Power savings is critical to the data center where space, heat and bandwidth have to be optimized," said Harpreet Chadha, senior director of product management for Extreme Networks. "Delivery of the latest generation Summit X650 offers excellent energy efficiency and provides customers with cost-effective 10GbE options for standard RJ45 copper interfaces using CAT 5 and CAT 6 cabling, up to 100 meters, making it a perfect fit for the data center."

Extreme Networks provides a high performance solution for the Data Center market by bundling 10GBASE-T Ethernet switches and Network Interface Cards through distribution channels, resulting in a cost-effective and interoperable solution for 10 gigabit over copper applications.

"10GBASE-T is the driver for broader adoption of 10GbE because of its simplicity, backward compatibility with 1000BASE-T, and low cost copper cabling," said Steve Schultz, director of marketing, Intel LAN Access Division. "We expect to see 10GBASE-T on server motherboards in the not too distant future. This is essential because 10GbE is the unified networking fabric for next generation data centers."

The Summit X650 is designed with the same resilient and trusted ExtremeXOS(R) operating system and SummitStack(TM) stacking technology uniquely available across the Extreme Networks switch portfolio. The Summit X650 switch also supports both 10GBASE-T copper and SFP+ fiber, the latest small form factor transceiver technology enabling high density 10GbE network connectivity. Extreme Networks SummitStack stacking technology initially deployed to mix Fast Ethernet and Gigabit Ethernet switches in the same virtual chassis is now leveraged to mix Gigabit Ethernet switches with the Summit X650 10G switches, allowing for simple and cost-effective migration to 10 Gigabit technology in the data center.

Extreme Networks, Inc.

Extreme Networks provides converged Ethernet networks that support data, voice and video for enterprises and service providers. The company's network solutions feature high performance and high availability switching that deliver insight and control enabling customers to solve their real-world business communications challenges. Operating in more than 50 countries, Extreme Networks provides wired and wireless secure LANs, data center infrastructure and Service Provider Ethernet transport solutions that are complemented by global, 24x7 service and support. For more information, visit:

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