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Extreme Networks and TasmaNet show Software Defined Networking (SDN) in action

SAN JOSE, Calif., Aug. 5, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Extreme Networks (Nasdaq: EXTR) and its partner TasmaNet will demonstrate software-defined networking (SDN) in action at the TasmaNet Tasmanian ICT Conference (TASICT) in Hobart on Monday, August 5.

Extreme Networks is a leader in high performance Ethernet switching for campus, cloud, data center and mobile networks that leverages the intelligence of its ExtremeXOS® operating system to drive open standards networking to enhance the delivery of applications and make networks simple to manage.

TasmaNet provides businesses business managed network services state-wide using one of Tasmania's largest privately owned data communications infrastructure networks.

The joint demonstration between Extreme Networks and TasmaNet is the initial result of cooperative research, development and testing done in TasmaNet's Extreme Networks Centre of Excellence, a TasmaNet project designed to create a laboratory environment for network education, research and development.

Work currently under way at the Center is focused on the certification of Extreme Networks switching on the National Broadband Network (NBN) and the use of SDN on the NBN. Recent efforts have culminated in a trial OpenFlow network spanning six local data centers.

At the Tasmanian ICT Conference, Andrew Kernebone, systems engineer manager for Extreme Networks, will give a keynote address entitled 'SDN: The future of Networking'.

According to George Siamos, southern region sales manager for Extreme Networks, Extreme Networks live demonstration of SDN at the recent CommunicAsia event in Singapore caught the limelight from the many vendor booths extolling the virtues of SDN.

Siamos said: "Time and time again we were told that Extreme Networks is at the forefront of shifting SDN from an academic discussion or technical debate to a framework of practical applications within a network. The science fairs are over: it's time to get to work with SDN."

Extreme Networks focus in deploying networks that take advantage of SDN is on enabling network customization of applications and their ease of deployment. This is achieved through tools and interoperability with third party software and systems, customized code from customers or from Extreme Networks productivity enhancing applications.

Extreme Networks builds industry-leading Ethernet switches with ExtremeXOS, a modular and extensible next generation operating system (OS). Extreme Networks network virtualization application, XNV™, allows network administrators to visualize and manage underlying changes to network topology and VM groups dynamically, without the need to reference the underlying physical elements of the network.

Network operators can manage network performance and capabilities in real-time to meet dynamic capacity demands. This network virtualisation is among the most fundamental SDN-delivered services, but is still new to many IT professionals.

Joel Harris, managing director of TasmaNet said: "The user experience is impressive, and one can imagine this type of control deployed within education, corporations, or as a service provider offering."

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