



Extreme Networks Brings Networking to OpenStack Cloud as Newest Member of Open Source Movement

Open Source Cloud Initiative Adds Open Standards Ethernet Switching Leader to Impressive List of Vendors and Cloud Service Providers Creating Cloud Solution

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Feb. 3, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Extreme Networks, Inc., (Nasdaq: EXTR) today announced its membership in the OpenStack™ community, an open source cloud operating system founded by Rackspace and NASA, furthering its mission to deliver high-performance virtualized network infrastructure that transitions customers to the cloud. Now with more than 50 participating companies, Extreme Networks has joined the premier open source cloud software initiative focused on driving open cloud standards.

"Extreme Networks has long been an innovator in open standards-based, high-performance networking," said Mark Collier, Vice President of Community Development and Marketing for OpenStack at Rackspace. "As networking will play a key role in the evolution of the cloud, we look forward to Extreme Networks' active participation in helping to evolve the networking layer of the OpenStack cloud."

OpenStack brings together a dedicated community of cloud service providers and technology vendors focused on building open source software infrastructure for public, private and hybrid cloud architectures. As a new member, Extreme Networks will focus on integrating and automating the networking layer of [OpenStack architectures](#), enabling advanced service layer capabilities and end-to-end provisioning of resources.

With the emergence of private and public cloud architectures, the OpenStack open source initiative will accelerate the deployment of open and interoperable cloud services. A key component to enabling cloud services is defining and integrating network-level functionality into the stack with the goal of creating a fully automated and self-provisioning cloud infrastructure.

"OpenStack shares our vision of open and scalable cloud computing, and has already proven to be a leader in providing open source cloud-based solutions to the marketplace," said Kevin Ryan, director of Data Center Solutions Marketing for Extreme Networks. "The OpenStack community is positioned to define how cloud services are built and delivered."

With its high-performance data center solutions, the BlackDiamond® and Summit® switches running the ExtremeXOS® operating system, Extreme Networks is well suited to deliver high performance cloud-based networking infrastructure. With advanced data center features including XNV™ and Direct Attach™, the company has been a leader in integrating across multi-vendor virtualized environments in Managed Hosting, Cloud and Enterprise environments.

About Extreme Networks, Inc.

Extreme Networks provides converged Ethernet network infrastructures that support data, voice and video for enterprises and service providers. The company's network solutions feature high performance, high availability and scalable switching solutions that enable organizations to address real-world communications challenges and opportunities. 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: <http://www.extremenetworks.com>

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