



Extreme Networks Joins Open Networking Foundation (ONF) to Promote Scalable and Open Data Center and Cloud Networks

UMASS Lowell Selects Extreme Networks OpenFlow Network Solutions for Campus Network InteropNet Demonstration to Showcase OpenFlow Technology

SANTA CLARA, Calif., May 3, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Extreme Networks, Inc., (Nasdaq: EXTR) today announced its membership in the Open Networking Foundation (ONF), a nonprofit industry consortium dedicated to promoting a new approach to networking called Software-Defined Networking (SDN). This extends Extreme Networks mission to deliver scalability, openness, and investment protection for virtualized cloud and data center networks and the ONF's support of the OpenFlow protocol, routing functions that promote network provisioning, mobility and security.

As one of the newest members of the ONF, Extreme Networks joins 27 member companies comprised of major network equipment suppliers, networking and virtualization software suppliers, and chip technology providers.

At Interop Las Vegas, May 8-12th, Extreme Networks (Exhibitor's Booth #2051) will take part in the first-of-its-kind multi-vendor floor demonstration of the OpenFlow protocol in conjunction with the InteropNet and the OpenFlow Lab. Demonstrated will be the extension of a single management domain across a physical and virtual switch infrastructure made up of devices from a variety of vendors, including Extreme Networks [ExtremeXOS®-based Ethernet switches](#).

Extreme Networks today is helping its customers to scale their networks with trial version of OpenFlow technology. The University of Massachusetts Lowell has deployed Extreme Networks ExtremeXOS-powered switches to partition their campus network into multiple logical networks, having each controlled using the OpenFlow protocol.

"The OpenFlow protocol holds the promise to revolutionize networking, and our OpenFlow-enabled Extreme Networks' infrastructure helps us unleash its potential," said Steve Drescher, director of network and voice services for the University of Massachusetts Lowell. "Extreme Networks helps make this possible due to its commitment to open data center networking, its open APIs, and features."

"OpenFlow technology, along with the ONF, has the potential to shift the way administrators think of provisioning and orchestration in networks," said Shehzad Merchant of Extreme Networks. "The upcoming demonstration with InteropNet and the ongoing work at UMASS Lowell can help further its adoption."

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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