



Extreme Networks Data Center Strategy Helps Organizations Migrate From the Physical to the Virtual to the Cloud

Enterprises and Hosting Companies Can Build Virtualized, Scalable, Efficient and Automated Networks to Tackle the Challenge of Scaling the Data Center for Tomorrow

LAS VEGAS, NV, Dec 02, 2009 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Extreme Networks, Inc. (NASDAQ: EXTR) is presenting its data center network vision at this week's Gartner's Data Center Conference, providing a blueprint for the critical data center transition ahead, migrating organizations from a physical network, to a virtual network, to a location-independent cloud network.

The challenge in today's data center consists of transitioning to a virtualized environment while leveraging existing network investments. The migration of the data center to a virtualized infrastructure means bringing visibility of virtual machines (VMs) to the network level and solving the department divide between switches and server staffs that has been introduced with virtualization. Finally, organizations seek to avoid approaches that strand their assets and are tied to proprietary architectures.

"Extreme Networks has developed a network infrastructure solution that accommodates the evolving technology landscape in the data center," said Gordon Stitt, chairman and co-founder of Extreme Networks. "Our data center infrastructure solution allows users to migrate from a traditional or 'physical' infrastructure to a virtual one, without forcing a certain technology, or operating methodology on the user."

Extreme Networks approach to the data center is based on a virtualized network that brings insight at the virtual port level to the network and can dynamically track and manage VMs and apply policies as VMs move across the network.

Extreme Networks delivers a robust data center infrastructure that is 40G and 100G ready and addresses future scalability requirements. The Company's versatile data center network architecture is fortified with a high capacity, multiple terabit switching fabric in the core, 10 Gigabit Ethernet Top-of-Rack and End-of-Row solutions, based upon a non-blocking, intelligent (L2/L3) architecture that can handle and distribute massive computing loads.

Extreme Networks complements scalability and high performance of Ethernet with software advancements as part of its ExtremeXOS XML-based software foundation. This opens the door to customized and automated management and configuration, powerful cross platform stacking and tools that promote energy efficient operation of the data center network.

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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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