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Tail-f Systems to Support Wind River Linux with XML-based Configuration Management Tool

Production-ready XML-based on-device management software promises to reduce costs and risks of network management

Stockholm, Sweden July 31, 2006 – Tail-f Systems today announced the availability of ConfD, an XML-based On-Device Management Solution, for Wind River's Linux-based platforms. Components of ConfD include NETCONF/XML along with other key management agents. Each of the agents come with a shared AAA functionality and embedded configuration storage to manage carrier-grade network equipment. ConfD supports Wind River® Platform for Network Equipment, Linux Edition and Wind River® General Purpose Platform, Linux Edition.

A recently approved IETF protocol, NETCONF relies on an XML-based programming interface for automated configuration management. Configuration management entails the installation, manipulation, and deletion of the configuration of network devices. The NETCONF approach to configuration management complements conventional technologies, such as Command Line Interface (CLI) and Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), and provides some additional advantages. NETCONF automates the configuration of switches, routers, and other network devices using a standardized language, eliminating the need for custom scripts and languages.

“Our integration work with Wind River provides our customers an efficient and cost-effective way to incorporate device management functionality into their products,” said Håkan Millroth, Tail-f Systems' CEO. “The integration of ConfD with Wind River's Linux-based platform is in line with the predominance of Linux-based operating systems in network equipment standardization.”

“Wind River has delivered DSO solutions to network equipment vendors for many years, during which we have learned that device management ranks very high on our customers' lists of key issues,” said Naren Nachiappan, vice president and general manager of device software management at Wind River. “The production-ready integration of ConfD with our Linux-based platforms enables our customers to easily deploy the latest standards in network management software.”

About Tail-f Systems

Tail-f Systems develops On-Device Management Software solutions for network equipment vendors. Our software enables vendors to easily support the latest and most advanced network management capabilities in their products, hence reducing development costs and time-to-market.

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