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Tail-f Systems Launches First Commercially Available Configuration Management Solution Built Around NETCONF Standard

New ConfM software reduces implementation cost and complexity by orders of magnitude

NXTcomm, LAS VEGAS and STOCKHOLM, Sweden – June 17, 2008 – Tail-f Systems, a leading software developer of XML-based network management solutions, today announced ConfM, the first commercially available configuration management solution designed around the IETF's (Internet Engineering Task Force) NETCONF protocol. This new software builds on the power of the NETCONF standard to offer automated provisioning, accelerated implementation, and reduced complexity for network configuration.

Traditionally, network operators relied on manual configuration, scripting, or SNMP to configure their networks, but these approaches are expensive, unreliable, and incapable of scaling to the needs of large networks. NETCONF solves this problem by providing a robust mechanism for automated network configuration and integrated techniques, including transaction management, validations, and rollbacks. Tail-f's ConfM is a Java-based software engine that leverages NETCONF's transaction management function, combining multiple configuration changes into one single transaction to ensure consistency.

"As the demand for faster network provisioning continues to grow, many service providers are seeking a more efficient way to address complex networks and reduce manual errors," said Dennis Drogseth, VP of Enterprise Management Associates, a leading independent industry analyst and consulting firm dedicated to the IT Management market. "Network management solutions that allow for a higher level of automation are critical for improving the speed and accuracy of provisioning to help the industry realize its full potential."

"In the past, support for efficient configuration changes on the actual network devices has been ignored, yet this is essential for resiliently and cost-effectively provisioning the network," said Hakan Millroth, CEO of Tail-f Systems. "NETCONF touches this last and critical step, and with ConfM we offer other industry players the tools to catch up with large equipment providers like Cisco, Juniper and Ericsson that have already integrated NETCONF into their products."

Additional ConfM software capabilities include:

- Allows EMS and OSS software developers to extend their applications with a southbound NETCONF interface and intelligent network-wide configuration management functions
- Designed for carrier-grade performance and implemented using a scalable session-oriented program model
- Supports configuration synchronization and backlogged configuration changes

ConfM is shipping and available for evaluation. For pricing and availability information, please email info@tail-f.com.

About Tail-f Systems

Tail-f Systems is the leading software developer of XML-based network management software for network equipment suppliers. Customers using Tail-f's technology radically reduce their time-to-market and benefit from carrier-grade implementations of NETCONF, CLI, Web, and SNMP interfaces. Tail-f is a venture-funded company headquartered in Stockholm.

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