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SunGard Announces Cloud Recovery Solution

SunGard announced the availability of Recover2Cloud, a new suite of recovery services for cloud platforms. The new offering is “backed by guaranteed service levels,” meaning SunGard takes responsibility for recovering wayward data, performs round-the-clock monitoring, runs environment testing and troubleshooting, and performs the recovery, should one be necessary. “Leveraging a cloud platform enables us to expand the recovery options we offer to our customers, both as standalone services and as part of tiered recovery solutions. Based on

what we’re hearing from customers, the managed recovery aspect we are building into many of our services is expected to help deliver significant value. It is an area where in-house knowledge is often missing, and where SunGard has significant experience,” said Larry Coble, senior vice president and general manager of recovery services at SunGard Availability Services, in the press release.

The new suite offers a variety of service levels for recovery time and recovery point. Recover2Cloud for Server Replica-



tion uses asynchronous server-based replication and is appropriate for

“virtual, physical, and cloud-based applications” that might need a sub-four-hour recovery window. Recover2Cloud for Vaulting offers recovery of applications within 24 hours and restoration of data from an online “vault.” A related service to help customers leverage storage virtualization technology is due for release later in the year. For more information, see <http://www.sungardas.com>.

A10 Networks Adds to SoftAX Line

Networking and security solution provider A10 Networks announced the rollout of two new additions to its line of SoftAX virtual machines (VMs) for VMware: a basic 200Mbps offering and a high-performance 8Gbps version. The SoftAX is the only virtual Application Delivery Controller (ADC) to be certified by both Microsoft (for Microsoft Office Communications Server (OCS), Microsoft Lync, and Microsoft Exchange 2010) and VMware (“VMready” for vSphere compatibility). “We are committed to ensuring the SoftAX, along with our flagship AX Series hardware appliances, meets the exact standards of leading applica-

tion vendors, guaranteeing the best experience for our customers,” said Lee Chen, Founder and CEO for A10 Networks, in a press release.



The high-end 8Gbps SoftAX release is intended for data centers and cloud providers requiring a high-performance, high-bandwidth solution that can accommodate unexpected surges in demand. The 8Gbps SoftAX joins an existing 4Gbps offering in A10’s line of “production - High-performance Editions,” while the 200Mbps edition becomes the entry point in A10s “Production-Entry Level/Lab Editions,” which also include a 1Gbps version. “The new 8Gbps SoftAX is the best performing virtual appliance available in the industry, and we are pushing the boundaries in this nascent yet rapidly growing market,” said Chen. The 200Mbps SoftAX is designed for clients who want SoftAX ADC features on a lower budget and can be upgraded on a “pay-as-you-grow” basis.

For more information, visit <http://www.a10networks.com/products/axseries-softax.php>

Cloud Cruiser Debuts Cost Management Tool for OpenStack

Cloud computing cost management solution provider Cloud Cruiser announced the availability of a new cost management solution for OpenStack that includes workflow tools with accounting and management features for optimizing costs in cloud environments. OpenStack is an Apache-licensed FOSS cloud computing project with more than 100 members, including AMD, Citrix, Dell, Intel, and others. Announced as the first of its type for

OpenStack, the solution targets server providers and enterprise OpenStack users. “By offering the industry’s first cost management solution for OpenStack, users will now have the capability to gain control of costs and visibility of their cloud-based computing environments with new tools to measure, manage, and optimize capex and opex costs,” said

Dave Zabrowski, Cloud Cruiser Founder and CEO, in the press release.

The new offering promises the ability to track and limit IT costs in a variety of cloud environments supporting internal, private, and public applications and allows users to “see, charge, control, and own” cloud processing costs right down to the individual user. For more information, see <http://www.cloudcruiser.com>.

