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VKernel Ships Capacity Bottleneck Analyzer Virtual Appliance

Quick-to-deploy, cost-effective tool instantly identifies current and future bottlenecks, ensuring optimal VMware ESX performance and lowering virtual machine costs

PORTSMOUTH, N.H., April 15, 2008 – VKernel Corporation, a provider of easy-to-use and quick-to-deploy virtual appliances for managing virtual server environments, today announced general availability of its Capacity Bottleneck Analyzer Virtual Appliance. The Capacity Bottleneck Analyzer immediately identifies current and future capacity bottleneck issues in VMware ESX environments, which can lower the cost of each virtual machine while ensuring higher performance.

“When properly detecting capacity bottlenecks, organizations can increase performance and reduce downtime problems that lead to escalating business and IT costs and negative perceptions of virtualization within business units,” said Alex Bakman, founder and CEO of VKernel. “The real challenge for IT staffs is finding a solution that helps them identify capacity bottlenecks without wasting countless man-hours sifting through hundreds of management reports. Within minutes, our Capacity Bottleneck Analyzer can show exactly where capacity bottlenecks are today and where problems are likely to occur to maximize virtual machine utilization.”

VKernel's patent-pending technology continuously monitors CPU, memory, and storage utilization trends in VMware ESX environments across hosts, clusters, and resource pools. VKernel's quick-to-install virtual appliance model gives users a simple, single-screen management dashboard that displays detailed capacity information to effectively plan for the addition of new hosts, clusters, and resource pools. By customizing capacity thresholds, users can receive alerts via email and SNMP.

“Downloading the VKernel virtual appliance, assigning an IP address, and pointing it to the VirtualCenter server was a breeze, and I was looking at a base dashboard in less than 20 minutes,” said Rick Vanover, virtualization expert and contributor for SearchServerVirtualization.com. “Everyone can learn something about their virtual environment when looking at the dashboard from the cumulative view. I quickly recognized one virtual machine had an abnormally large storage requirement that I did not know about.”

Pricing and Availability

The VKernel Capacity Bottleneck Analyzer Virtual Appliance is currently available with pricing starting at \$199 per CPU socket. A full production 14-day trial version of this VKernel virtual appliance is available on www.vkernel.com. For additional questions and information, contact VKernel by phone at 1.866.370.2733 (603-590-1030) or email sales@vkernel.com.

About VKernel Corporation

Based in Portsmouth, NH, VKernel is dedicated to developing best-of-breed virtual appliances that enhance performance, lower costs, and simplify management of virtual environments of all sizes. As a member of VMware's Technology Alliance Program, VKernel offers the industry's only VMware certified Suite of Virtual Appliances for analyzing capacity, chargeback, and cost visibility. For more information, visit www.vkernel.com.

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