Novell Launches Volera

On February 2, Novell announced the formation of Volera Inc., a new operating company that will target the emerging content networking market. Nortel Networks Ltd. and Accenture (formerly Andersen Consulting) also signed agreements to take equity positions in the new company.

The agreement between Novell, Nortel Networks, and Accenture calls for these companies to provide financial support and consulting services to Volera. In addition, Novell will contribute technology and resources currently within its Net Content Services group.

Volera's flagship product is Excelerator (formerly called Novell Internet Caching System [ICS]). According to benchmark tests performed by the Measurement Factory, an independent testing agency, Excelerator is the world's fastest cache engine. (See www.measurement-factory.com/results/public/cacheoff/N03/report.by-alph.html.)

For more information about Volera, visit www.volera.com.

Novell and Yahoo! Unite

Novell and Yahoo! Inc. recently announced an agreement to integrate support for Novell's e-Business infrastructure technology and Corporate Yahoo! This agreement includes the integration of support for NDS eDirectory and Yahoo! PortalBuilder 2.0. Together, these products allow companies to provide strong security, web personalization, and the ability to deploy an enterprise portal across all leading platforms. As a result, companies can customize information for partners, suppliers, and employees.

This agreement provides a full-service directory that can deliver the integration, scalability, and performance of both an enterprise and Internet directory. This agreement also provides an infrastructure that is scalable and secure inside and outside the corporate firewall.


Novell's One Net Enters the Healthcare Market

Novell Consulting recently announced the availability of Novell Healthcare, a combination of Novell's Net services software, industry alliances, education, and consulting services. Novell Healthcare will provide healthcare organizations with a single unified global network—one Net for healthcare.

Both the Internet and significant regulatory changes present challenges and opportunities for the U.S. healthcare sector. For example, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) legislation is forcing healthcare providers to find more effective ways to share patient information while continuing to protect these patients' confidentiality.

The goals of Novell Healthcare are to allow hospitals to increase the efficiency of their staff, reduce administrative costs, and enhance the quality of healthcare. In addition, Novell Healthcare plans to help reduce the traditionally high cost of managing multiple systems and redundant patient information while maintaining patient confidentiality.

For more information about Novell Healthcare, visit www.novell.com/consulting.

Novell Forms Alliance With PricewaterhouseCoopers

Novell has announced an alliance with PricewaterhouseCoopers to provide strategic planning, development, and deployment of integrated business solutions for the U.S. healthcare industry. This alliance is just one of the industry alliances announced in conjunction with the recently announced Novell Healthcare.

The alliance between Novell and PricewaterhouseCoopers will provide healthcare organizations with a complete solution designed to both save money and meet the requirements of the HIPAA.

Together, Novell and PricewaterhouseCoopers can provide healthcare organizations with the following benefits: strategic and tactical analysis, solution design and development, solution deployment, and operational support.

For more information about the services Novell and PricewaterhouseCoopers provide, visit www.novell.com/consulting or http://pwcglobal.com/healthcare.