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Advantech and ENEA announce Systems Management Middleware agreement

ENEA Element on Advantech ATCA blades extends Platform Management choices

Taipei, Taiwan, 27th Oct 2009, at the ATCA Summit in Santa Clara today, Advantech and ENEA® (Nordic Exchange/Small Cap/ENEA) **announced the availability of the ENEA® Element systems management middleware suite on Advantech's Intel® Xeon® 5500-based AdvancedTCA blades, enabling higher levels of manageability, reliability and serviceability required by core network applications. Advantech will be demonstrating systems management capabilities leveraging Element in their booth during the summit.**

"Right now Telecom Equipment Manufacturers (TEMs) want scalable, open platforms that deliver greater speed, integrate seamlessly and lower total costs," said Peter Marek, Director of Advantech's Blade Computing Division. "Advantech's ATCA blades coupled with ENEA Element expand the Service Availability Forum (SA Forum)-conformant hardware choice for customers, while offering innovative blade-level feature sets and exceptional platform and application availability management services. That's a huge benefit to TEMs in getting to deployment faster and with a highly reliable, managed network element." he added.

ENEA Element has been implemented on both of Advantech's ATCA blades based on the Intel® Xeon® 5500 series where the higher processing power, improved DDR3 memory latency, faster PCI Express 2.0, and accelerated virtualization technologies provide impressive processing capacity. Both the single and dual processor blades are 6-core ready and share common architectures allowing full software re-use.

"ENEA Element is focused on ensuring the seamless integration of standards-based COTS platforms, accelerating development of distributed applications, and delivering comprehensive management facilities. Now customers can focus their resources on compelling new services with the guarantee of high reliability and manageability" said Terry Pearson, vice president, Platform Management, at ENEA. "Advantech is gaining momentum in the market with their high-performance, standards-based platforms and together we can offer tremendous value to our mutual customers."

Enea's Element provides an open architecture, SA Forum-conformant, COTS middleware solution for distributed telecom systems that helps TEMs accelerate application development and create high-availability distributed software that is more scalable and easier to maintain. It also facilitates the design of portable software that can be reused across multiple generations of products and take advantage of the latest hardware upgrades. The upshot for network equipment and service providers is faster time to market and lower total cost of ownership.

Element provides core services for instrumenting, monitoring, and synchronizing applications spread across multiple operating systems and processors. It also provides network supervision, fault management, DSP management, shelf management, and upgrade management services that make it easier to monitor, repair, configure, and upgrade live systems as they operate in the field.

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