



Software Partners Ports Venerable TAPESYS and JB Products to HP Integrity Servers Running OpenVMS

Topsfield, Massachusetts, January 4, 2006 – Software Partners, Inc. announced that TAPESYS for HP OpenVMS is now available on HP Integrity servers based on the Intel® Itanium® 2 processor.

TAPESYS for OpenVMS provides complete management of all backups, media rotation, and on-demand file restoration in the event of loss, deletion or system-wide disaster. TAPESYS provides ready access to tape content and history, and includes a thorough vault management component for sites that store media remotely. It includes JB, an extensive jukebox management component, as well.

“It’s exhilarating to see the revival of OpenVMS on this new platform,” said Phil Jamieson, president of Software Partners, Inc. “With TAPESYS well into its third decade of service at some of the world’s largest computer centers, the connection with Intel Itanium-based systems is providing us new lift for product sales and services into sites we never knew existed. We are delighted to provide this new-generation market with our venerable, time-tested software, and we’re gratified to have our veteran user community tell us that they are moving forward, with us, onto the Itanium architecture.”

“Disaster recovery is now more important than ever, and seeking the ideal backup and restore product on Integrity servers is crucial,” said Don Jenkins, vice president of marketing, Business Critical Servers, HP. “Customers can protect their mission-critical data with TAPESYS for OpenVMS, and they can easily find lost or replacement files when emergency situations arise.”

Software Partners offers telephone support for clients installing TAPESYS on Itanium 2-based systems. As always, Software Partners will work with clients running TAPESYS on legacy systems and legacy versions of OpenVMS.

Software Partners worked closely with HP during the porting process. With the help of the HP Developer & Solution Partner Program, the Intel® Early Access Program, and HP OpenVMS engineering, the engineering department at Software Partners gained valuable access to OpenVMS technologies and expertise to accelerate the port.

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“Software Partners took advantage of the Intel Early Access Program to offer its mainstay product on the OpenVMS platform on Integrity servers,” said Melissa Laird, general manager of Intel’s Developer Relations Division. “As big companies make the switch to the Itanium architecture, they’ll now be able to manage thousands of removable tapes and cartridges, along with their offsite vaulting and disaster recovery, just as they always have in their legacy mainframe environments.”

About Software Partners

Software Partners, Inc. (www.softwarepartners.com) is the leader in OpenVMS backup, restore, and media management software, having served Fortune 500 organizations, government sites and global financial institutions since 1982. Software licenses are available from \$500 to \$5000, depending on your configuration and needs. Annual maintenance is available by telephone and the Internet.

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