



# Avocent Upgrades MergePoint® Infrastructure Explorer to Help IT Better Manage Their Data Centers

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SYDNEY, Australia November 23, 2009 Avocent Corporation (NASDAQ: AVCT), a global leader in IT Operations Management, has announced several new management capabilities to the Avocent MergePoint Infrastructure Explorer software platform to help IT managers better manage their data centers. These enhancements provide a unique view into capacity planning, bringing additional return on investment (ROI) and total cost of ownership benefits to enterprise customers. By integrating resource management (heating, cooling, power, and space) with asset management, MergePoint Infrastructure Explorer provides a centralized, automated view of these resources from a single location and within a single product. Additionally, Avocent MergePoint Infrastructure Explorer provides the most detailed view of data center conditions and assets in the industry, and offers ways to design and run data centers more effectively.

Companies want to view and manage their data center assets in real-time using one management tool, said Ben Grimes, CTO, Avocent. Avocent has leveraged its hardware and software expertise to create a tool that accomplishes these goals, allowing customers to know where their assets are, as well as plan for different what if scenarios, and manage their data centers to reduce risk all while bringing improved ROI and total cost of ownership benefits to customers.

New in this release of MergePoint Infrastructure Explorer 2.2 are enhanced change management, capacity search capabilities, and rack timeline, allowing customers to manage their environments even better than before. About Avocent MergePoint Infrastructure Explorer Avocent MergePoint Infrastructure Explorer allows organizations to measure return on investment (ROI) on their data center expenditures by comparing before and after costs when a change is made to their data center configuration. It also allows IT managers to map out and model new efficiencies in what if scenarios that can help data center managers control costs. Offering an advanced user-friendly interface, paired with integration of technology such as probes, intelligent power distribution units (IPDUs) and switches placed in the data center, Avocent MergePoint Infrastructure Explorer gives IT managers a real-time view of data center conditions and the ability to catalog, plan, track and define outcomes with capacity planning and asset management. Avocent MergePoint Infrastructure Explorer complements other pieces of Avocent's IT operations management portfolio, including its DSView 3 solution for managing, diagnosing and modifying physical and virtual managed IT devices and the LANDesk Asset Lifecycle Manager for managing hardware and software assets throughout their lifecycle.

Avocent MergePoint Infrastructure Explorer 2.2 will be generally available on November 30, 2009. More information on this product can be found at [www.avocent.com](http://www.avocent.com).

About Avocent Corporation Avocent delivers IT operations management solutions that reduce operating costs, simplify management and increase the availability of critical IT environments 24/7 via integrated, centralized software. Additional information is available at [www.avocent.com](http://www.avocent.com). ###

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