

Pathway Pacific selects Acucorp products for HPe3000 migrations

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By the end of 2006, HP will have phased out its HP3000 family of high-performance servers, said Scott Becker, Director, International Sales, for the Australian-headquartered, Pathway Pacific.

Acucorp enjoys an excellent reputation in the industry for high quality products and customer support, he explained. Coupled with Acucorp's extensive local presence throughout the region and product affinity for HP COBOL II and MPE, Acucorp was a compelling fit for our customers seeking a modern and proven COBOL system for cost-effective transitions to open systems.

According to Ann Snowbarger, Acucorp's Director, International Sales: Pathway Pacific's relationship with HP and well-established local market presence ensures that customers selecting ACUCOBOL-GT as part of their transition strategy will have a trusted partner to ensure migration satisfaction. Pathway provides local, comprehensive expertise in complementary HP e3000 migration tools and services that add tremendous value to that of Acucorp.

Acucorp products include ACUCOBOL-GT, an ANSI-compliant, high-performance COBOL development system available for HP/UX, Linux, Windows, MPE, and many other environments. Support for features such as HP COBOL II extensions, Intrinsic, and macros means that the transition to the new environment can be accomplished in a stepwise fashion. Acucorp's AcuBench IDE, native COBOL thin client, and COBOL-based GUI development provide a robust environment that ensures continued viability of migrated business applications.

Pathway Pacific has assembled three additional products to bundle a complete solution for the HP e3000 sites wanting to make the transition as quickly and smoothly as possible while doing the work themselves. With Acucorp's ACUCOBOL-GT being the core of the bundle, Pathway Pacific also offers Eloquence, a database that is very much like Turbo/Image on the HP e3000; ScreenJet, which will automate the conversion of Vplus forms to native AcuBench forms; and MPUX, enabling a seamless transfer of all platform-bound features of your applications, said Mr Becker. Together, these four products offer customers a transition solution that minimises the amount of effort required in moving to their new environment, while leveraging their existing internal skillsets.

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About Pathway Pacific

Pathway Pacific, headquartered in Sydney, Australia, built its reputation on providing Hewlett-Packard based solutions to its Asia Pacific clients.

Known for its experience in the HP 3000 arena, Hewlett-Packard appointed Pathway Pacific as the sole Platinum Migration Partner for Asia Pacific.

Pathway Pacific is a leading supplier of System Administration Solutions, sourced from market leading vendors. For more information about Pathway Pacific, visit <http://www.pathway.com.au>

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