



blueAPACHE's ExpressRoute deployment provides customers access to a more secure, flexible and reliable connection to Microsoft Cloud Services.

blueAPACHE integrates Microsoft ExpressRoute for direct Azure and Office365 connectivity.

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Melbourne, Australia – blueAPACHE, a leading managed network and cloud solutions provider, today announced that it has successfully integrated Microsoft ExpressRoute directly into its core datacentres, enabling all customers to access a more secure, flexible and reliable connection to Microsoft Cloud Services.

ExpressRoute is a private, high-throughput connection from Microsoft Cloud Services through blueAPACHE's MPLS network into client sites. It provides blueAPACHE network customers the opportunity to have a direct and uncontended connection to Microsoft Services including Azure Public Cloud and Office365 – without the security risks of private data traversing the internet, or the complications of managing multiple carrier vendors.

Following a soft launch in September, blueAPACHE today opened ExpressRoute to all customers. "We opted for a soft launch to provision testing" said Mr James Hendry, General Manager – Commercial at blueAPACHE. "We pride ourselves on quality of service, and it was important to ensure the technology exceeded all expectations before opening it up to all clients".

blueAPACHE customers in Australia and New Zealand can leverage ExpressRoute and the blueAPACHE MPLS network to connect directly to Microsoft Azure Public Cloud immediately. Azure has a growing collection of integrated cloud services, including analytics, computing, database, mobile, networking, storage and web. Developers and IT professionals using Azure with ExpressRoute benefit from:

- A private, uncontended, high-throughput dedicated connection between client sites directly into Azure;
- Network guarantee over traditional internet-based VPNs;
- Reduced network bandwidth usage (and the associated fees);
- Simplified billing (while maintaining the pay-as-you-go model);
- and - Improved security (security policy inclusive of the ISO 27018 standard).

"Our emPOWER Private Cloud continues to complement our client's hybrid solutions that extend into the Public Cloud" continued Hendry. "Our early adoption of ExpressRoute enables customers to seamlessly add Azure to their existing private cloud and on-premises IT, and still maintain our exclusive single pane of glass reporting, management and billing platform. This makes public cloud a lot simpler, safer and removes a lot of the redundancy fears clients have.

"It also means that when Microsoft add ExpressRoute integration to Office365 later this quarter, clients can quickly transition to the enhanced cloud version of the popular desktop application – without the concerns of reliability or risking business data travelling over the internet."

Microsoft ExpressRoute connections are available today from blueAPACHE. For more information, see www.blueapache.com/expressroute.

About blueAPACHE

Since 1998, the multi-awarded blueAPACHE has helped organisations in Australia, New Zealand, Asia and North America leverage technology to their business advantage by delivering comprehensive IT Management, Cloud, Network, Voice, Software and Consulting as a converged service – when they need it, as they need it. This is true IT as a Service. This is blueAPACHE. To learn more, visit www.blueapache.com or follow us on twitter at @blue_APACHE.

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