Citrix Expands Leadership in Open Cloud Computing

Citrix OpenCloud Raises the Bar in Cloud Interoperability, Scalability and Self-Service with Addition of New Technologies and Acquisition of VMLogix

8/30/2010 » San Francisco, CA » Citrix Systems today announced several key additions to its Citrix OpenCloud infrastructure platform for cloud providers. The new enhancements raise the bar in cloud interoperability, scalability and self-service – further extending the company’s leadership position as the most widely deployed provider of virtualization and networking solutions for the open cloud. To further accelerate its OpenCloud strategy, Citrix also announced it has signed a definitive agreement to acquire VMLogix, a leading provider of virtualization management for private and public clouds.

The acquisition of VMLogix is expected to close in the third quarter of 2010, subject to the satisfaction of closing conditions. It will add key lifecycle management capabilities to the Citrix OpenCloud platform, making it easy for cloud providers to offer infrastructure services that extend from pre-production and quality assurance, to staging, deployment and business continuity. The acquisition will also allow Citrix to add an intuitive, self-service interface to its popular XenServer® virtualization platform – a key component of the OpenCloud framework – enabling end users to access and manage their own virtual computing resources in on-premise private cloud environments, much like they set up virtual services in large public clouds like Amazon or Rackspace today.

Citrix also announced plans to expand its OpenCloud platform to include enhanced networking and interoperability capabilities. These new additions will include the ability for customers to seamlessly manage a mix of public and private cloud workloads from a single management console, even if they span across a variety of different cloud providers. All of these enhancements will be available to the more than 600 service providers worldwide who are now certified to deliver services based on the Citrix OpenCloud platform.

Facts and Highlights:

New additions to the Citrix OpenCloud infrastructure platform include:

- **Open Lifecycle Management** – The VMLogix acquisition will add open virtual lifecycle automation and self-service capabilities that support all leading virtualization platforms. These capabilities will make it easier for IT teams to build, share and deploy production-like environments on-demand in both private and public clouds, and migrate virtual workloads between production stages with a single mouse click – even across different hypervisors. By giving users self-service access to a single pool of computing resources, cloud providers can help customers reduce capital expenses and improve flexibility, even across diverse virtualization and cloud environments.

- **Open Cloud Interoperability** – To accelerate cloud interoperability, Citrix will also be integrating the Citrix OpenCloud infrastructure platform with OpenStack, the open-source orchestration and management technology it is co-developing with Rackspace, NASA, Dell, and more than 20 other leading technology and cloud service providers. The OpenStack orchestration capabilities perfectly complement the Citrix OpenCloud platform by adding key cloud management functions and enabling cloud providers to give customers open integration as well as a more consistent view of both private and public cloud workloads. In booth #1219 at this week’s VMworld conference, Citrix will be demonstrating the ability to manage workloads across XenServer virtual machines running in an on-premise private cloud, and VMs running in a public-cloud environment using OpenStack – all from a single management console.

- **Open Cloud Networking** – The Citrix OpenCloud platform will also be adding powerful new virtual switching capabilities that leverage the Open vSwitch project, and support the OpenFlow protocol, an emerging industry standard that pools the resources of per-host virtual switches to create a dynamic, distributed, policy-controlled cloud fabric. These new capabilities will make it easier for cloud providers using the Citrix OpenCloud platform to create isolated, multi-tenant cloud environments, while offering dynamic, per-flow control, and per virtual-interface policies. They will also enable rich packet processing capabilities at the network edge, including the ability to leverage advanced application networking capabilities in Citrix® NetScaler®, another key component of the OpenCloud platform.

Availability

The new Citrix OpenCloud capabilities will be demonstrated at the Citrix booth (#1219) at this week’s VMworld conference. Several of the new OpenCloud capabilities, including the new self-service and virtual switching technology, will also be included in the next release of the free Citrix XenServer virtualization platform at no charge to enterprise or cloud customers.

Quotes

Klaus Oestermann, Group VP and GM, Networking and Cloud Product Group, Citrix

“At Citrix, we believe in providing choice as a fundamental driver for enterprises and cloud providers to truly drive cloud economics. This isn’t about giving customers the ability to buy the same offering from multiple sources – it’s about providing...”
them the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of cloud services designed around an open framework that encourages both innovation and interoperability while optimizing cost. With the expanded capabilities of the OpenCloud platform for lifecycle management, cloud interoperability and cloud networking, we are further delivering on our core belief to provide true choice for our customers."

**Jim Curry, General Manager, OpenStack**

“By embracing OpenStack cloud software, Citrix is demonstrating a great testament to the power of the open model. Citrix has shown tremendous support for that model by contributing development resources to ensure XenServer compatibility with OpenStack. We are excited to see an OpenStack-powered solution for enterprises integrated with the XenCenter management console. We think this is just the start of many advances that will be built on OpenStack and we welcome Citrix and the rest of the tech world to use this powerful model to advance the world of cloud computing.”

**Related Links and Announcements**

- Blog, August 30 – [The Open vSwitch - Key Ingredient of Enterprise Ready Clouds](http://example.com), Simon Crosby, CTO, Datacenter and Cloud Division, Citrix
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- Blog, August 30 – [Open Cloud – a Platform for Innovation](http://example.com), Steve Shah, Sr. Director, Product Management, Citrix
- Press Release, July 19 – [Rackspace Open Sources Cloud Platform; Announces Plans to Collaborate with NASA and Other Industry Leaders on OpenStack Project](http://example.com)
- Blog, July 19 – [VMware Project Redwood = Dead Wood?](http://example.com), Simon Crosby, CTO, Datacenter and Cloud Division, Citrix

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