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HP Ensures Business Continuity for Clients Switching to IPv6

HP Network Consulting for IPv6 services ensure seamless connectivity, minimize risk

NEW YORK, Oct. 5, 2011 – HP today announced new services, based upon its extensive networking and data center experience, that allow clients to seamlessly transition to Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6), speeding connectivity to customers and partners.

The rapid growth of online users and smart devices has contributed to the dwindling availability of Internet Protocol version 4 (IPv4) web addresses. With IPv4 exhaustion quickly approaching, organizations must be prepared to support IPv6 to stay competitive and communicate with new and existing customers operating in IPv6. Yet many organizations have concerns about disrupting their existing network or introducing security vulnerabilities during the transition.

New HP Network Consulting for IPv6 services help eliminate the obstacles organizations face as they transition to IPv6. HP's phased approach takes clients from IPv4, to a dual-protocol environment and ultimately to IPv6 only, ensuring seamless connectivity, business continuity and minimized risk.

"To fully realize the benefits of IPv6, clients need to understand the implications it has across their entire organization – from the end-user experience to security threats that impact their network and IT," said Imran Khan, vice president, Network Consulting, Technology Services, HP. "Clients can leverage HP's phased transition approach and methodology to drive a common vision and plan focused on their unique enterprise needs."

HP works with clients to design a solution that addresses their current needs and delivers immediate results, including:

— HP Transformation Experience Workshop for IPv6, an interactive, half-day session that helps clients develop a vision and roadmap that

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aligns technology with the organization's enterprise needs for IPv6.

— HP IPv6 Readiness Assessment Service, a two-part assessment that evaluates the technical impact of IPv6 on the existing network and IT by analyzing readiness, identifying potential security threats and addressing governance issues. As a result, clients can work with HP to determine when, where and how to proceed with the transition for maximum return on investment.

— HP IPv6 Web Start Service allows clients to maintain communication continuity via their external website, as they develop a comprehensive transition strategy. The service designs and deploys a Gateway Solution that IPv6-enables the client's IPv4 only website, allowing it to operate in a dual-protocol environment.

HP consultants help clients throughout the transition to IPv6 including planning, design and implementation of an end-state architecture. These services include:

— HP IPv6 Architecture and Design Service, which offers clients a comprehensive blueprint for adopting IPv6. HP consultants analyze current and desired environments to build a foundational strategy that ensures IPv6 is successfully deployed across the enterprise.

— HP IPv6 Transition Consulting Service helps clients who have completed the IPv6 Architecture and Design Service deploy the blueprint strategy and address the updates required to support systems as well as applications.

— HP IPv6 Integration and Deployment Service leverages HP's 40 plus years of experience working with multivendor IT environments to provide technical expertise and comprehensive project management that ensures a nondisruptive deployment.

"The IPv6 assessment completed by HP working with our team gave us a comprehensive view of our infrastructure and applications compliance for IPv6 within our IT and communication environment," said Shyam Kelshiker, manager, telecommunications services, Australian Trade Commission. "We now have an appreciation of what the opportunities and implications of IPv6 are for our business and can chart an appropriate course ahead."

Learn more about how organizations can get started on an Instant-On Enterprise journey at HP's premier client event, HP DISCOVER, Nov. 29 - Dec. 1 in Vienna, Austria.

Pricing and availability

The HP Transformation Experience Workshop for IPv6, Assessment Services and HP IPv6 Web Start Service are available now, direct through HP. The HP IPv6 Architecture and Design Service, IPv6 Transition Consulting Service, as well as the IPv6 Transition and Implementation Service will be available in early 2012. All services will be available through authorized channel partners at a future date. Pricing varies according to location and implementation.

More information is available at www.hp.com/services/IPv6.

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