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## **Stratus Avance Software verified Citrix Ready**

### **Ensures compatibility with Citrix XenServer**

**MAYNARD, Mass., Oct. 27, 2008** – Stratus Technologies announced today that it has joined the Citrix Ready™ program by demonstrating that its Avance™ high-availability software solution is fully compatible with the Citrix Application Delivery Infrastructure. This sought-after Citrix Ready designation is awarded to third-party products that have successfully met verification criteria established by Citrix in order to ensure joint solution compatibility.

“Citrix Ready showcases select trusted solutions designed to meet various customer needs,” said John Fanelli, VP solutions and community marketing, Citrix Systems, Inc. “Not only does the program demonstrate current mutual product compatibility but, through our continued industry relationships, commitment to future interoperability as well.”

Avance software, announced in June 2008, is Stratus’ first software-based high availability product. Using embedded virtualization and running on ordinary x86 servers, Avance provides levels of availability superior to, and without the complexity of, high-availability cluster solutions for Linux and Windows applications. Avance enables customers to create high-availability servers literally in minutes, and immediately benefit from the ability to create and manage virtual machines based on the Citrix® XenServer™ virtualization platform. The U.S. list price for

Avance software, which comes bundled with the XenServer license for no additional fee, is \$2,500 per server with a minimum solution configuration requirement of two servers.

The XenServer virtualization technology is fully embedded in the Stratus Avance availability software. This best-in-class solution makes Avance far superior to other products that require additional software licenses. As a result, Stratus Avance is the only software solution delivering both virtualization and high availability in one fully integrated package, delivering outstanding value to customers with limited budgets and manpower.

“This is an exciting time for the virtualization market,” said Lou Shipley, group vice president and general manager, XenServer Products Group. “Our customers are demanding more from us as their virtualization vendor and, through the Citrix partnership with Stratus, we can provide them with a high availability software solution that fully embeds our XenServer technology.”

According to Tim Wegner, general manager of the Avance Development Group, “The Citrix Ready program provides a valuable service to IT managements who have to make choices about not only which competing products are best for a particular function, but also which ones will integrate and work seamlessly within their heterogeneous IT infrastructures. The program identifies a robust ecosystem of verified solutions, which can help eliminate much of the guesswork and speed time to deployment. Stratus is pleased to be a member of this select group.”

### **About Citrix Ready**

Citrix Ready identifies recommended solutions that are trusted to enhance Citrix application delivery infrastructure. All products featured in Citrix Ready have completed verification testing, thereby providing confidence in joint solution compatibility. Leveraging our industry leading alliances and partner eco-system, Citrix Ready showcases select trusted solutions designed to meet your various business needs. Through the online catalog and Citrix Ready branding program, you can easily find and build a trusted infrastructure. Citrix Ready not only demonstrates current mutual product compatibility, but through our continued industry relationships also ensures future interoperability. Learn more at [www.citrixready.com](http://www.citrixready.com).

### **About Stratus Technologies**

Stratus Technologies focuses exclusively on helping its customers keep critical business operations online without interruption. Business continuity requires resiliency and superior availability throughout the IT infrastructure, including virtual environments. Stratus delivers a range of solutions that includes software-based high availability, fault-tolerant servers,

availability consulting and assessment, and remote systems management services. Based on its 28 years of expertise in product and services technology for total availability, Stratus is a trusted solutions provider to customers in manufacturing, health care, financial services, public safety, transportation & logistics, and other industries. For more information, visit [www.stratus.com](http://www.stratus.com).

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