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Beware faulty definitions of fault tolerance, podcast warns

Growing ambiguity around self-professed 'fault-tolerant' solutions exposes companies to inadequate levels of availability and scalability

MAYNARD, Mass., Nov. 18, 2008 – Many of the solutions that invoke the bullet-proof mantra of “fault-tolerant” computing today can’t provide mission-critical application support at the enterprise level because they fall short in reliability and scalability, according to a new podcast from Stratus Technologies.

The podcast, “An Updated Availability Lexicon” by Stratus Director of Product Management Denny Lane, resets the definition of a fault-tolerant solution to its traditional meaning: “five nines” of application availability or higher, spread across multiple processing cores to support critical enterprise applications. The proper use of the term “fault tolerant,” is especially relevant today because of virtualization’s growing popularity. More vendors today describe their solutions as “fault tolerant” even though they either don’t provide uninterrupted (continuous) processing or aren’t scalable enough to support enterprise applications.

“IT departments who think they are buying a fault-tolerant solution to support their virtualization initiatives need to know if they’re getting the combination of scale and reliability that is true fault

tolerance,” Lane said. “There is some confusion in the market and we’re trying to clarify the terms so IT departments can make the best decisions for their companies.”

To listen to the podcast, please visit <http://forum.stratus.com/podcasts/Business-Leadership>.

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