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Network Instruments® Solutions Designated IBM Tivoli Ready

Integration speeds Tivoli users' resolution time through expert and root-cause analysis

Minneapolis, MN – December 10, 2008 – Network Instruments, a leading provider of innovative analysis solutions for in-depth intelligence and continuous availability, today announced IBM has certified its Observer performance monitoring and troubleshooting platform as *Tivoli Ready*.

IBM awarded the Tivoli Ready designation for the Observer® platform's integration with IBM Tivoli NetView. Through the integration, network professionals receive Observer alerts within the Tivoli console, and can drill from the management console's high-level performance views to the packet-level to apply the Observer platform's expert and back-in-time analysis processes.

The Observer platform integrates into Tivoli to provide enterprise-wide performance monitoring and root-cause analysis within a single solution. The Observer platform is composed of:

- **Observer Reporting Server (ORS):** Connects to Observer consoles across the network, functioning as a centralized console for enterprise-wide performance monitoring and problem identification.
- **Observer Console:** In-depth monitoring and analysis of application and network performance. Troubleshoot network problems and manage long-term network use.
- **GigaStor™:** Provides massive data collection and unique time-based analysis that eliminates the need to recreate problems, rapidly decreasing resolution time. GigaStor navigates to the moment a problem happened, and provides a detailed packet-level view of before, during, and after the occurrence.
- **Software and Hardware Probes:** Connect to Observer consoles and provide real-time monitoring and analysis of application performance and traffic throughout the network.

"Network managers relying on Tivoli can leverage the Observer platform to significantly expand visibility into network performance and reduce mean time to resolution," said Richard Alme, manager of business development for Network Instruments. "In-depth application metrics make it easier for managers to identify the cause of performance problems, while Observer's Expert Analysis automates the troubleshooting process, improving the manager's ability to pinpoint network concerns and understand long-term trends."

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About Network Instruments

Network Instruments, a leading provider of innovative analysis solutions, helps organizations and enterprises ensure the delivery of business-critical applications on their networks. The company's monitoring and reporting products provide comprehensive visibility into networks and applications to optimize network performance, speed troubleshooting, and assist long-term capacity planning. Network Instruments solutions provide integrated enterprise-wide reporting and back-in-time investigation capabilities for troubleshooting networks. The company is headquartered in Minneapolis with sales offices worldwide and distributors in over 50 countries. For more information about the company, products, and technology, please visit www.networkinstruments.com or the company's blog www.networkinstruments.com/blog.

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