Increasing Adoption of Enhanced Hosted Services by North American Businesses Spurs Growth in Hosted IP Telephony and VoIP Access Services Market

Earthtimes.org and Frost & Sullivan
November 29, 2006

Frost & Sullivan senior analyst Lynda Starr recently found that companies who adopt hosted IP telephony typically save 20 to 40 percent on what they would have paid for a private branch exchange (PBX) on premises.


Many IT Organizations Use Continuous Data Protection for Data Recovery

Peripheral Concepts
November 29, 2006

Continuous Data Protection (CDP) solutions are in place at 43 percent of sites in 2006, up from 34 percent the year before, according to a study of end users by Peripheral Concepts.

http://computers.tekrati.com/research/news.asp?id=8180

Broadband Growth Halves across Europe

PC Pro
November 27, 2006

Third-quarter growth in broadband was 5 percent for Europe's five largest markets—Germany, Britain, France, Italy, and Spain—down from 11 percent the previous year as a smaller segment of the mass market opts for the upgrade, according to UK market research firm ScreenDigest.


India Set to Be the Fastest Growing SOA Market in Asia

Springboard Research
November 27, 2006

The market for Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) in India is expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate of 49 percent from 2006 to 2009, making it the fastest growing SOA market in the region, according to Springboard Research.

http://software.tekrati.com/research/news.asp?id=8177
Carrier Ethernet Switch Revenues to Exceed $2 Billion in 2006  
Dell'Oro Group Inc.  
November 21, 2006

Carrier Ethernet Switch revenues are on track to surpass $2 billion in 2006, according to a new Dell'Oro Group study.

http://telecom.tekrati.com/research/news.asp?id=8163

Prediction: 82 Percent of Small Businesses Will Be Online by 2011  
JupiterResearch  
November 21, 2006

JupiterResearch estimates that 78 percent, or almost 20 million small businesses, currently use the Internet on a regular basis. A new JupiterResearch report estimates that 82 percent of small businesses will have Internet access by 2011, of which 88 percent will use broadband connections.

http://industry.tekrati.com/research/news.asp?id=8159

IP PBX Revenues Grew 10 Percent in Third Quarter 2006  
Dell'Oro Group Inc.  
November 21, 2006

IP PBX market revenues grew 10 percent in the third quarter, according to market research by Dell'Oro Group. The market forecast shows IP PBX will be the fastest growing IP telephony segment during 2007, when IP PBX revenues are projected to surpass those of traditional PBX and Key.

http://telecom.tekrati.com/research/news.asp?id=8166

Now Lagging, IP Phone Sales Poised for Takeoff  
InformationWeek  
November 21, 2006

A report from market research firm In-Stat says that total annual shipments of IP phones will explode from 10 million units in 2006 to 164 million in 2010.

http://www.informationweek.com/management/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=195400015

Network Security Sales Surpass $1.2 Billion in Q3 2006  
Synergy Research Group  
November 17, 2006

The worldwide network security market increased 9 percent sequentially in the quarter and grew 10 percent year-over-year, according to Synergy Research Group. Sales of hybrid firewall/VPN solutions increased 9 percent sequentially and 7 percent year-over-year; IDS/IPS sales increased 11 percent for the quarter and 15 percent over Q3 2005; and SSL VPN sales increased 8 percent in the quarter and 47 percent year-over-year.

http://www.marketwire.com/mw/release_html_b1?release_id=186147
WiMAX Poised for Rapid Growth Despite Major Challenges
In-Stat
November 15, 2006

WiMAX technology is entering a rapid growth phase as WiMAX Forum-certified equipment becomes available, reports In-Stat. Worldwide subscribers are estimated to reach 222,000 in 2006 and are forecasted to grow to 19.7 million by the end of 2010.

http://telecom.tekrati.com/research/news.asp?id=8125

Study Investigates Why Pay for IT Certifications Continues to Fall
Certification Magazine
November 14, 2006

Research by Foote Partners finds that employers’ pay practices for tech skills favor salaries over skills bonuses. Employers are declaring specific certified and noncertified IT skills as dominant or unique to a job, then incorporating pay for those skills as key to performing the job while keeping job titles unchanged.

http://www.certmag.com/common/newscenter/newsdisplay.cfm?id=5877

How to Tap Latent, Growing SMB PC Demand in India, China, Indonesia, and the Philippines
AMI-Partners
November 13, 2006

Small businesses in Asia, of which three-fourths have no computers, are a promising market for PC sales. About 40 percent of these non-PC firms in India, over a third of those in China, and about a quarter each in Indonesia and the Philippines have expressed their intent to buy PCs in the next 12 months, say analysts AMI-Partners.

http://computers.tekrati.com/research/news.asp?id=8115

Search, Aggregation, and Syndication Market to Reach $68 Billion by 2009
Outsell, Inc.
November 13, 2006

The search, aggregation, and syndication market will reach $68 billion by the end of 2009 through a compound annual growth rate of 17 percent, according to Outsell, Inc.

http://industry.tekrati.com/research/news.asp?id=8112

Number of Phishing E-Mails Sent to U.S. Adults Nearly Doubled Since 2004
Gartner, Inc.
November 9, 2006

More than 100 million U.S. adults have received phishing e-mails, according to a survey by Gartner—nearly twice the numbers of 2004. Financial losses stemming from phishing attacks have risen to more than $2.8 billion in 2006.

http://security.tekrati.com/research/news.asp?id=8102
Managed Services on the Rise
Windows IT Pro
November 8, 2006

Research firm Ovum expects the global managed services market to reach $41.5 billion per year by 2009. Ovum predicts that by 2009, managed VPNs will account for 53 percent of the managed services market and that managed VoIP will account for the fastest growth with a 65 percent compound annual growth rate. Regional adoption rates are highest in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa, with North America ranking second.

http://www.windowsitpro.com/mobile/pda/Article.cfm?ArticleID=94176&DepartmentID=131

European Enterprises Put Mobility at the Core of Their Strategic Agendas
Forrester Research
November 6, 2006

European firms now spend 32 percent of their telecom and networking budgets on mobility, according to Forrester Research. Today, more than 70 percent of European enterprises are using some type of mobile application. One-third of businesses say that setting mobile and wireless strategy and policy is a priority in 2006; another 16 percent call it a critical priority.

http://telecom.tekrati.com/research/news.asp?id=8080

Michigan Named Most Digitally Advanced State Government in the USA
Centers for Digital Education & Government
November 6, 2006

The 25 most digitally advanced state governments in the nation for the year 2006 have been identified by the Center for Digital Government. The top five are Michigan, Virginia, Ohio, Utah, and Arizona.

http://industry.tekrati.com/research/news.asp?id=8081

ZigBee Emerges as the Wireless Mesh Network of Choice
In-Stat
November 6, 2006

In-Stat believes that ZigBee will emerge as the dominant wireless mesh networking technology. In 2006, In-Stat estimates between 4.5 million and 10.5 million ZigBee RF components will be sold.

http://telecom.tekrati.com/research/news.asp?id=8076

Field Location Data Boosts Service Revenues by 17 Percent
AberdeenGroup
November 3, 2006

Almost two-thirds of service organizations recently surveyed by AberdeenGroup stated that they currently use location-based services such as GPS, GIS, and AVL to support their field service operations. Measured benefits include faster service times, greater customer retention, and higher revenues.

http://services.tekrati.com/research/news.asp?id=8065
Notebook Battery Recall to Cost Enterprises $372 Million  
J.Gold Associates  
November 3, 2006

Recent notebook PC battery recalls could cost a typical company $625,000, according to J.Gold Associates. Overall, the recall is likely to cost enterprises an estimated $372 million.

http://computers.tekrati.com/research/news.asp?id=8067

E-mail Out of Favor among U.S. Teens  
Parks Associates  
November 2, 2006

Instant messaging outweighs e-mail by two to one as the primary means of communication among U.S. teenagers with online access, according to an online survey from Parks Associates. Adults are comparably lopsided the other way.

http://software.tekrati.com/research/news.asp?id=8037

Metro Ethernet Equipment Sales to Triple to $15 Billion by 2009  
Infonetics Research  
November 2, 2006

Led by strong growth in Ethernet over copper and cable products and in carrier Ethernet switches and routers, worldwide sales of metro Ethernet equipment are projected to surge from just under $5 billion in 2005 to over $15 billion in 2009, according to Infonetics Research. Metro Ethernet equipment sales will accumulate $49.6 billion over the five-year period between 2005 and 2009.

http://telecom.tekrati.com/research/news.asp?id=8058

The VoIP Growth Opportunity through 2010  
iSuppli  
November 2, 2006

With the VoIP market expected to expand strongly through the remainder of the decade, this segment has become a key growth driver for telecom equipment suppliers, according to iSuppli Corp. Worldwide VoIP equipment revenue will rise to $11.9 billion in 2010, expanding from $3.95 billion in 2005 at a compound annual growth rate of 24.7 percent.

http://telecom.tekrati.com/research/news.asp?id=8052

AMR Research Finds Sharp Rise in ERP Spending in the United States  
AMR Research, Inc.  
October 30, 2006

AMR Research forecasts that U.S. companies will increase their spending on enterprise resource planning (ERP) applications by 11.3 percent in 2007. Both new ERP users and existing customers are contributing to the rise.

http://software.tekrati.com/research/news.asp?id=8023
Mobile Communities and User-Generated Content Worth $13.1 Billion by 2011
Informa Telecoms and Media
October 30, 2006

The market for mobile communities and user-generated content will be worth $13.1 billion by 2011, according to Informa Telecoms and Media. Photo- and chat-based services are the top revenue generators. Content moderation and price are top issues in reaching success.

http://software.tekrati.com/research/news.asp?id=8030

Gender

CIOs Need Mix of Male and Female Staffers for New Business Environment
Gartner, Inc.
November 15, 2006

By 2012, 40 percent of women in the IT workforce will leave traditional IT career paths and move aggressively into business, functional and R&D processes, or entrepreneurial ventures, Gartner told CIOs at its annual symposium in Cannes. CIOs risk failure by not continuing to attract and retain women in certain areas of IT.

http://www.tekrati.com/research/News.asp?id=8131

Women Kept Out of IT Roles
IT Week
October 20, 2006

Women account for less than one in 10 IT chiefs in the UK, a new study from recruitment firm Harvey Nash reveals. Numbers are similar at other levels of IT roles.

http://www.itweek.co.uk/itweek/news/2166958/women-kept-roles

Cisco News

Cisco Networking Academy Program Students Go For Gold in National and Cross-Border Competitions
Cisco.com
November 27, 2006

Cisco Networking Academy Program students this year took all the prizes at the eighth annual internetworking competition run by the SkillsUSA vocational training organization. The June contest in Kansas City saw 53 contestants from 39 states compete for three secondary school and three postsecondary school awards. The top finishers were invited to the Cisco campus at San Jose to commemorate their success and learn more about what a career in IT entails on a daily basis. SkillsUSA is a member of WorldSkills, headquartered in Amsterdam.

Cisco Networking Academy Students Find Encouragement During Visit to PPL Telcom
PC Today
Nov. 15, 2006

On November 14 a group of Penn College students and their instructor visited the corporate headquarters of PPL Telcom in Allentown, Pennsylvania. The students learned about the company and heard about the promise of the industry’s future from people on the front lines of broadband fiber-optic and wireless technology.

http://www.pct.edu/pctoday/article_4917.shtml

Society of Cable Telecommunication Engineers Becomes a Cisco Academy
Network World
November 15, 2006

The Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers has become part of the Cisco Networking Academy Program and is now authorized to include certain Cisco networking curriculum into the group’s education offering. This move continues Cisco’s push into the cable arena.


High-Tech Training for Chefs of Tomorrow
Silicon.com
November 6, 2006

Technology joins with e-learning to train the next generation of top chefs at Lewisham College in London. Cisco provides the hardware for its network and also works with the college on the Cisco Networking Academy Program.

http://www.silicon.com/publicsector/0,3800010403,39163830,00.htm

Cisco Reveals Networking Academy Growth
ITP Technology
November 2, 2006

Cisco hailed the success of its Networking Academy Program in western Asia following rapid expansion during its fiscal year to the end of July. The initiative, which grew 73 percent compared with the previous 12 months, has seen 45 new academies established in countries from Pakistan to Yemen during that period.


Theater Specific Information

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Cisco Saudi Arabia Tops Growth Globally
Trade Arabia
November 26, 2006

Saudi Arabia is the leading adopter of Cisco technology across the world, posting a record growth in 2006. Netversity, a Cisco Networking Academy program, will partner with public education organisations to provide advanced business and technical training to equip Saudi youth to meet the needs of world-class employers.

http://www.tradearabia.com/tanews/newsdetails_snIT_article115161.html

Intelligent Link
The Nation
November 26, 2006

In Thailand, the Cisco Networking Academy Program addresses the shortage of people with networking skills. The program partners with 38 institutes and offers certification programmes for advanced and general IT networking skills. The shortfall in skilled IT personnel in Thailand this year is 4000 people and is expected to grow to 6600 by 2009.


Cisco Saudi Arabia Is the Fastest Growing Region in the World
Mena Report
November 14, 2006

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia emerged as the leading adopter of Cisco technology across the world, posting 127 percent growth in 2006 over 2005. The Cisco Networking Academy Program will partner with public education organizations in its Netversity program to provide advanced business and technical training to align Saudi youth with the needs of world-class employers.


UNDP Supports TUIT through Training of Trainers in the Field of ICT
UZReport.com
November 13, 2006

The United Nations Development Program together with the Cisco Networking Academy Program conducted training in "New technologies: security and unified communications" during November for the teaching staff of Tashkent University of Information Technologies to improve the capacity of Uzbekistan’s leading ICT institution.

http://business.uzreport.com/uzb.cgi?lan=e&id=22929

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Cisco Expands Base for Networking Academies
Kuwait News
November 3, 2006

Cisco announced a major expansion to its Networking Academy Program in the Middle East. The program grew 73 percent in fiscal 2006 over the previous year, and in all, 45 new academies were established over the last year from Pakistan to Yemen.

http://www.kuwaittimes.net/business.asp?dismode=article&artid=1067682949

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