



## **IBM zSeries Servers Supported by Likewise Software**

### **Red Hat and SUSE Linux Running on zSeries can now Easily Join to Microsoft Active Directory**

**BELLEVEUE, Wash. – April 30, 2008** – Likewise® Software, a leader in delivering authentication and audit solutions for mixed networks, today announced support for IBM® zSeries® servers that are using either Red Hat® or the Novell® SUSE® Linux platforms. Customers that rely on zSeries for their mission critical applications can now use Likewise Software products to directly join their systems to Microsoft® Active Directory.

zSeries servers are used by IBM customers for business-critical installations where scheduled and unscheduled downtime costs are high. zSeries machines can provide a lower total cost of ownership than other platforms for organizations where the risk is very high for system failures and service outages. Mainframes such as zSeries are often used in government, financial services, retail, and manufacturing industries.

“The world’s top banks and retailers are relying on the security features in zSeries servers to ensure sensitive business transactions,” said Barry Crist, CEO of Likewise Software. “Now these enterprises can improve their TCO by running RHEL and SUSE on zSeries and authenticate to Active Directory via Likewise. Literally everyone wins in these scenarios.”

Likewise Software solutions join non-Windows systems such as zSeries servers running Linux platforms to Microsoft Active Directory. Once the Linux/UNIX/Mac machines have been joined to AD, a user who has been provisioned for UNIX, Linux or Mac access can now interactively login to the Linux/Unix/Mac machine with his or her Active Directory credentials. The user can also access any kerberized services that the Linux/UNIX/Mac machine hosts.

“Linux is in the third phase of an evolution toward becoming a recognized data center operating system environment,” according to Gartner. “The first phase was its use in basic infrastructure and network edge; the second phase began more deployments in Web serving and applications; and the third phase is in secure, reliable, mission-critical applications and databases.... In 2008, 20% to 25% of user expenditures allocated to Linux will be for mission-critical applications.”<sup>1</sup>

## **About Likewise Software**

Likewise Software (formerly Centeris) provides identity management solutions designed to improve security and operational efficiencies and help achieve regulatory compliance in mixed network environments. Likewise Open allows large organizations to securely authenticate Linux, UNIX and Mac systems with a unified directory such as Microsoft Active Directory. Likewise Enterprise includes all of the core authentication technology that comes with Likewise Open, plus world-class migration, group policy, audit and reporting modules.

Likewise Software is a Bellevue, WA-based software company funded by leading venture capital firms Ignition Partners, Intel Capital, and Trinity Ventures. Likewise has experienced management and engineering teams in place and is led by senior executives from leading technology companies such as Microsoft, F5 Networks, EMC and Mercury.

1) Gartner, Inc. "Open-Source Software in the Server OS Market, 2008: The State of Linux" by George J. Weiss, March 3, 2008

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