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Tango/04 wins Product of the Year award for Performance Monitoring/Management tools

- Tango/04 VISUAL Control for Windows 8.0 obtains the Gold Award in Search400.com's Product of the Year contest
- Judges recognize the functionality, performance and ease of use of the most advanced performance management console in the market

BARCELONA, 29 January 2004. – VISUAL Control for Windows 8.0, the iSeries performance management console of Tango/04 Computing Group, today obtained the Gold Award in the Performance-Monitoring/Management tools category of Search400.com's Products of the Year awards for new software solutions addressed at the IBM iSeries-AS/400 eServer market.

VISUAL Control for Windows is the graphical console at the center of Tango/04's VISUAL Control Center performance management suite, a comprehensive software solution that allows iSeries customers to monitor their IT systems' operating health, redistribute resources among servers and logical partitions to optimize performance, and analyze trends to project future system upgrades.

"We are very pleased to learn how much the industry –and customers worldwide– recognize the power and functionality of VISUAL Control for Windows," said Raul Aguirre, CEO of Tango/04 Computing Group. "This award reinforces our conviction that VISUAL Control for Windows will soon be the 'cockpit' from where every iSeries or AS/400 system in the world will be managed."

VISUAL Control for Windows provides automated real-time performance monitoring of multiple iSeries servers or partitions, collecting and analyzing thousands of performance metrics many times per minute and reacting to any potential problem.

It features a unique graphical performance console that displays all key performance parameters on-screen in vivid colors and can generate web-based Performance Portals to supervise systems in real-time remotely.

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“Whenever any key performance threshold is passed on any system or partition, alarms are triggered. For example, an e-mail or SMS alert can be sent when disk use passes 90% of capacity, when there are excessive page faults or when response times pass the SLA threshold. Actions can also be automated to correct problems, for example, a job that consumes large CPU resources can be held to prevent it from bringing the whole system to its knees,” Search400.com explains.

VISUAL Control for Windows comes with some interesting features that were particularly appreciated by judges at Search400.com, such as the Rapid Investigator module's "analyze and playback" support for logical partitions. This feature enables operators to discover and understand peaks, bottlenecks and trends, and spot problem areas rapidly by using an automated Record now-Replay later schema. Historical performance graphs can also be created with full drill-down support.

The product's new dynamic LPAR tuning support provides "on demand" distribution of resources among logical partitions. And full LPAR support means new LPAR metrics, including partition type, assigned processor units, interactive capacity and CPU usage (interactive and total), can be retrieved in real-time. A new panel showing LPAR information has been added, along with predefined multipartition graphs.

As for ease of use, VISUAL Control for Windows comes with a new predefined set of intuitive gauges and alerts, so the learning curve is minimal –even for users with no performance expertise.

The latest version of VISUAL Control for Windows, 8.5, incorporates full support of ALEV (Tango/04's powerful and lightning-fast expression evaluator) to enable user-defined custom variables derived from any one of the 2,000 collected metrics.

Version 8.5's new network control capability permits to monitor traffic in one or all of the iSeries' network cards, or define a service –such as FTP or Telnet– to be analyzed in detail. Predefined charts and alerts control inbound and outbound network traffic in real-time, and even percentages of occupation of the total available bandwidth.

Most recently, VISUAL Control for Windows has been verified by IBM and now carries the IBM ServerProven designation. This emblem is granted to software applications that run on eServer and have been verifiably implemented by real customers. IBM ServerProven solutions help promote increased customer confidence, and allow companies to take advantage of special offers.

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About Tango/04 Computing Group

Founded in 1991 and with offices in Spain, the United States, France, Switzerland, Argentina and Chile, Tango/04 Computing Group is one of the leading developers of systems management and business automation software.

Tango/04 is an IBM Business Partner, member of the IBM Autonomic Computing initiative, and five-time winner of the IBM All Star award for product excellence. Its solutions have been verified by IBM and carry the IBM ServerProven™ designation.

Tango/04 helps companies maintain the operating health of all their business processes, improve service levels, increase productivity, and reduce costs through intelligent management of their IT infrastructure.

Thousands of customers in over 60 countries use Tango/04 solutions to manage their systems in real time and achieve their business objectives.

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