

Press Release

LANDesk Software Extends Leadership in Systems Management with New Solution that Reduces Cost and Drives Business Value

LANDesk® Management Suite 8.8 features new automated software distribution capabilities, enterprise mobility management, real-time IT ROI analysis and upgraded Macintosh manageability

Salt Lake City – January 30, 2008 – LANDesk Software, a leading provider of systems, security and process management solutions, today shipped LANDesk® Management Suite 8.8. The new release is designed to help customers more easily secure and manage enterprise systems by adding new real-time software distribution, licensing monitoring, alerting, provisioning and reporting tools to LANDesk Management Suite's already comprehensive system and configuration management capabilities.

"LANDesk Management Suite 8.8 offers a high degree of automation that greatly improves software distribution capabilities and enterprise mobility management when combined with our LANDesk Management Gateway," said Coby Gurr, business line director at LANDesk Software. "Features such as the ability to offer multiple packages in a single policy, a local scheduler and a software deployment portal are all designed to help IT managers more efficiently manage software distribution."

LANDesk Management Suite 8.8 also includes new reporting analytics that demonstrate the business value delivered through the use of LANDesk solutions for critical IT activities. "We frequently have requests for tools that can illustrate cost savings and show return on investment for IT departments," Gurr said. "This new version of LANDesk Management Suite provides real-time analysis that demonstrates the bottom-line value of actions such as software distributions, antivirus, spyware handling, patches deployed and more in real time. We believe this can be an important reporting tool for IT departments."

Upgrades to LANDesk Management Suite 8.8 also include improved software license monitoring capabilities that provide administrators with the ability to deny application launch for specific groups of machines. Also, enhanced provisioning capabilities, including improved Microsoft Vista support, enable users to completely install and configure all systems and servers using a single task. The suite now contains over 100 provisioning templates that provide access to the optimal hardware configuration based on the vendor's recommendations.

With the growth of Macintoshes in the enterprise, the new version expands on LANDesk's leadership in single console management of Mac OS based PCs. "We see strong growth in heterogeneous Mac and PC environments and this solution will help IT departments avoid the need to create parallel support and management infrastructure for both systems," said Michael Gonzales, senior analyst/programmer and LANDesk administrator at Baylor University.

LANDesk Management Suite 8.8 features

Important enhancements in LANDesk Management Suite 8.8 include:

- Software license monitoring – for custom access to software packages by groups
- Software distribution – offers desired state management for software packages; automatically installs and removes software based on access granted
- Local scheduler – further reduces user impact for tasks through improved randomization
- Intel vPro support – single console support for out of band management eases IT burden
- Provisioning – more than 100 templates help ease the transition to new operating systems
- Alerting – new scalable architecture for robust dependable alerts on managed devices
- Macintosh – remote control managed devices from a Macintosh console, including Windows Vista machines; expanded asset information from Macintosh
- Business value reporting – out of the box return on investment data from LANDesk
- Ease of use improvements – Quick Start wizards walk through set up and routine tasks