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## ZEN z/OS network management now includes an automatic “whistleblower” facility

ZEN, the cost saving z/OS network management suite from William Data Systems (WDS) is now available with a unique, automatic SyslogD “system whistleblower” facility.

IBM's System z mainframe platform and its flagship z/OS operating system offer the very best in security, reliability and scalability. SyslogD is a vital part of IBM's z/OS Intrusion Detection and Prevention services (IDS) that protect z/OS security and availability. All detailed IDS event messages, such as security violations (or attempted security violations) are sent to the z/OS SyslogD. Given the importance IBM place on SyslogD as a repository of critical system events it is perhaps surprising to learn that few z/OS network management systems appear to have ZEN's ability to capture, view and notify SyslogD events in real-time. When compliance and risk management are essential parts of so many corporate activities, resolving this omission is likely to be on the agenda for many CIOs.

Working in real-time, ZEN can not only alert authorized users to critical system events that need urgent attention the moment they occur, but also automatically trigger further activity via its powerful REXX-based automation facilities. This is a vital tool for mainframe managers who have a duty to ensure “best practice” when managing sensitive data, corporate compliance obligations and system integrity. ZEN's ability to notify significant system events in real-time is likely to become the minimum standard expected should an event and its subsequent handling by the organization be put under the spotlight in a future investigation.

The ZEN suite of network management solutions is the result of ongoing research and development by WDS with input provided by a worldwide customer base. ZEN can be accessed remotely with mobile devices such as the Apple iPad and iPhone, providing further evidence of the forward thinking demonstrated by WDS developers.

WDS's Founder Liam Hammond commented “Now that real time monitoring of the SyslogD with automatic responses is available, z/OS system administrators can focus on the organizations' business issues and leave ZEN to 'blow the whistle' when needed.”

Note for Editors: The ZEN cost saving z/OS network management suite comprises:

ZEN OSA Monitor	For OSA performance monitoring & management
ZEN IP Monitor - IMPLEX	For IP performance monitoring & management
ZEN EE Monitor - FERRET	For APPN/HPR and EE monitoring & management
ZEN TRACE & SOLVE - EXIGENCE	For network problem determination
ZEN FTP CONTROL - FTPALERT	For audited FTP monitoring and management
ZEN EE SECURITY - APIAS	For secure EE deployment across any network
ZEN AUTOMATION	For automating network and operational tasks

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