



Neuma Bundles CM+ MultiSite with CM+ Enterprise

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Neuma today announced it will now bundle its CM+ MultiSite technology as a no-charge capability with all CM+ Enterprise edition sales. The announcement means that organizations no longer need a separate budget to ensure multiple sites can communicate and work together. It also means that Warm-Standby Disaster Recovery is available to any organization with more than one CM+ Enterprise server, at no additional cost.

Neuma's CM+, a 3rd generation Configuration Management (CM) and Application Life Cycle Management (ALM) capability, has the most advanced multiple site solutions available on the market. "It's great when we hear comments such as: 'This is the way Multiple Site features are supposed to work!' from those evaluating the product", commented Joe Farah, Neuma's president and CEO. "Especially after they've evaluated a number of other potential solutions. And now our solution is available to all our clients who use CM+ Enterprise edition."

Neuma has a unique multiple site solution, first introduced in the mid-1990s. All updates to the CM+ repository are done through transactions, each being ordered and then sent to all of the sites. Because this applies to all of the ALM applications of CM+, there is no need to have several multiple site solutions to cover different applications such as version control, problem tracking and requirements management. Neuma's solution ensures that all project data is available at all sites.

And there's no need to partition data and re-synchronize. Traditional solutions require additional budgeting for global operation. One of the big headaches with these solutions has been the level of overhead in distributing data and then babysitting the re-synchronization process. CM+ requires almost no administration. You create a synchronization checkpoint one day, and use it in the following weeks to start up one or more new sites. Each new site will automatically catch up from the checkpoint when started and will stay in step. Some of Neuma's customers with intercontinental CM+ MultiSite have gone for a year or more with virtually no multiple site administration. The technology automatically recovers from both short and long term network outages and has a number of monitoring capabilities to ensure sites are always in sync.

Neuma also announced a low-cost license for Warm-Standby Disaster Recovery for single site CM+ Enterprise deployments. The warm-standby site is a separate site without clients until a disk crash or other emergency requires clients to switch over from their normal server without additional down time.

"In doing a product review of CM+ a couple of years back, **Patrick Egan**, the founder of the **CM Crossroads** community (www.cmcrossroads.com), recommended that we throw in CM+ MultiSite with the CM+ license. We thought about it and we didn't want our customers running the risk of losing data in case of a disaster. So we've taken his advice", added Farah. "This technology isn't just for the mission critical shops - project data is critical to all projects." In fact, in smaller companies, where backups are often less rigorous, CM+ MultiSite provides a potential air-tight backup strategy.

And because some data is more sensitive than others, Neuma has introduced capabilities so that sensitive files can be restricted from being delivered to specific sites. This can be done on a product-by-product basis (i.e. all files for a product), on a file-suffix basis or on an individual file basis. This helps organizations to meet the ITAR data segregation requirements of the U.S. government.

With the low cost of administration and the zero cost for CM+ MultiSite, look for a bit of pressure on the rest of the CM/ALM community to stretch their solutions globally without stretching their customers' budgets.

Neuma Technology Inc. is a pioneer and leader in providing advanced Configuration Management technology. It's flagship product, **CM+ Enterprise**, first released in 1991, provides end-to-end Application Lifecycle Management in a small footprint, configurable and easy-to-use package.

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