

NETSCOUT Disrupts Packet Broker Market with Software-Driven Open Compute Platform

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New Products Eliminate Obstacles to Scaling Network Monitoring Infrastructure

WESTFORD, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jun. 26, 2017-- **NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC.**, (NASDAQ:NTCT), a leading provider of business assurance, a powerful combination of service assurance, cybersecurity, and business intelligence solutions, today announced a software-driven addition to its nGenius® Packet Flow System (PFS) product family. The **nGenius PFS 5000 models** deliver a new packet broker architecture in the visibility market, decoupling packet broker functions from its underlying hardware and offering an industry-leading open compute platform option for network packet brokers.

“NETSCOUT is embracing disruption by porting its packet flow visibility software to cost-effective white box switches,” said Stephen Collins, principal analyst, Network Visibility & Analytics, ACG Research. “The value in networking is moving from specialized, purpose-built hardware to software-driven open compute platforms that scale easily while ensuring flexibility and agility for enterprise and service provider network operators, and NETSCOUT is helping its customers realize this value.”

The new software-driven nGenius PFS 5000 models operate at speeds from 10Gbps to 100Gbps, providing aggregation, replication and filtering. Enabled with self-organizing mesh technology, pfsMesh, the nGenius PFS 5000 series scales on-demand for network monitoring needs of any size. pfsMesh automatically and dynamically interconnects multiple packet flow systems together, ensuring high availability of monitoring tools, whether they are in the same data center or separated by large distances, and reducing operational complexity.

“The new products are the first step toward a complete disaggregation of network packet broker functionality, where the NETSCOUT Packet Flow Operating System (PFOS) software is decoupled from the underlying hardware,”

said Sanjay Munshi, vice president of products for PFS business unit, NETSCOUT. “The first controller-less open compute approach brings significant flexibility for our customers enabling them to cost-effectively evolve and further scale their monitoring infrastructures on demand. This customer-driven innovation reflects our long-standing focus on elevating our value proposition through software-centric solutions.”

This software-driven approach complements NETSCOUT’s purpose-built PFS products that deliver advanced packet conditioning and manipulation to enable deep-packet visibility and non-blocking performance. The nGenius PFS 5000 can be used in stand-alone deployments, or in combination with other PFS products, such as the nGenius PFS 6000 model, which provides the industry’s highest port density and non-blocking throughput at 6Tbps. Both product lines share PFOS-derived capabilities, which reduce learning curves and improves IT efficiencies.

The nGenius PFS 5000 series is available now for cost effective, high density 10 GbE and 40/100 GbE Packet Broker deployments. The solution will be demonstrated at the NETSCOUT booth (#1736) during the Cisco Live conference and expo in Las Vegas, June 26-29, 2017. For more information visit <https://www.netscout.com/pfs/network-packet-broker-software-evolution>.

About NETSCOUT

NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC. (NASDAQ:NTCT) is a leading provider of business assurance – a powerful combination of service assurance, cybersecurity, and business intelligence solutions – for today’s most demanding service provider, enterprise and government networks. NETSCOUT’s Adaptive Service Intelligence (ASI) technology continuously monitors the service delivery environment to identify performance issues and provides insight into network-based security threats, helping teams to quickly resolve issues that can cause business disruptions or impact user experience. NETSCOUT delivers unmatched service visibility and protects the digital infrastructure that supports our connected world. To learn more, visit www.netscout.com or follow @NETSCOUT on Twitter, Facebook, or LinkedIn.

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