

## **LAYERZngn INTRODUCES CPLANE SURVEYOR FOR BUSINESS APPLICATIONS DISCOVERY, CORRELATION AND TRACKING**

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New product builds on CPlane Discovery to provide customized line-of-sight views of applications and IT infrastructure

**SAN FRANCISCO, California – December 20, 2011** – LAYERZngn, an innovative supplier of IT management solutions, today announced the availability of its latest systems management tool, CPlane Surveyor. Available as a drop-in agentless Virtual Appliance, CPlane Surveyor helps business applications managers and IT professionals to discover, correlate, and map the components and dependencies of their applications without changing or interfering with other IT management tools.

Installable in any VMware™ or Citrix XenServer™ virtual environment, users enter IP address ranges and login credentials of the various software and hardware components. CPlane Surveyor then quickly discovers the applications software components, SQL data bases, applications servers, along with the underlying IT infrastructure including operating systems, virtual machine hypervisors, physical servers, physical and virtual network switches, etc. Users can then select from the discovered software and hardware components to create customized views that bring their business applications into focus.

“CPlane Surveyor delivers powerful capabilities to discover, track, and correlate the key components of enterprise applications and the systems they run on in a lightweight, minimum-footprint Virtual Appliance that allows users to start using the tool in about an hour, with no complex training or documentation” said John Casey, LAYERZngn’s Chief Technology Officer. “Surveyor was developed as a result of listening to users who, despite a plethora of IT management tools, spend many hours manually tracking their applications with spreadsheets, collecting input from others via phone calls and email. Based on their feedback, Surveyor reduces the time spent by up to 80%, preventing many problems in advance and dramatically reducing the elapsed time to resolve problems.”

CPlane Surveyor provides business applications owners and IT professionals with a powerful, yet lightweight, customizable, easy-to-use solution to identify and track all the components of their applications and their associated dependencies, including a complete picture of the underlying virtual machines, hypervisors, servers, network switches and storage components. Surveyor includes built-in logging capabilities to help users to easily identify changes in the application topology and dependencies. Surveyor can also be used as a stand-alone repository or can update existing CMDBs ensuring asset inventory consistency and integrity.

### **CPlane Surveyor by LAYERZngn Key Features:**

- Locates all hardware and software assets and their inter-relationships based on a user-selectable combination of SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol), Nmap fingerprinting, IP port scan, software installation signatures and running processes.
- Multiple screen views from high-level dashboard to drill down to details with 360 degree views from the applications, virtualization layer and physical servers to the network components down to port-configuration details and status.
- Users can build their own views of their applications and underlying infrastructure components with an intuitive user interface, built-in searching, sorting, and column re-ordering.

- Logging with date/time ranges so users can easily identify what changed when.
- Built-in reporting and export capability to take the drudgery out of generating compliance reports.

### **Industry Perspective**

“In most IT shops, applications proliferation and increasing complexity is a fact of life.” Says Robert Keahey, founder/partner of SummaLogic LLC ([www.summalogic.com](http://www.summalogic.com)). “CPlane Surveyor fulfills an unmet need for a comprehensive, easy to use tool that each applications manager can use to get a handle on what’s important to them.”

### **Pricing and Availability**

CPlane Surveyor by LAYERZngn is now in controlled release and pricing begins at \$20,000 for an annual subscription including maintenance. For a limited time, CPlane Surveyor for use with up to three applications is available for free for the first year. For more information, visit the [www.layerzngn.com](http://www.layerzngn.com) website and request a download of a free evaluation.

### **About LAYERZngn**

LAYERZngn provides easy to use tools for enterprise and cloud IT management for end users worldwide from small enterprises to Fortune 500 companies. LAYERZngn’s end user products are based on the powerful CPlane framework which LAYERZngn provides to strategic customers to develop tailored applications for provisioning, orchestration and security in several market sectors including service providers, systems vendors, and IT automation suppliers.

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