



## **ADTRAN Launches N-Form, New Software Suite for Simplified WAN Management and SLA Monitoring**

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Pro-Active Software Offers On-The-Spot Troubleshooting,

Historical Trend Analysis and Multi-Variable Report Generation

ADTRAN, Inc. (NASDAQ: ADTN), a leading provider in network deployment and access products, announced today its new web-based, stand-alone, Network Management solution called N-Form(TM). Modular in design, N-Form combines the features of a complete SNMP management platform with a network trend analysis tool, in an easy-to-use, cost-effective package. With the introduction of the N-Form software suite, end-users can take control of their TDM and Packet networks with unique and powerful client/server network management technology.

"ADTRAN's extensive portfolio of WAN access solutions is complemented by the launch of N-Form", said Tim Saunders, ADTRAN's director of product management, Enterprise Networks Division. "N-Form provides enterprise customers the most versatile network management and report generation offerings in the industry today."

Enabled by Java technology, N-Form uses a web browser to collect, configure, manage, and report on network health and performance from virtually any computer within the network. N-Form has a simple topology-tree interface allowing for high-level network health "at a glance" with the ability to quickly drill-down to more detailed device configuration and real-time troubleshooting diagnostics. N-Form, running on Windows NT, Sun Solaris, or HP UX, can quickly and accurately poll the entire TDM or Packet network using auto-discovery for device identification. This "seek and find" identification tool is ideal for handling single devices or large networks, lending itself to handling the most complex of networks.

N-Form ships pre-configured with a comprehensive set of reports that illustrate network trends. Reports include Service Level Agreement (SLA) verification, exception-based, and point-to-point performance monitoring. Using a distributed architecture, N-Form reduces overall data collection traffic at the server and enables scalability and performance enhancements with the growing needs of the network.

"The development of N-Form is in line with ADTRAN's move to become a supplier of complete networking solutions," said Danny Windham, ADTRAN's vice president and general manager, Enterprise Networks Division. "N-Form adds state-of-the-art network management capabilities to ADTRAN's extensive lineup of WAN access products, resulting in complete, easy-to-use software management solutions."

### **N-Form Product Description**

Modular in design, N-Form, combines the features of a complete SNMP management platform, called N-Command(TM), with N-Spect(TM), a network trend analysis tool, in an easy-to-use, web based, cost-effective package.

N-Command is the cornerstone for ADTRAN's network management

product suite, N-Form. From any location within the network, N-Command provides extensive SNMP management functions such as auto-discovery for automatic device detection, graphical device configuration, real-time diagnostics for troubleshooting, and a complete color-coded trap management. N-Spect, building on the foundation of N-Command, provides the ability to store historical performance data. N-Spect ships pre-configured with a comprehensive set of reports that illustrate network trends. Reports include Service Level Agreement (SLA) verification, exception-based, and point-to-point performance monitoring. On-demand or scheduled reports can be viewed or published to personalized web pages for authorized N-Form users.

#### N-Form Availability and Pricing

Initially, the N-Form product suite will bundle N-Command and N-Spect for a mid-summer release date and a list price of \$5,995 (U.S.).

#### About ADTRAN

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