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REASONS TO USE STEELHEAD SAAS (FORMERLY STEELHEAD CLOUD ACCELERATOR OR SCA)

1 ACCELERATE CLOUD-BASED SERVICE AND APPLICATION PERFORMANCE:

Cloud services—that is software-as-a-service (SaaS)—can be constrained by network latency and limited bandwidth when services and applications are delivered to users around the world, typically over the public Internet. Riverbed® SteelHead™ SaaS accelerates public cloud services such as Microsoft Office 365 and Salesforce.com in the same way that traditional SteelHead products accelerate enterprise applications running on corporate networks.

2 COMBINE WAN AND INTERNET OPTIMIZATION:

With SteelHead SaaS, Riverbed extends the capabilities and the benefits of its technologies and products to cloud services/SaaS environments by providing service and application acceleration over WAN and Internet connections. Riverbed SteelHead SaaS leverages an Internet optimization platform, the Akamai Intelligent Platform, for optimizing application delivery across the open Internet. No matter where your users are and no matter where your applications reside, your users receive the best level of service and your applications run cost-effectively.

3 EXPERIENCE THE FASTEST PATH FROM END USER TO CLOUD SERVICES AND APPLICATIONS:

Riverbed deduplication and application acceleration technology makes end users feel like they are accessing the cloud services and SaaS applications within their own data centers, while Akamai's technology finds the best route between the end user and the cloud services provider to provide greater efficiency for services and applications in flight.

4 STAY IN CONTROL WITH SIMPLE DEPLOYMENT:

SteelHead SaaS requires no configuration changes on the cloud service provider's or the end user's infrastructure and runs seamlessly on both, minimizing administration overhead.

5 DYNAMICALLY HOST STEELHEAD PRODUCTS NEAR SERVICE PROVIDERS' PREMISES:

Since it's not possible to deploy SteelHead appliances in the service provider's data center, by dynamically hosting a Riverbed SteelHead CX appliance on Akamai's Intelligent Platform, the solution enables the seamless optimization of WAN and public networks, all the way to the front door of a service provider.

6 REDUCE TRAFFIC ON BACKHAUL LINKS WITHOUT BANDWIDTH UPGRADES:

With the addition of new cloud services and applications, organizations face the increasing cost of bandwidth to run new applications, especially on backhaul links for users accessing cloud services. The SteelHead SaaS uses industry-leading deduplication technology based on the award-winning SteelHead Optimization System to reduce cloud service/SaaS traffic on backhaul links by up to 97%.

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7 SCALE AND LEVERAGE CLOUD-BASED SUBSCRIPTION LICENSING:

With SteelHead SaaS, the customer consumes the Riverbed application acceleration as a service in the same way the customer is consuming cloud services and applications-as-a-service. SteelHead SaaS is licensed as a subscription on a per-user basis. This approach greatly reduces capital expenditure and allows for dynamic scale.

8 EXTEND YOUR INVESTMENT IN YOUR EXISTING STEELHEAD APPLIANCE DEPLOYMENT:

Customers who have deployed SteelHead appliances to accelerate their private cloud applications can now extend their investment to accelerate cloud services/SaaS applications hosted in the public cloud.

9 EASE THE MIGRATION FROM PRIVATE TO PUBLIC CLOUDS:

As organizations add public cloud services to their private cloud infrastructure, this transition requires performance on both sets of infrastructure. Organizations no longer need to sacrifice performance over WANs, the Internet, or hybrid networks to save costs.

10 IMPROVE EMPLOYEE PRODUCTIVITY AND COLLABORATION:

As companies continue to expand globally, teams in different geographic locations need to collaborate efficiently. While cloud services and SaaS applications allow for collaboration, any slowdown in performance hinders productivity. SteelHead SaaS solves this problem.

SUMMARY

SteelHead SaaS offers up to 30x better application performance for cloud services and SaaS applications deployed in enterprises. The solution combines the best of WAN optimization with the best of Internet optimization to provide a seamless transition for users between private and public clouds. Customers experience application acceleration immediately, without requiring any configuration changes to the user or service provider environments.

LEARN MORE

Riverbed SteelHead is the industry's #1 WAN optimization solution that guarantees optimal service levels for applications among data centers, branch locations, cloud networks, and end users.

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Riverbed Technology, Inc., at more than $1 billion in annual revenue, is the leader in Application Performance Infrastructure, delivering the most complete platform for location-independent computing. Location-independent computing turns location and distance into a competitive advantage by allowing IT to have the flexibility to host applications and data in the most optimal locations while ensuring applications perform as expected, data is always available when needed, and performance issues are detected and fixed before end users notice. Riverbed's 25,000+ customers include 97% of the *Fortune* 100 and 97% of the *Forbes* Global 100. Learn more at **www.riverbed.com**.