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APEX Voice Announces Graphical Service Creation And Control Processor For Cisco Open Programmable Switch

APEX Voice Communications announced the availability of the APEX Switch Manager, the industry's first graphical-based service creation environment and control processor for the Cisco VCO/4K open programmable switch. The Switch Manager provides application developers with a Java-based, graphical user interface (GUI) for "drag-and-drop" programming and rapid development and deployment of new Enhanced Services. Packaged with the carrier-class VCO/4K and a host processor, the APEX Switch Manager delivers a fully fault tolerant and scalable Intelligent Peripheral for circuit- and packet-based networks.

"APEX has always been known for its robust service creation environments," said Elhum Vahdat, vice president of APEX Voice Communications. "We have applied this technology to Switch Manager to provide rapid Enhanced Services application script development and maintenance, as well as easy programming. It is the only control processor for the Cisco VCO/4K that offers browser-based, graphical service creation and programming functionality."

The Switch Manager's browser-based, graphical user interface also allows remote administration of the Cisco VCO/4K Switch through a LAN/WAN or via the World Wide Web.

"The APEX Switch Manager not only helps end users to quickly and easily deploy new services, it can also be used by other Cisco New World Ecosystem partners who develop on the VCO/4K," said George McGrath, voice applications product manager at Cisco Systems. "Our successful relationship with APEX is a great example of how an open ecosystem of partners can accelerate the development and adoption of innovative, New World services."