

SoftRISC and Commetrex Announce Technology and Marketing Partnership

Commetrex' Fax Technology Now Optimized for RISC Processors

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Santa Clara, CA, July 21, 2003 – SoftRISC Communication Systems and Commetrex announced today that the two companies have formed a technology and marketing partnership that will bring Commetrex' industry-leading fax technologies to applications that use RISC processors for signal-processing tasks in voice-fax IP endpoints. The combination of Commetrex' field-hardened technologies and SoftRISC's expertise in implementing communication applications on RISC processors has produced a complete fax modem and T.38 fax relay solution on the ARM9E and Intel's XScale platforms. The technologies are targeted at developers of IP phones and low-density gateways.

Ashok Setty, SoftRISC's CEO, explains: "SoftRISC's team has been developing innovative techniques for implementing signal-processing applications on RISC platforms. We have optimized Commetrex' T.38 fax relay and the fax modem suite, consisting of V.21, V.27ter, V.29, and V.17, onto the ARM9E and Intel's XScale RISC processors. SoftRISC's comprehensive voice-fax gateway technology offers the OEM significant cost savings by eliminating the need to include DSPs in low-density applications, such as residential gateways and IP phones."

"We're very pleased about this collaboration between our companies because it increases the addressable market for our products," says Bruce Adams, Commetrex' Director, Signal Processing Technologies. "SoftRISC will be using PowerRelay™, our real-time fax relay technology, which gives the next-generation network system developer the technology needed to support standards-based fax in a packet-based network. It enables developers of a packet-telephony system to offer a T.38-compliant system for fax over IP. We also offer I.366.2 for fax over ATM, or a proprietary implementation, should it be required."

SoftRISC Communication Solutions

Headquartered in Santa Clara, California, SoftRISC Communication Solutions, Inc. provides field-deployed communication software solutions. SoftRISC's unique value lies in providing highly optimized software applications on RISC platforms. Applications available from SoftRISC include VoIP, FoIP, Audio, Video, Imaging, Wireless, Encryption, etc. The software modules can be licensed as optimized packages on a variety of RISC platforms including ARM. SoftRISC also undertakes custom development and implementation of proprietary applications on either industry-standard RISC processors or on a customer's in-house processor.

Commetrex Corporation

Commetrex Corporation develops and markets enabling technologies designed to shorten the time to market and reduce the development cost of integrated-media telecommunications equipment. Long known for its market-leading fax and other licensed technologies, Commetrex is now completing a multi-year development effort to offer the equipment developer middleware software products and a media-stream framework, plus a comprehensive line of PCI and CompactPCI DSP-resource and network-interface boards.

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