



Leading Analyst Firm Places Avocent's LANDesk in the Leaders Quadrant of its PC Life Cycle Configuration Management Magic Quadrant

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HUNTSVILLE, Ala., January 8, 2008 – Avocent Corporation (NASDAQ: AVCT), a global leader in IT Operations Management, today announced that Gartner has placed Avocent's LANDesk in the Leaders Quadrant of Gartner Inc.'s "Magic Quadrant for PC Life Cycle Configuration Management," published December 29, 2008, and authored by Terrence Cosgrove and Ronni Colville.

According to the report: "Positioning in the Leaders Quadrant is the result of successful completeness of vision and ability to execute." The report also states that the vendors in the Leaders Quadrant have "unique characteristics that position them favorably for future market success."

"It's an honor for Avocent to be placed in the Leaders Quadrant for PC Life Cycle Configuration Management," said Michael Borman, president and CEO of Avocent. "We constantly strive to help our enterprise customers more effectively manage their complex desktop environments and the LANDesk comprehensive Life Cycle management suite has been designed with ease of use in mind, enabling effective PC lifecycle configuration management from a single location-independent console."

For inclusion in the Magic Quadrant for PC Life Cycle Configuration Management, 2008, vendor solutions were required to include the following functions in their management suites: inventory, software distribution, patch management, and OS deployment. Vendors also needed to have at least four of these capabilities in their suites: remote control, software usage monitoring, application virtualization, application streaming, security configuration management, application packaging, data and settings migration and policy management (for example, configuration control).

LANDesk pioneered the desktop management category in 1993 with the first integrated management solution for deployed systems. In 2004, LANDesk led the convergence of systems and security management, and is currently leading the convergence of systems and security management with process management. LANDesk was acquired by Avocent in 2006.

About the Magic Quadrant

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(1) The "Magic Quadrant PC Lifecycle Configuration Management, 2008," was published on December 29, 2008 and was written by analysts Terrence Cosgrove and Ronni Colville. Gartner's ID number for the report is: G00163033. For more information on Gartner or for Gartner clients to access the report, please visit www.gartner.com.



About Avocent Corporation

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