



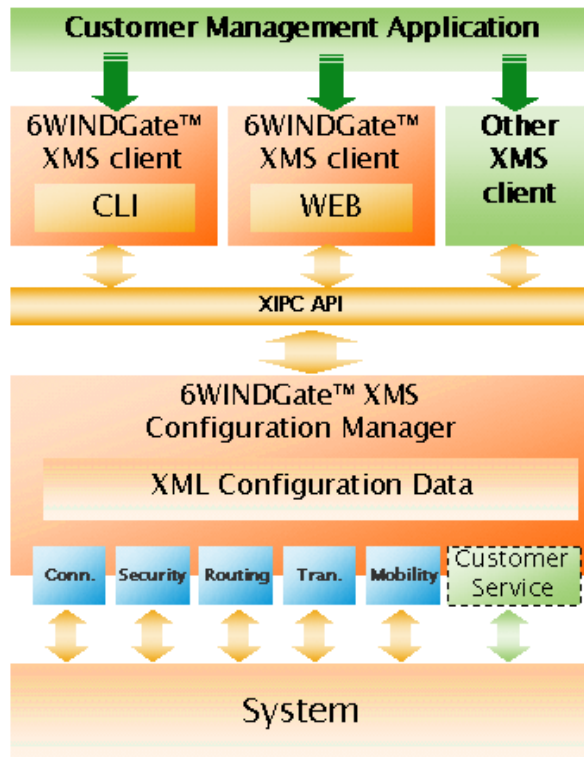
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6WIND UNVEILS FIRST XML-BASED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO BUILD MULTI-SERVICES IP GATEWAYS FASTER AND EASIER

A patented innovation, the eXtensible Management System framework or 6WINDGate™ XMS is being rolled out in the new 6WINDGate™ software 2.6.

Paris, France, Beijing, China, and Seoul, South Korea, February 22, 2006 – 6WIND (www.6wind.com), leader in embedded networking software, released today, 6WINDGate™ software 2.6, unveiling the industry’s first comprehensive XML-based management framework for fast services integration and customization. Named 6WINDGate™ XMS, the patented eXtensible Management System was first introduced as part of the company’s **Open Network Engine** advantage on competitive time and cost savings for development of multi-services IP gateways and systems.

The new **6WINDGate™ XMS in release 2.6**, constitutes a tri-partite intelligent framework that delivers unprecedented time-saving benefits to networking equipment and system vendors in three ways:



6WINDGate™ XMS Architecture

1. At the base, its **XMS Configuration Manager** contains the industry’s largest range of pre-defined XML-based network service configuration schemes to readily manage the complex depth of 6WINDGate™ networking features for multi-services IP gateways or system. This is unrivalled even in memory footprint optimization.

2. Secondly, the 6WINDGate™ XMS provides an open and flexible environment to easily extend richer services and applications by integrating additional features with 6WINDGate™ software without needing to re-develop a management system from scratch. For this, its Application Programming Interface called **XIPC or eXtensible Inter-Process Communication** processes any XML-based configuration command to the XMS

Configuration Manager regardless of whether it is CLI, Web or a third party configuration tool.

3. Finally, to simply and automatically convert any configuration entered by the equipment administrator into an XML file that can be processed through XIPC and interface with the XMS Configuration Manager, it incorporates modular user interfaces called **XMS Clients**. Furthermore, if customers wish, they can use the in-built XMS Client features like the new fully-automated CLI system or user-friendly web-management system called WEBGate for even faster processing.

Eric Carmès, COO and co-founder of 6WIND, explained that to respond to converging IP services, multi-services IP gateways and systems are emerging to handle more complex networking capabilities that require millions of software codes to interface and interact with each other. He said, "Equipment and system vendors are being weighed down by endless software integration and management to make software codes from various open sources, commercial and proprietary software, as well as co-existing IPv4 and IPv6 standards work together. Embedded software providers who provide only software stacks without rendering software system integration more open and manageable are totally missing the point."

"6WINDGate™ XMS, based on our Open Network Engine principle, is conceived to help our customers tackle this complex and tedious software aspect head-on, solving real business issues for them and not just provide a partial solution," he said. "Traditionally, most equipment or system vendors develop their own configuration system or they are obliged to make a diverse string of management tools that come with different software module purchase interface with each other. With 6WINDGate™ software, the management system is ready for service extensions and configuration using industry-wide XML standard. Customers save enormous time and resources because they are not constrained. They are also assured early on in development that the assimilation of different services and applications has been managed for network-readiness and interoperability."

6WINDGate™ XMS has been used to assimilate protocols to support and manage SIP, WiFi and various security applications such as firewall, proxy and IDS in different multi-services gateways. A white paper on 6WINDGate™ XMS is available upon request to information@6wind.com.

6WINDGate™ Software Suites

6WINDGate™ software suites are embedded IP software platforms for networking system vendors to easily build converging multi-services IP gateways meant for SOHO, SME, enterprise and ISP applications. Distributed over Linux operating systems, they incorporate the market's first comprehensive dual-IP COTS control and slow path data plane platforms for routing, security, QoS, mobility, IPv4-IPv6 transition, device and service management.

6WINDGate™ software runs on 32 bits and 64 bits processors such as x86, IXP4xx, MIPS and simplifies the portability over more scalable and powerful processor architectures such as Cavium Networks' multi-core OCTEON and Intel's IXP2xxx. All of 6WINDGate™ software suites comply with IETF, and has successfully demonstrated network-readiness on several off-the-shelf hardware reference designs.

Further enquiries on 6WINDGate™ software suites and its latest release can be addressed to information@6wind.com.

About 6WIND

6WIND is the undisputed leader and innovator of embedded IP-agnostic* networking software for OEM licensing. The company's flagship technology, 6WINDGate™, enables equipment and system vendors to significantly cut development time and costs, simplify network application integration and accelerate the go-to-market process of multi-services IP gateways and systems. 6WINDGate™-empowered equipment are used worldwide in advanced dual Internet Protocol projects on mobility, WLAN, interoperability, and secure broadband access by ISPs and telecommunication operators, defense agencies, regulatory bodies and the academia. Customers include Alcatel and Arkoon in France, Tsinghua Tongfang in China, and Mercury and Samsung in South Korea.

6WIND was the first European company certified IPv6-ready by the global IPv6 Forum and is a European Information Society Technology 2004 award winner. A spin-off of Thales (HO.FP) and contributor to IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force) on IP standardization and protocol definition, the company is headquartered near Paris, France, with sales offices in Asia and the United States. <http://www.6wind.com>

*** Internet Protocol version agnostic, refers to the ability of 6WINDGate to support seamless networking on any IP infrastructure without favoring IPv4 or IPv6, having been developed ground-up to support both.**

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