

TS-Associates Talks Up Two Global TipOff Deals

Trading Systems Associates (TS-Associates) is trumpeting two global deals with “top tier” financial institutions for its middleware analysis product TipOff. The product will be deployed by a German bank across all five of its regional investment banking centres, according to the vendor, providing passive latency monitoring of direct exchange feeds and real-time middleware analysis of its Wombat and RMDS platforms.

TipOff is also to be deployed by a major US financial institution to perform real-time analysis, monitoring and trouble-shooting of its Tibco Rendezvous infrastructures globally, following a six-month evaluation process supported by TS-Associates from London.

TipOff is a real-time middleware analysis and passive latency monitoring appliance targeted at firms that want to “push the envelope” of performance of real-time financial middleware products such as Tibco Rendezvous, Reuters RMDS, Wombat, 29West LBM and Real-Time Innovations DDS, particularly when integrated with direct exchange feeds. Functionality includes middleware operational analysis, passive latency monitoring, application behaviour validation, infrastructure utilisation chargeback and capacity planning, and TipOff supports a growing range of market data and transaction middleware products and standards, the vendor says.

Delivered as an appliance solution, TipOff incorporates specialist hardware for packet capture, high resolution time stamping and FPGA accelerated processing, guaranteeing zero packet loss on 1GE, 10GE and Infiniband networks, and enabling the analysis in real time of more than 1 million messages per second.

TipOff is in production with US and European financial institutions, and TS-Associates says it is engaged with a number of those customers in extending the product’s existing coverage of North American, European and Asian direct exchange feeds, to position TipOff as a universal, multi-platform, cross-market passive latency monitoring solution.

TipOff decodes middleware protocols from the wire, with no reliance on middleware vendor APIs or daemon processes. It is vitally important, reckons the vendor, that in order for a product to monitor and analyse the operation of a middleware environment, it should have no dependency on any component of that middleware product.