

## **Aton Connect for Windows XP Embedded Offers Enterprises Secure and Reliable Access to Critical Mainframe Data Without Changes to Mainframe Programming**

**Los Altos, California** - November 28, 2001 - Aton International, Inc. announced today that the company will be releasing the Aton Connect for Microsoft Windows XP Embedded software on December 15, 2001. This ActiveX component allows remote devices operating Windows XP Embedded, such as automatic teller machines, point of sale systems, and manufacturing controllers, the ability to securely access data on enterprise mid-range and mainframe computers without mainframe programming changes.

The Aton Connect provides for multiple 3278 terminal emulation sessions and allows remote devices operating Windows XP Embedded access to critical data located on mid-range and mainframe systems through a virtual screen and virtual keyboard paradigm. Key features of the Aton Connect for Windows XP Embedded include:

- Small memory and resources footprint ideal for the Windows XP Embedded platform,
- Easy, fast integration with existing mainframe programming minimizing implementation time and costs,
- Total control of virtual screen, keyboard and error messages by application program allowing for seamless data integration, and
- Standard TCP/IP use for communication through the Internet or a VPN assuring high security and reliability.

Charles A. Wilde, Founder and Principal, of Aton International, Inc. commented, "We have designed and priced the Aton Connect line of products to specifically address the performance and cost requirements of the enterprise market. These organizations need access to mission critical data reliably and securely without costly mainframe programming. We believe the Windows XP Embedded platform offers these companies significant advantages for their operations."

"The need to securely access data located on a company's back-end infrastructure is key for customers in the manufacturing and retail industries," said Scott Horn, director of marketing for the Embedded and Appliance Platforms Group at Microsoft Corp. "Aton's ActiveX component helps to provide remote devices based on Windows XP Embedded secure and reliable access to the most essential data located on enterprise mainframes."

The Aton Connect terminal emulation will also be available for the Windows XP desktop operating system, Windows .NET Server, and Pocket PC 2002 systems. All versions of the product allow virtual terminal access to mainframe systems such as CICS, VM/CMS, MVS, and other systems that support the TN 3270 Internet protocol. The Aton Connect is sold with an enterprise license that is ideally suited to the company wishing to deploy a number of units

within its organization.

Established in California in 1981, Aton International, Inc., <<http://www.aton.com>>, is a Microsoft Mobile Solutions Partner and a Windows Embedded Partner offering products, consulting, system design, software development and system integration for embedded and networked systems. The company has applied a broad range of Microsoft technology to implement systems in diverse environments for original equipment manufacturers and corporate clients including biometric imaging, physical access control, medical instruments, consumer software products, Internet commerce sites, etc.

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