



PRESS RELEASE
AKHELA ANNOUNCES PARALLESIM AND HIGH PERFORMANCE
COMPUTING PRACTICE FOR THE MICROSOFT PLATFORM

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Akhela (www.akhela.com), a fast-growing Italian company which is becoming an important and recognized player in the market of IT security and systems optimization, owned by Saras Group (www.saras.it), is building a new practice to help customers embrace parallelism and supercomputing on the Microsoft platform in the European market.

Through this new practice, Akhela will provide high-quality services for HPC clusters and parallel computing solutions based on Windows HPC Server 2008 R2 and Visual Studio 2010 across Europe, such as:

- on-site infrastructure management
- parallel solutions development & integration
- managed services
- provisioning of HPC infrastructure as a service

“Organizations like Akhela who have taken Windows HPC Server system administration and parallel developer courses in preparation for certification are able to demonstrate differentiated competencies and skills to our joint customers “ said Mutlu Kurtoglu, Group Product Manager, Microsoft Technical Computing group.

“The continuous reduction of HPC hardware infrastructure costs and the needs for increasingly complex computations are creating a new important market niche. An increasing number of customers are willing to investigate the potential advantages that parallelism and supercomputing could generate for their existing applications as well as which new applications can be devised to increase the value of their IT systems. We consider a strategic move to enter this market. Our choice confirms Akhela’s attitude to pursue innovation, delivering valuable services and solutions to its customers” said Piercarlo Ravasio, Akhela’s CEO.

Akhela is also going to attend the International Supercomputing Conference in Hamburg, Germany from 30 May through 3 June and will be featured in Microsoft’s booth (number 430).

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Akhela – Akhela was born in 2004 from the merger of different IT and electronics companies of Saras Group. Akhela's offer is structured in two areas: development and management of IT services and Embedded Systems. In IT market, Akhela is focused on security services and solutions for IT systems: consolidation, performance optimization and reduction of exercise costs. Target customers of this offer are medium and large organizations, for whom security and business continuity represent a fundamental requirement. Akhela CAGR has been greater than 20% in the last six years. Akhela is present in Italy with five offices (Cagliari, Milan, Rome, Turin and Maranello), it has nearly 240 employees. Akhela is certified ISO 9001 and has achieved the Level 2 of CMMI® for Development. www.akhela.com

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