

Germany's Bundesrat Keeps the Legislative Process Flowing with Coyote Point's Equalizer

Bundesrat, the national legislature of the Federal Republic of Germany, unveiled an internal website to speed the flow of information between departments. All German ministries use the site to obtain information about new laws and legislative schedules.

Almost as soon as the intranet was deployed, the need for an efficient traffic management solution became apparent. The work of the Bundesrat requires a constant exchange of lengthy documents, which download quite slowly when traffic is not routed with maximum efficiency.

Searching the Internet for leading load balancing solutions, the Bundesrat IT team was impressed by the price/performance data on Coyote Point's Equalizer, an intelligent load balancing appliance. Reviews affirmed that Equalizer delivers full-featured load balancing at a fraction of competitors' costs, along with a genuinely plug-and-play setup and excellent inclusive displays of server and cluster performance.

Equalizer intelligently distributes traffic among clustered web servers, using multiple criteria (server response time, active sessions, direct server measurements, and server weighting) to determine which server should receive each request. If a server goes down, or is taken out of service for maintenance, Equalizer detects the failure and automatically bypasses the unit. A hot backup ensures that if Equalizer itself goes down, the load balancing function will continue without skipping a beat.

The Bundesrat IT team had no trouble deploying Equalizer, and site performance improved immediately upon deployment. The IT team was particularly impressed by a test of Equalizer's failover capabilities: during a simulated server loss, the down unit was bypassed within 10 to 15 seconds. The intermediate model supports an unlimited number of 16-server clusters and can handle 2,000 simultaneous active connections at a cost of just \$5,995.

"Equalizer was very easy to install, and it has worked flawlessly since installation, significantly improving site performance," said Mr. Guido Zimmermann, Network Administrator for the Bundesrat

For the Bundesrat, deploying Equalizer has been a simple, cost-effective route to excellent site performance and continuity of service. Any representative who performs as well will be certain of re-election.

About Coyote Point Systems

Coyote Point Systems, Inc. is a leading provider of server management devices for enabling scalable, highly-available server clusters. Recognized for intuitive configuration and low maintenance, price/performance and superior trending analysis, Coyote Point's Equalizer ensures fast connections and fail-safe 24x7 access to web sites and other critical Internet and intranet applications. Envoy, a software add-on, enables Equalizer to direct online traffic across multiple server clusters located anywhere in the world. Coyote Point solutions support all Internet protocols and accommodate all operating systems. The company is headquartered in San Jose, CA and can be contacted directly at 650-969-6000 or on the web at www.coyotepoint.com