

We integrate Microsoft ExpressRoute directly into core datacentres - blueAPACHE

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Details:

Summary

This blueAPACHE post reports: blueAPACHE's ExpressRoute deployment provides customers access to a more secure, flexible and reliable connection to Microsoft Cloud Services. Melbourne, Australia – blueAPACHE, a leading managed network and cloud solutions provider, today announced that it has successfully integrated Microsoft ExpressRoute directly into its core datacentres, enabling all customers to access a more secure, flexible and reliable connection to Microsoft Cloud Services. It concerns emPOWER Cloud, emPOWER Core Network & Data Centre Interconnect, Microsoft Practice. It names Microsoft, Azure in connection with the announcement. Published in 2015. Figures, product names and event details reflect that time; for current information see the linked service pages.

Key facts

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Services referenced	emPOWER Cloud, emPOWER Core Network & Data Centre Interconnect, Microsoft Practice
Named products or vendors	Microsoft, Azure

Article

Press release

blueAPACHE's ExpressRoute deployment provides customers access to a more secure, flexible and reliable connection to Microsoft Cloud Services. Melbourne, Australia – blueAPACHE, a leading managed network and cloud solutions provider, today announced that it has successfully integrated Microsoft ExpressRoute directly into its core datacentres, enabling all customers to access a more secure, flexible and reliable connection to Microsoft Cloud Services. ExpressRoute is a private, high-throughput connection from Microsoft Cloud Services through blueAPACHE's MPLS network into client sites. It provides blueAPACHE network customers the opportunity to have a direct and uncontended connection to Microsoft Services including Azure Public Cloud and Office365 – without the security risks of private data traversing the internet, or the complications of managing multiple carrier vendors. Following a soft launch in September, blueAPACHE today opened ExpressRoute to all customers. “We opted for a soft launch to provision testing” said Mr James Hendry, General Manager –

Commercial at blueAPACHE. “We pride ourselves on quality of service, and it was important to ensure the technology exceeded all expectations before opening it up to all clients”. blueAPACHE customers in Australia and New Zealand can leverage ExpressRoute and the blueAPACHE MPLS network to connect directly to Microsoft Azure Public Cloud immediately. Azure has a growing collection of integrated cloud services, including analytics, computing, database, mobile, networking, storage and web. Developers and IT professionals using Azure with ExpressRoute benefit from:

A private, uncontended, high-throughput dedicated connection between client sites directly into Azure;

Network guarantee over traditional internet-based VPNs;

Reduced network bandwidth usage (and the associated fees);

Simplified billing (while maintaining the pay-as-you-go model); and

Improved security (security policy inclusive of the ISO 27018 standard).

“Our emPOWER Private Cloud continues to complement our client's hybrid solutions that extend into the Public Cloud” continued Hendry. “Our early adoption of ExpressRoute enables customers to seamlessly add Azure to their existing private cloud and on-premises IT, and still maintain our exclusive single pane of glass reporting, management and billing platform. This makes public cloud a lot simpler, safer and removes a lot of the redundancy fears clients have. “It also means that when Microsoft add ExpressRoute integration to Office365 later this quarter, clients can quickly transition to the enhanced cloud version of the popular desktop application – without the concerns of reliability or risking business data travelling over the internet.” Microsoft ExpressRoute connections are available today from blueAPACHE. For more information, see www.blueapache.com/expressroute. About blueAPACHE Since 1998, the multi-awarded blueAPACHE has helped organisations in Australia, New Zealand, Asia and North America leverage technology to their business advantage by delivering comprehensive IT Management, Cloud, Network, Voice, Software and Consulting as a converged service – when they need it, as they need it. This is true IT as a Service. This is blueAPACHE. To learn more, visit www.blueapache.com or follow us on twitter at @blue_APACHE .

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Frequently asked questions

What did blueAPACHE integrate directly into its core datacentres, according to this post?

blueAPACHE integrated Microsoft ExpressRoute directly into its core datacentres, giving all customers a private, high-throughput connection to Microsoft Cloud Services including Azure Public Cloud and Office 365.

Why did blueAPACHE opt for a soft launch of ExpressRoute before opening it to all customers?

General Manager - Commercial James Hendry said blueAPACHE chose a soft launch, starting in September, to provision testing and ensure the technology exceeded expectations before opening it to all clients.

What benefits does the post say Azure customers gain from using ExpressRoute with blueAPACHE's MPLS network?

The post lists a private, uncontended, high-throughput dedicated connection, a network guarantee over internet-based VPNs, reduced bandwidth usage and fees, simplified billing, and improved security aligned with the ISO 27018 standard.

What future Microsoft integration did James Hendry flag for Office 365?

Hendry said that when Microsoft added ExpressRoute integration to Office 365 later that quarter, clients would be able to quickly transition to the enhanced cloud version of the desktop application without reliability or data-travel concerns.

Is the information in this post still current?

No. It reports on a product launch from 2015 and reflects our Microsoft connectivity offering as it stood at that time; for the current position see the linked emPOWER Cloud and Microsoft Practice service pages rather than treating this post as up to date.

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Knowledge Base

What did you announce regarding Microsoft ExpressRoute?

We announced that it successfully integrated Microsoft ExpressRoute directly into our core datacentres, enabling all customers to access a more secure, flexible and reliable connection to Microsoft Cloud Services.

What is Microsoft ExpressRoute in the context of your network?

ExpressRoute is a private, high-throughput connection from Microsoft Cloud Services through our MPLS network into client sites, giving our network customers a direct, uncontended connection to Microsoft Services such as Azure Public Cloud and Office365 without the security risks of private data traversing the internet or the complications of managing multiple carrier vendors.

When was your ExpressRoute deployment publicly launched to all customers?

Following a soft launch in September, we opened ExpressRoute to all customers, as announced in this press release dated October 5, 2015.

Why did you conduct a soft launch of ExpressRoute before opening it to all customers?

According to James Hendry, General Manager – Commercial within our business, the soft launch was used to provision testing, ensuring the technology exceeded expectations before opening it up to all clients, in line with our focus on quality of service.

Which regions could immediately leverage ExpressRoute with your MPLS network to connect to Azure?

Our customers in Australia and New Zealand could leverage ExpressRoute and our MPLS network to connect directly to Microsoft Azure Public Cloud immediately.

What benefits do developers and IT professionals gain from using Azure with ExpressRoute via blueAPACHE?

Benefits include a private, uncontended, high-throughput dedicated connection between client sites directly into Azure; a network guarantee over traditional internet-based VPNs; reduced network bandwidth usage and associated fees; simplified billing while maintaining the pay-as-you-go model; and improved security with a security policy inclusive of the ISO 27018 standard.

How does ExpressRoute relate to your emPOWER Private Cloud offering?

James Hendry stated that our emPOWER Private Cloud continues to complement clients' hybrid solutions extending into the Public Cloud, and that early adoption of ExpressRoute enables customers to seamlessly add Azure to their existing private cloud and on-premises IT while maintaining our exclusive single pane of glass reporting, management and billing platform.

What future Microsoft service integration did blueAPACHE anticipate at the time of this announcement?

We anticipated that Microsoft would add ExpressRoute integration to Office365 later that quarter, which would allow clients to quickly transition to the enhanced cloud version of the popular desktop application without concerns about reliability or business data traveling over the internet.

Since when have you been operating, and what services does the company provide?

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