

## Applications

- Gather and aggregate power information from a variety of different PDUs
- Capture power usage at any moment in time and power usage (kWh) over a period of time
- Environmental monitoring
- Power management as well as power control to individual outlets
- Aggregation and reporting at all levels within the data center
- Calculate costs to power a rack (racks or entire data center) per moment, per day or over time

## Benefits

- Consolidated user interface for centralized management
- Monitor and measure energy consumption costs (per device)
- Real-time visibility into power usage to operate or manage power more efficiently
- Identify costs and trends to simplify power and cooling capacity planning
- Determine actual energy usage by department to create charge-back process
- Identify what activities can be moved to off-peak times or virtualized servers
- Ability to set a maximum on power usage and threshold alerts to stay within budget
- Preemptive notifications and environmental alarms

## Detailed Power and Environmental Information and Control at Your Fingertips

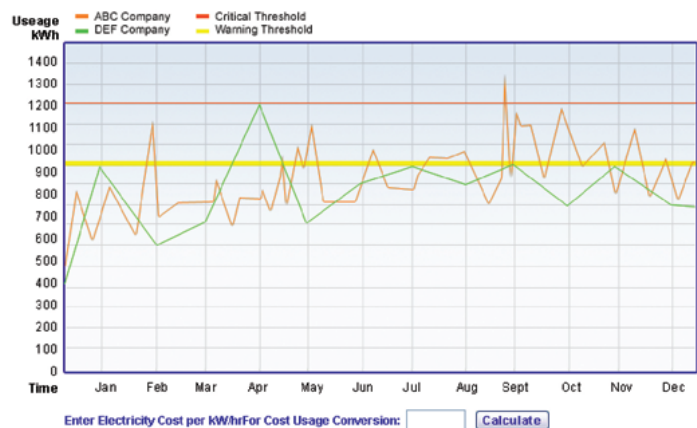
Avocent® Rack Power Manager provides data centers with the ability to monitor and measure energy consumption, costs and trends from a single server to an entire data center. It simplifies power and cooling capacity planning and provides a consolidated view, including remote power control for individual server outlets. Through preemptive notification of rack-level power and environmental alarms, it empowers administrators with data to increase power usage efficiencies and maintain availability of IT assets. Rack Power Manager offers a combined interface for the management of your rack PDU infrastructure allowing you to seamlessly integrate it into your company's IT workflow.

## Manage

Rack Power Manager provides a single, secure, browser-based interface to capture power usage at any moment in time and energy usage over a period of time. Visibility into energy consumption data helps IT to operate a more efficient data center, including:

- Insight for capacity planning
- Total reading on power usage for better efficiency
- Leverage your intelligent PDU investment via one centralized interface
- Allocate costs of power based on actual usage by department
- Determine what activities can be moved to off-peak times
- Avoid budget overruns by setting a maximum threshold of power usage
- Balance of power usage for better efficiency and to maintain a consistently cool data center
- Preemptive notification and alarms for proactive power management
- Single console for access and control to both physical and virtual environments

Rack Power Manager also enables IT to calculate what it costs to power a rack (racks or entire data center) per moment, per day or over time and operate or manage power more efficiently.



## Specifications

### Technical Specifications:

Rack Power Manager Management Software

(Hub/Spoke) Minimum Requirements

a. Windows/Linux Dedicated (Physical)

Server

- i. One or more 2+ ghz Multi-Core CPU
- ii. 6+ gb RAM
- iii. 250+ gb HDD

b. Sun Server 1ghz UltraSparc III

- i. 4+ gb RAM
- ii. 250+ gb HDD

c. 1gbt/10gbps LAN

### Rack Power Manager requires one of the following operating systems:

- Microsoft Windows Server 2003 (x64), 2003 R2 (x64), 2008 (x64), 2008 R2 (x64)
- SuSe Linux Enterprise Server 10 (x64), 11(x64)
- RedHat Enterprise Server 4 (x64), 5.4 (x64)
- Sun Solaris SPARC 9, 10

### Client Supported Operating System\*

\*32-bit platforms only unless otherwise specified

Windows XP Home Edition or Professional (32-bit and 64-bit)

Windows 2003 Server Standard, Enterprise or Web Edition

Windows 2008 Server Standard, Enterprise or Web Edition

Windows Vista Ultimate or Business (32-bit and 64-bit)

Red Hat Enterprise Linux, Version 4 (AS, ES and WS products)

Red Hat Enterprise Linux, Version 5

Sun Solaris SPARC 10

Novell SUSE Linux (x86) Enterprise Server 10

Novell SUSE Linux (x86) Enterprise Server 11

Macintosh® OS X version 10.4x

Macintosh OS X version 10.5 (32-bit and 64-bit)

Browser Support

Internet Explorer® version 6.0 SP1, 7, or 8 (Windows operating systems only)

Firefox® versions 2 to 3.5 (version 1.5 required for Mac OS)

Note: If you are using Firefox, the Video Viewer and the Telnet Viewer clients require Java

## Access

Rack Power Manager helps data center administrators gain real-time access to power consumption and temperature alerts to minimize interruptions and increase uptime. Rack Power Manager also provides power management and reporting capabilities, offering detailed data to assist with data center power usage efficiencies (PUE).

## Control

Server power consumption is highly dynamic. Additional equipment, if plugged in to the wrong location, can cause significant downtime and data loss because of power overloads. Rack Power Manager provides detailed, multiple level power and environmental information at your fingertips to monitor overall power and energy consumption usage and costs, which allows for better capacity planning and helps maintain availability of IT assets.

## Calculating power and energy consumption data with access to preemptive notifications can help IT operate a more efficient data center in a variety of ways:

- Help IT and the facilities department determine departmental power usage. For example, if all accounting servers are grouped together in the software, then facilities can determine what percentage of the monthly utility bill to charge accounting based on kWh used.
- Assist IT with capacity planning. IT can easily decide where to add new servers/racks in a data center. Additional equipment, if plugged in to the wrong location, can cause significant downtime and data loss because of power overloads.
- Help justify purchase of new equipment. A comparison of the energy cost differential between new versus old servers, for example, can help provide justification for replacement or to help with model/vendor selections.
- Determine what activities can be moved to off-peak times when energy costs less to purchase. Since IT can monitor power usage at any time, including off-peak times, IT can pull reports and compare historical data to determine how much power is being consumed in peak versus non-peak times. So if the report shows that certain racks spike power usage during certain times of the day, IT can investigate why and then move that activity to a time when the price per kWh costs less. Major utility companies offer industrial and corporate customers lower rates during non-peak times. IT could also consider moving that activity onto a virtualized server.
- Help get a total reading on power usage for the data center and set a maximum threshold of power usage. By setting alerts to know when the threshold is reached or exceeded, a decision can be made to move certain computing activities to non-peak times or to move activities to virtualized servers.
- Provide insight to help IT keep a balance of power usage for better efficiency. By identifying hot spots or times when activity spikes, drawing more power, IT can shift equipment or activities for better balance to maintain a consistently cool data center (less stress on cooling systems).
- Help IT know what electrical infrastructure to build in to a backup/DR site. The design can be based on real historical data rather than faceplate ratings or best-guess scenarios which result in overbuilding, leading to inefficiencies.
- Ensure availability by setting power and environmental-related thresholds and alerts. By getting preemptive notifications, IT can take action before issues happen.
- Help IT decide which applications to virtualize. Applications that aren't used much, but installed on servers that use a lot of power, are good candidates for virtualization. A server sitting idly can still draw as much as 50% of the power it draws when operational, so applications on underutilized servers should be first for virtualization consideration.

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