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ALISO VIEJO, Calif. -- QLogic Corp. (Nasdaq:QLGC) and Alacritech(r), Inc. today announced the companies have entered into a partnership to respond to the market need for multi-platform support of a 10 Gigabit TCP Offload Engine (TOE). QLogic is licensing Alacritech TCP offload patents to deliver HBAs with 10 Gigabit TOE for all operating systems including Linux and Microsoft Windows. Customers with multiple high performance operating environments can now look to QLogic host bus adapters for a common 10 Gigabit TOE infrastructure in order to simplify management, and save time and money.

"To support all of their I/O intensive applications, customers are looking to see Alacritech SLIC Technology(r) made available across many operating environments," said Larry Boucher, president and CEO, Alacritech. "With a pervasive Fibre Channel HBA market presence based on support for popular operating systems, QLogic is in a unique position to partner with Alacritech and bring Alacritech SLIC Technology to a broader market."

"Linux is a high performance computing platform and 10 Gigabit offload will be essential to server performance in the future," said Brian Garrett, senior analyst, Enterprise Strategy Group. "Making Alacritech SLIC Technology(r) broadly available to the Linux community through the QLogic and Alacritech partnership is an important milestone." "Customers expect TCP offload to be a key component of a 10 Gigabit Ethernet network that is efficiently delivering data," said Roger Klein, vice president and general manager, QLogic Computer Systems Group. "We expect the partnership between QLogic and Alacritech to broaden customer access to 10 Gigabit TOE and accelerate widespread adoption."

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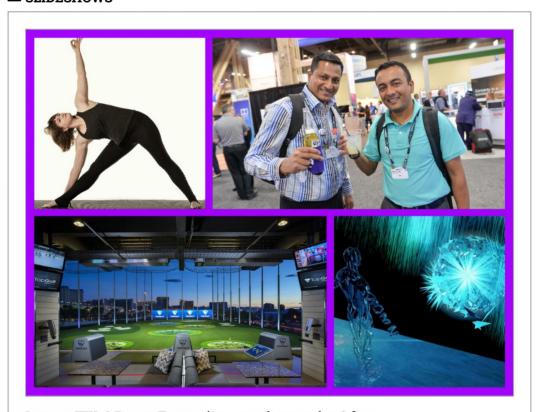




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