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XenSource, the company founded to provide support and maintenance for the open source Xen virtual-machine monitor, is releasing its first commercial product, a set of tools that the company says will make it easier to virtualize servers.

Called XenOptimizer, the product is in beta for the latest release of Xen, a community-developed program that provides an alternative to commercial offerings from VMware and others.

XenSource is expected to announce this week that XenOptimizer will be generally available in the first quarter of next year, says CTO Simon Crosby. Pricing has not been released.

XenSource also plans to announce general availability of Xen 3.0, the first major release of the software in more than a year.

Xen 3.0 brings a number of updates...

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