

Evalue Joins the ETX 3.0 Standard Initiated by Kontron

The Brand New ETX Standard is Rapidly Adopted by
Leading Vendors of Computer-On-Modules



Eching/Germany, April 26, 2006 - Kontron, a leading embedded computer technology company, today announced that Evalue has adopted the new ETX 3.0 standard for Computer-On-Modules (COMs). The first ETX 3.0-compliant product sample from Evalue is expected to be released at the Computex fair in June 2006. The rapid adoption of the ETX 3.0 standard by numerous leading vendors of Computer-On-Modules demonstrates how important this new specification is becoming. ETX 3.0 introduces 2x Serial ATA without changing any of the ETX pins, making new modules 100 percent pin-to-pin compatible with previous versions and ensuring long-term support for the vast number of embedded application solutions based on these already highly integrated COMs, in applications from medical, gaming and entertainment, to military and aerospace.

ETX 3.0 modules, such as Kontron's ETX-LX, integrate 2x Serial ATA via two slim line connectors that are designed onto the top-side of the CPU module itself, thereby avoiding the need to modify the ETX-connectors of the module and carrier board so that existing solutions can take advantage of faster Serial ATA hard drives. ETX 3.0 also includes USB 2.0 to be used via the existing ETX connectors.

Kontron, along with Evalue, ADLINK, MSC and other members of the ETX Industrial Group (www.etx-ig.org) have adopted ETX 3.0 with the intention of keeping the standard viable until at least 2010. Additional modules built around dual-core processors and others from Intel®, AMD®, and VIA® are planned for release over the course of this year, with more to follow in future.

To obtain a copy of the ETX 3.0 specification, contact a local Kontron office or visit the ETX Industrial Group website (www.etx-ig.org). A downloadable version of the specification will be available in the near future.

ETX and ETXexpress

Computer-On-Modules such as ETX and, most recently, ETXexpress (based on COM Express) are implemented in embedded systems tailored to meet customer needs. The advantages: concentration on core competences, short time to market, low design risk and freely scalable performance. ETX modules with PCI bus are geared toward applications with low to medium performance. High-end applications are implemented with PCI Express bus-based ETXexpress modules. In future, the ETX standard will undergo further development in scalability and performance, because PCI will be used in embedded systems for just as long as the older ISA bus used today has been.

About Evalue

Evalue has positioned itself as an innovative solution provider since its establishment in 2000. The company has successfully expanded its expertise from x86 platforms into RISC-based hardware and software solutions. Backed up with an R&D team of seasoned engineers, Evalue provides a wide selection of products ranging from board level to system level products covering RISC computers, x86 based single board computers, ETX, motherboards, InnoFlex Panel PCs, Box computers and more. Evalue is a member of the Intel® Communications Alliance (ICA), a community of developers and solution providers utilizing Intel technology in their product development and deployment. Members are committed to providing a strategic supply of standards-based solutions to the communications and embedded market segments.

About Kontron

A global leader in embedded computer technology and mobile rugged solutions, Kontron supplies a diversified customer base of OEMs, system integrators, and application providers in the: automation, test and measurement, communications, medical, gaming and entertainment, military, aerospace, transportation, and energy markets. The company helps its customers considerably reduce their time-to-market and gain a competitive advantage with products including: high-performance open computer platforms and systems, single board computers, human-machine interfaces, and mobile rugged computers and displays. Kontron employs more than 2,300 people worldwide and has manufacturing facilities in Europe, North America, and Asia-Pacific. The company is listed on the German TecDAX 30 stock exchange under the symbol "KBC". Kontron is a Premier member of the Intel® Communications Alliance which means it has the earliest access to leading-edge Intel technologies and privileged engineering support. For additional information on Kontron, please visit www.kontron-emea.com.

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