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Microsoft's Projects Hosted on SourceForge.net Hit High Note with Open Source Users

100,000 downloads reported for Microsoft's WiX software in first 100 days

Fremont, CA – July 29, 2004 –SourceForge.net, an OSTG (a wholly-owned subsidiary of VA Software Corp., NASDAQ:LINUX) site, today released data reporting that the two Microsoft projects released under the company's "Shared Source Initiative" are in the top 5% of active projects hosted on SourceForge.net. SourceForge.net (www.sourceforge.net) is the collaborative development site founded to support and foster Open Source development projects, and currently hosts more than 80,000 projects on the site.

Microsoft's two projects, WiX and WTL, represent the first time that the company has released projects on SourceForge.net. The Windows installer XML (WiX) software allows developers to build installation packages for Windows products was posted on SourceForge.net in April, and has received nearly 100,000 downloads in the first 100 days of its posting. The Windows Template Library (WTL), which allows developers to create graphic interfaces for Windows programs, is also in its third month of posting, and has received 19,000 downloads—placing both projects in the top 5% of active projects on the site.

"We're not surprised to see this level of interest in the Microsoft projects," said Patrick McGovern, Director, SourceForge.net. "More than a quarter of the projects on SourceForge.net are Windows-related, and anything that makes developing for that platform easier is very attractive to our users. We're pleased that Microsoft has been testing the Open Source waters with an Open Source license on our site, and, judging by user response for the first three months, we look forward to hosting even more projects from Microsoft as they reach out to the Open Source community."

WiX and WTL represent different types of projects for Microsoft. While both are developer tools, WiX was initially developed for internal use at Microsoft and later became the first Shared Source project ever released to the community via SourceForge.net. WTL was available via the Microsoft Developer Network for 5 years before it was released on SourceForge.net. Both projects are available

now under the Common Public License and allow interested communities of developers to work with the tools and to modify them if needed in order to fit custom needs.

“We chose to host the Shared Source WiX and WTL projects on SourceForge.net because it is home to a strong community of Windows developers and has a great tradition of collaborative development,” said Jason Matusow, director of the Shared Source Initiative. “Through the WiX and WTL offerings, we are applying lessons learned over the past three years on the Shared Source Initiative and engaging more closely with the developer community. We are proud to have WiX and WTL represent our first Shared Source offerings on SourceForge.net.”

The WiX Project can be accessed at <http://sourceforge.net/projects/wix/>, and the WTL Project can be accessed at <http://sourceforge.net/projects/wtl/>.

About SourceForge.net

Founded in 1999, SourceForge.net is the largest collaborative development site on the Web, serving developers and users of all levels working on and/or downloading all manner of Open Source projects on the site. In addition to providing a collaborative, real-time development environment, SourceForge.net is also the first-stop for many end-user developers seeking Open Source application solutions before searching for off-the-shelf proprietary versions or developing the applications entirely in-house. SourceForge.net today hosts 80,000 projects and more than 883,000 registered users worldwide.

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