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SourceForge.net Launches New Premium Services for Collaborative Open Source Developers Online

Powerful new premium services boost Open Source development functionality for SourceForge.net's 780,000-plus registered developers worldwide.

February 4, 2004—Fremont, CA—SourceForge.net (www.sourceforge.net), the world's largest collaborative development Web site, is launching a new set of powerful premium services and enhanced functionality to deliver more manageability and control for development projects on the site. SourceForge.net is part of the OSDN technical network of leading Web sites for Open Source development and IT professionals. OSDN is a subsidiary of VA Software Corp. (NASDAQ:LNIX).

SourceForge.net currently supports more than 780,000 registered users and 75,000 Open Source development projects. Since its inception in 1999, SourceForge.net continues to be a free service for all users, providing a centralized location for the worldwide development community to collaborate and build development projects used in all manner of applications. Via subscriptions, the new premium program now gives users expanded features and functionality to help them work more efficiently.

"SourceForge.net has created a strong community of Open Source developers that continues to grow at an amazing rate, year-over-year. In fact, we've seen an almost 40% growth in registered users in the past year alone. We've launched the subscription program as a way to keep up with the needs of this rapidly growing community. This is a great addition to SourceForge.net, and we plan to add additional features during 2004," said Patrick McGovern, Director of SourceForge.net.

For a nominal amount, subscribers will benefit from a range of enhanced user benefits, including:

- **Advanced Searching:** Subscribers can search all aspects of a project, including Boolean and dictionary based stem searching
- **Direct Download System:** Subscribers can quickly and easily download software directly without a Web page
- **Priority Tech Support:** Subscribers will receive priority support placement, enabling quicker resolution for any site issues
- **Project Monitoring:** Subscribers will receive automated e-mail notifications of any changes that happen to a project, including new bug reports, forum postings and support requests.

Subscription pricing is \$39.00 annually, or \$6.95 a month.

SourceForge.net Donations Program Supports Individual Projects

In 2003, SourceForge.net introduced a project donation program, which was embraced by the Open Source community as a way to show their support of the development projects hosted on the site. Supporters have the option of making monetary contributions to the general SourceForge.net donation fund, which helps offset the cost of new site enhancements and functionality, or to a specific project or group of developers. Donators then have the option of having their username and comment displayed on the SourceForge.net Supporters page. To see the list of supporters to date, go to <http://sourceforge.net/supporters.php>.

"We're excited by the tremendous growth SourceForge.net has seen and we feel the donation program demonstrates our continuing commitment to this amazing audience of cutting-edge developers," said Richard French, General Manager of OSDN. "SourceForge.net's growth mirrors the growth and changes the OSDN technical network as whole has seen over the past year. This type of community support

continues to cement the notion that building communities and providing them the resources that they need is a strong and successful business model.”

For more on the SourceForge Donation Program visit <http://www.sourceforge.net/donation>

About SourceForge

SourceForge.net is the world's largest Open Source software development Web site, providing free hosting to tens of thousands of projects. SourceForge.net's mission is to enrich the Open Source community by providing a collaborative environment in a centralized place for Open Source developers to control and manage Open Source software development.

<http://www.sourceforge.net>

About OSDN

OSDN (Open Source Development Network, Inc.), a wholly-owned subsidiary of VA Software Corp. (Nasdaq: LNUX), is the most dynamic community-driven media network on the Web. OSDN publishes two world-renowned networks of Web sites: the OSDN Technology Network, which attracts every level of IT decision maker, influencer and buyer; and the MediaBuilder Network, which reaches graphic artists and Web designers worldwide. OSDN sites include Slashdot.org, SourceForge.net, ITManagersJournal.com, DevChannels.org, Linux.com, ThinkGeek.com, and freshmeat.net.

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