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OSDN and Speakeasy Launch New Broadband Program Offering Fastest ADSL Service to the OSDN Network

New partnership provides range of unique high-end services, including first nationwide availability of fastest 6.0/768 ADSL service

March 24, 2004—Fremont, CA and Seattle, WA— OSDN (a subsidiary of VA Software Corp. NASDAQ:LINUX), the leading community-driven network on the Web, and Speakeasy, the nation's largest privately-held broadband services provider, have launched a partnership that will offer power-user broadband packages to OSDN's community of Open Source, IT and development professionals.

OSDN's traffic of more than 12 million unique visitors a month includes IT managers, enterprise architects, developers, and system administrators experienced with the latest information-technologies. Their technical expertise, combined with their experience doing development projects and other Web-based initiatives, far exceeds those of the average online user. This exclusive partnership with Speakeasy gives the OSDN community products and services matched to the high-end and discerning needs of its audience.

"The OSDN community consists of early-adopters and technologists who need powerful, high-end broadband services to execute IT and Web-based development projects. This audience is not satisfied with standard broadband services—they require broader capabilities, faster speed, and greater flexibility than the average user. We've looked at other offerings and are convinced that this partnership with Speakeasy gives our audience the superior connection and special features they can't get anywhere else. For a competitive monthly price, they get a lot of exceptional value," said Richard French, general manager of OSDN.

In addition to the fastest 6.0/768 ADSL broadband connection—ideal for multi-user networks, hosting servers, peer-to-peer applications and download-intensive uses—the customized packages also include a free introductory subscription to the premium services offered on OSDN's collaborative development Web site, SourceForge.net. Future packages will offer a SourceForge.net download mirror—enabling faster download of code and applications from SourceForge.net's 75,000 Open Source projects.

Speakeasy does not port block or limit bandwidth usage—another benefit to the OSDN community. Subscribers have the flexibility to run their own servers (on any platform, including Linux and Macintosh); and have no restrictions on, or charges for, in-home wireless connections.

“Speakeasy is pleased to combine its high-level broadband service and industry-leading customer support with value-added features designed specifically with the OSDN power-user in mind. We are especially pleased to work with OSDN on the official launch of our pioneering 6.0/768 product, which targets power users that push broadband forward for everyone. Our partnership with OSDN helps achieve this vision,” said Bruce Chatterley, Speakeasy’s president and CEO.

About OSDN

OSDN, a wholly-owned subsidiary of VA Software Corp. (Nasdaq: LNUX), is the leading independent 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 graphics and Web designers worldwide. OSDN sites include *Slashdot.org*, *SourceForge.net*, *ITManagersJournal.com*, *DevChannels.org*, *Linux.com*, *ThinkGeek.com*, and *freshmeat.net*. Monthly traffic on the network has recently reached an all time high of 222 million page views and 12 million unique visitors. For more information, visit www.osdn.com.

About Speakeasy

Founded in 1994, Speakeasy is the nation's largest independent broadband service provider. Combining a nationwide network, intelligent customer service along with pioneering technologies and product offerings, Speakeasy delivers a superior online experience for demanding broadband users. Speakeasy broadband is available in most metropolitan areas within the 48 contiguous states. Those interested in Speakeasy's broadband service can visit www.speakeasy.net or call 1.8.Speakeasy (24 hours a day, seven days a week).

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