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NEW VERSION OF TEXTLIGHTNING/THUNDERPACK

Berlin/Bietigheim-Bissingen (Germany, EU), 18th of September, 2002 – Meta-Object has released a new version of its PDF-to-RTF-converter TextLightning which enables DEVONtechnologies' knowledge and information manager DEVONthink to access the text parts of PDF documents. Version 2.0 dramatically reduces memory consumption and conversion startup times. In addition to automatically extending existing applications (such as DEVONthink or Textedit) via the system-wide filter-services mechanism, version 2.0 also supports conversion directly from the Finder and converts Postscript files to RTF. It works with any kind of PDF document including those generated by the „Save as PDF...“ function of Mac OS X 10.2 (Jaguar). DEVONtechnologies and MetaObject offer licenses for DEVONthink PE and TextLightning in an price-attractive bundle called ThunderPack, available at the websites of both companies.

DEVONthink uses the PDF-to-RTF-conversion feature of TextLightning to store a plain text representation of a PDF document together with the PDF itself to offer all its intelligent text analysis and categorisation features. The actual version 1.2.4 of DEVONthink PE also allows to store only the RTF representation of a PDF file.

DEVONthink is a completely new knowledge base ideal for storing, organising and retrieving documents, pictures, source codes, multi-media files, code-fragments or structured data (HTML, XML) of any kind, based on the flexible yet robust and language independent DEVONtechnology. Without the need for any indexing at all, DEVONthink fully or semi-automatically classifies elements, lists similar contents and words immediately using fuzzy algorithms, finds and compares text and even images, summarises texts intelligently and provides high performance concordance tools. As a Cocoa application it's perfectly integrated into Mac OS X including it's own services for storing and summarising text clip-

pings, has advanced text editing functions including rulers and provides a Finder-like interface with contextual menus, different views and drag-and-drop.

TextLightning 2.0 runs on Mac OS X 10.1 or higher and is available as a free download from www.metaobject.de or www.devon-technologies.com. The shareware fee for TextLightning is US\$ 20, registered user can upgrade to version 2.0 for free.

DEVONthink Personal Edition 1.2.4 runs on Mac OS X 10.1 or higher and is immediately available as a free download from www.devon-technologies.com. It must be registered for US\$ 39,95 after the two weeks evaluation period.

The ThunderPack bundle containing licenses for both applications is available for US\$ 50 from www.metaobject.de or www.devon-technologies.com, US\$ 10 off from the price of the separately sold licenses.

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CORPORATE BACKGROUND

DEVONtechnologies, founded in 2002 and headquartered in Germany, European Union, researches in the field of semantic and associative data analysis and synthesis, and develops key applications based on the DEVONtechnology. Named after the Devonian Period, the DEVONtechnology marks the departure into a new age of data processing. The main focus of all activities is clearly on using of the robust, flexible and versatile architecture intelligently to create rock-solid applications for a variety of purposes, including but not limited to databases, intelligent agents, data-mining, information retrieval and human-computer-interfaces. More information: www.devon-technologies.com.

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