

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **DEVONAGENT MAKES THE INTERNET THE WORLD'S LARGEST KNOWLEDGE BASE**

Bietigheim-Bissingen (Germany, EU), 15th of July, 2003 -- DEVONtechnologies' new Internet search agent software DEVONagent is getting closer to the first public beta, and so the product page has been updated with new screenshots and a description of the forthcoming features.

Based on DEVONtechnologies' revolutionary DEVONtechnology, DEVONagent is the information finding tool of the next generation. It simulates the behaviour of a human web surfer scanning the Internet for a specific piece of information. Technically, DEVONagent uses a variety of searching techniques and collects the results from major search engines. Then it visits all the found web sites, downloads, analyses and weights them to find the most relevant pages, eliminating information junk (empty pages, HTTP errors, sites that don't contain the search phrase, similar or duplicate pages, or pages with too little information) automatically on-the-fly.

Especially useful for anyone visiting the same pages over and over again to see if there's something published about a specific topic is the brand new crawler. It scans through lists of interesting pages and reports only those dealing with what the user is looking for.

The final results are presented by DEVONagent in a plain list, sorted by decreasing relevance, together with a first summary of all paragraphs that DEVONagent thinks are the most relevant to the query. A double-click on any link opens the pages directly in an integrated web browser built upon the fast and rock-solid Safari engine (including Java, JavaScript, Plug-Ins and all the rest).

A second, more spectacular view shows a list with the most important topics related to the query and a digest instantly created for selected topics or based on the query. Occurrences of the selected topics words are highlighted, the digest is editable and can be saved as plain text or RTF. Both views, page list and digest, are easily accessible through tabs below the toolbar. Also, selected pages can be

exported as HTML, plain text or RTF/RTFD. In almost all cases, the results filtered and weighted by DEVONagent are much better than those returned by the standard search engines. Additionally, DEVONagent stores all or selected results in a searchable archive very similar to DEVONthink, DEVONtechnologies' current flagship freeform database and knowledge manager (commands to store selected pages or links to them in DEVONagent are also available).

**Key features:**

- Automatic querying of search engines
- Collecting, analysing, weighting and summarising search results
- Crawler to auto-surf your favourite web pages
- Dynamic digest based on intelligent topic list
- Automatic junk filter
- Integrated web browser based on the Safari engine
- Clean text-only preview
- Searchable web page archive
- Integrated with DEVONthink
- Highly multi-threaded, uses all core technologies of Mac OS X
- Flexible plug-in architecture.

System requirements and availability: DEVONagent 1.0 will be available for Mac OS X 10.2 or higher this summer. More information about DEVONagent including actual beta screenshots is available on [www.devon-technologies.com/products/devonagent.php](http://www.devon-technologies.com/products/devonagent.php).

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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](http://www.devon-technologies.com).

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