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TRIPLE IMPACT JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS: DEVONAGENT 1.2, DEVONTHINK 1.7.4 AND EASYFIND 3.1

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DEVONtechnologies published new versions of DEVONagent, its intelligent search agent and alternative browser, the freeform database DEVONthink and the super-fast find-file utility EasyFind. The new versions are immediately available as a free download from www.devon-technologies.com.

DEVONagent 1.2 features new XML-based plug-ins which makes it easier for third-party developers to write interfaces to websites not supported by the standard plug-in set. Also, new version comes with a couple of new plug-ins searching the Wikipedia encyclopedia, the Wiktionary online dictionary, the Electronic Poetry Center, the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, World News and BBC News as well as directly querying Google and Altavista. Altogether, DEVONagent 1.2 now comes with 35 plug-ins and five scanners searching for all kind of information and automatically downloads and installs new plug-ins as they become available. Other enhancements include new contextual menu commands for adding all links on a web page to crawler sets, storing text snippets in DEVONthink and better advertisement and spam filtering.

DEVONthink 1.7.4 now displays HTML pages using Apple's WebKit, the Safari engine, effectively making DEVONthink also an alternative browser. In the notepad and outline views, selected URLs immediately display the web page they point to in the preview area. New contextual menu and toolbar commands capture whole web pages or selections as RTF(D), and DEVONthink recognises many more file name extensions for plain text files. Also, flushing changes to the file system and the automatic compression are faster and many interface glitches have been fixed.

EasyFind 3.1, finally, allows to specify any folder for searching, uses localised folder names, comes with an updated Japanese localisation and fixes a minor interface glitch.

DEVONagent and DEVONthink require Mac OS X 10.2 with Safari installed or Mac OS X 10.3. 256 MB RAM and a broadband Internet connection are recommended for DEVONagent. All three applications are immediately available as a free download from www.devon-technologies.com. DEVONagent and DEVONthink must be registered for US\$ 35 each (or US\$ 60 as bundle) after the evaluation period.

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DEVONAGENT BACKGROUND

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 are crawlers. They scans through lists of interesting pages and reports only those dealing with what the user is looking for. Also, so-called scanner post-process the result list and filter out all pages that don't match certain formal criteria such as »Contains a webcam« or »Features web galleries«.

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:

- Automatically queries multiple search engines
- Collects, analyses, weights and summarises the search results
- Crawler auto-surfs your favourite web pages
- Scanners look specifically for image galleries, wallpapers, webcams, multimedia files or software archives
- Presents the result as a dynamic digest based on an intelligent topic list
- Automatic filter eliminates junk and page-not-found errors
- Integrated web browser based on the Safari engine
- Stores results in a searchable web page archive
- Flexible plug-in and scanner architecture
- Built to seamlessly integrate with Mac OS X and DEVONthink

What's unique?

- Comes with an intuitive user interface and is easy to use
- Searches the web and analyses the results five to ten times faster than the competition)
- Is built exclusively for Mac OS X, no Java application
- Generates an intelligent, useful digest of the found information
- Is affordable
- Is built around industry standards and uses all major features of the operating system

DEVONTHINK BACKGROUND

DEVONthink is an information manager capable of intelligently storing and organising all types of data, text files, PDFs and images. Put in whatever you want, organise it, let DEVONthink search for it. And with its integrated text and RTF editor you can even use it not only to enter short notes but to write letters,

articles, books. Comfortable highlighting functions and character/word counters will help you, not to forget the split-screen view for navigating and editing even thousands of documents almost instantly.

Key features:

- Stores whatever you like, from texts, images and HTML to URLs
- Helps organising your stuff with a built-in, simple outliner
- Easy-to-use Finder-like user interface
- Super-fast navigation and display of contents
- Helps you to sort in new stuff (auto-classify, see-also, keywords)
- Advanced text editing including highlighting and realtime character count
- Lightning-fast, intelligent search function
- Built to seamlessly integrate with Mac OS X

What's unique:

- Works with much more file formats than all alternatives
- Imports and exports huge amounts of data extremely fast
- Works flawlessly with huge databases (>100 MB)
- Does not need indexing and still searches the database faster than all other freeform databases or scrapbook managers (which are in both, handling and performance, built for small databases)
- Stays highly performant even with big databases, i.e. double the size of the database does not mean half the performance
- Is built around industry standards and uses all major features of the operating system

EASYFIND BACKGROUND

EasyFind is an alternative to or supplement of Sherlock and finds files, folders or contents in any file without the need for indexing. Additionally, EasyFind features case sensitive or insensitive search, Boolean operators, wildcards and searching for phrases. EasyFind uses multithreading and so is very responsive even with multiple search processes running, provides contextual menus and Mac OS X services and displays the location of each item in a separate column for a better overview. Finally EasyFind uses little memory, supports drag-and-drop and the clipboard and optionally finds invisible items or items within packages. Also, EasyFind is tightly integrated with the information manager DEVONthink.

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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