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FOR PROFESSIONALS: DEVONTHINK 1.8.1 AND DEVONAGENT 1.2.2

London (UK, European Union), 9th of March, 2004 -- DEVONtechnologies updates the freeform database and information manager DEVONthink Personal Edition and DEVONagent, its intelligent search agent and alternative browser.

DEVONthink 1.8.1 now allows not only to completely import documents into the database, but also to only index them. This makes it possible to access even huge static data collections from within DEVONthink and use most of its unique, »intelligent« functions like »classify« or »see also«. Also, it's possible to only link to external contents but still display them in DEVONthink.

Other improvements include new dock and contextual menu commands, new AppleScript verbs for indexing files or creating links to them, and the possibility to search in real time like in the »Panther« Finder. In addition, it's now possible to sort items manually, which makes the integrated outliner much more useable. DEVONthink 1.8.1 uses a background server process to import RTFD and Microsoft Word files more reliably, features many minor interface improvements and is slightly faster. The Personal Edition of DEVONthink now accepts up to 10.000 images (formely 5.000), the search function has been improved as well as the cross links feature and the WebKit integration.

DEVONagent 1.2.2 provides the possibility to easily switch between different settings directly in the query window, displays error messages when loading of a web page fails and comes with the possibility to add archived pages to crawler sets. Additionally, the query field and history popup in crawler and query windows have been combined, many plug-ins and scanners have been improved and the ad and spam filters are more reliable. The RSS-to-HTML and HTML-to-text conversions are faster in version 1.2.2, and the overall performance has been improved.

DEVONthink and DEVONagent require Mac OS X 10.2 with Safari installed or Mac OS X 10.3; a broadband Internet connection is recommended for DEVONagent. Both applications are immediately available as a free download

from www.devon-technologies.com and must be registered for US\$ 40 (DEVONthink Personal Edition), US\$ 35 (DEVONagent) or together for US\$ 65 as »Infoworker's Bundle« after the evaluation period.

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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, PDF, HTML and XML to links
- Is able to index contents only instead of storing them in the database
- Integrated browser based on Apple's WebKit (»Safari Engine«)
- Supports dynamic Wiki-style links and static cross links
- Helps you to sort in new stuff (auto-classify, see-also, keywords etc.)
- Organises your stuff with a built-in, simple outliner
- Easy-to-use Finder-like user interface
- Advanced text editing including rulers, highlighting and realtime word count
- Lightning-fast, intelligent search function
- Built to seamlessly integrate with Mac OS X

What's unique:

- Captures contents from the built-in browser
- Plays Quicktime movies and sound files
- Works with much more file formats than all alternatives
- Imports and exports huge amounts of data extremely fast
- Works flawlessly with huge databases (>300 MB)
- Does not need indexing but searches faster than the competition
- Stays highly performant even with big databases, i.e. double the size of the database does not mean half the performance

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).

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 certain results like webcams or multimedia
- Presents the result as a dynamic digest based on an intelligent topic list
- Automatic filter eliminates junk, similar, archived or error pages
- 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
- Generates an intelligent, useful digest of the found information
- Summarizes the text of retrieved pages
- Highlights search words in digests, summarizations, text and HTML views
- Follows multiple levels of promising links on demand
- 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

CORPORATE BACKGROUND

DEVONtechnologies Ltd., founded in 2002, incorporated in 2004 and headquartered in London, UK, 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 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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