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SECOND OF FOUR: DEVONTHINK 1.9 (AND DEVONNOTE 1.6)

London (UK, European Union), 30th of November, 2004 – DEVONtechnologies Ltd. updates its freeform database and information manager DEVONthink Personal Edition to version 1.9 and releases DEVONnote 1.6.

Following DEVONnote 1.5 (released beginning of November), DEVONthink 1.9 is the second and largest update to DEVONtechnologies' range of applications. Version 1.9 comes with a completely overhauled user interface and more than 200 new functions, commands, file formats and other improvements.

NEW FEATURES AT-A-GLANCE

The most notably new features are: automatic linking of words to other documents with the same name (automatic Wiki-style links), user-definable labels, an improved »Go« menu for easier navigation, an »Action« button for people with a one-button mouse, a completely rewritten search function and a command for synchronizing the database with files on disk. Importing and exporting is now handled by a flexible plug-in architecture, the accompanying AppleScript scripts have been improved and new scripts have been added, DEVONthink now supports all major QuickTime features such as zoom or automatic playback, and PostScript files are automatically converted on-the-fly to PDF. For PDF documents, the integrated PDF-to-Text engine has been updated to version 3.0, and DEVONthink 1.9 better supports texts in Asian languages.

USER INTERFACE

The user interface has been completely revamped and cleaned up, many commands are found now in more logical places, and unnecessary options have been removed or replaced by others. A new log panel keeps the user informed about files that could not be imported or any other incident. Additionally, to keep the most important functions always at hand, many new commands have been added to the contextual menu and can also be accessed via an »Action« button. This together with many more minor interface changes enhances the user experience and makes DEVONthink a lot easier to use than previous versions.

SPEED BUMP

DEVONthink Personal Edition already works with the database core of the forthcoming Professional Edition, which is significantly faster than in previous versions. DEVONthink Personal Edition 1.9 indexes text documents 6.5 times faster than Mac OS X 10.3 and 2.2 faster than the latest build of Mac OS X 10.4 (»Tiger«), XML files even up to 2.7 times faster than »Tiger«.

TEXT EDITING

The text editing capabilities have been significantly extended including a new sub-menu for inserting bullets, page breaks, the current date and time as well as for embedding a picture into rich texts, an option for displaying invisible characters such as spaces, tabs, line and page breaks, and enhanced character, word and paragraph statistics.

PREFERENCES, WEB BROWSER, BACKUP

The new preference panel allows to configure DEVONthink not only much easier, but also to modify DEVONthink's behaviour to a much wider extend. Finally, the integrated Safari-based web browser is easier to navigate and supports Java, JavaScript and plug-ins. Last but not least, the new backup function maintains one or more automatic backups of the database and restores them with just one click.

DEVONNOTE 1.6

Version 1.6 is a minor update to DEVONnote 1.5, released on the 4th of November, and adds a new command for merging two or more documents into one large rich text document, the possibility to create more than one automatic backup of the database

and the ability to add or remove columns in vertical and horizontal split views. Also, the integration with PhotoStickies has been improved as well as the overall user experience. DEVONnote 1.6 inherits a new revision of the database core from DEVONthink, is slightly faster and more stable.

DEVONthink and DEVONnote require at least Mac OS X 10.2.7 or higher with 256 MB RAM recommended. Both are immediately available for downloading from www.devon-technologies.com; DEVONthink must be registered after the trial period for US\$ 40, DEVONnote for US\$ 20.

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BACKGROUND: DEVONTHINK

DEVONthink is the Mac incarnation of the real paperless office. It's a notepad, outliner, scrapbook manager, information manager, freeform database, archive, bookmark manager and image and multimedia database, all in one integrated application. DEVONthink intelligently stores and helps organizing all types of data, text files, PDFs, images, bookmarks, even QuickTime movies and MP3 files. A hierarchical filing structure and AI functions for sorting in and finding documents makes it ideal for both keeping a simple notebook and organizing large information collections.

An integrated text and RTF editor including a real-time paragraph/word/character count and many other comfortable editing and highlighting functions make it easy to not only enter short notes but to write letters, articles, even books. Finally, the integrated Safari-based web browser displays web pages directly within the DEVONthink workspace, e-mails can be comfortably imported using a provided AppleScript and all documents that DEVONthink does not natively recognize can be »printed« directly into the database from any other application.

People use DEVONthink to

- collect text snippets, documents, images, PDF or movies, bookmarks,
- archive their e-mails,
- write new documents,
- organize all of them,
create links between them,
- find that »needle in the haystack«,
- and surf the Internet.

DEVONthink provides the main features of many standard applications such as Finder, Sherlock, Safari, TextEdit, Stickies, Preview, iPhoto, QuickTime Player and Help Viewer with one consistent, easy-to-use Mac-like interface.

Key features:

- Stores whatever you like, from texts, images, PDF, HTML and XML over text clippings, iChat logs, scripts and Microsoft Word/RTF files to links
- Is able to index contents only instead of storing them in the database
- Integrated browser based on Apple's WebKit (»Safari Engine«)
- Helps you to sort in new stuff (»Classify«, »See Also«, keywords etc.)
- Advanced text editing including rulers, highlighting realtime statistics and display of invisible characters
- Lightning-fast, intelligent search function
- User-defined labels
- Dynamic Wiki-style links and static cross links
- Built-in outlining capabilities
- Easy-to-use interface providing Services and a Dock menu
- Supports Services (like CalcService or WordService)
- Supports drag-and-drop in both directions

What's unique:

- Im- and exports Finder comments
- Captures contents from the built-in browser or from Safari
- Imports e-mails from Apple Mail
- Plays QuickTime movies and MP3 files

- Stores aliases to local files
- Groups or ungroups documents, organizes them into hierarchies
- Works with much more file formats than all alternatives
- Batch imports and exports data extremely fast
- Works flawlessly with huge databases (>300 MB)
- Does not need indexing but searches faster than the competition
- Uses all major features of Mac OS X

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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