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InstallShield Software Corporation Announces InstallShield5 Professional *New Integrated Visual Development Environment Eases Creation of Top-Quality Installations*

SCHAUMBURG, Illinois—Feb. 24, 1997—InstallShield® Software Corporation announces the upcoming release of InstallShield5 Professional, the latest major version of the installation development system that has become the standard for professional Windows software developers worldwide. Ninety-two of the top 100 commercial software vendors currently rely on InstallShield installation technology.

InstallShield5 Professional promises to change the way developers create reliable installation programs for their commercial applications. InstallShield5 Professional features a new integrated development environment (IDE), helpful new Wizards, and other time-saving features that allow developers to produce installations more efficiently and effectively—without sacrificing quality. InstallShield5 Professional will be shipping in March, 1997. A 30-day trial version of the software will be available for download from <<http://www.installshield.com>>.

New IDE Cuts Learning Curve, Development Time

With InstallShield5 Professional, developers will be able to create complete Windows installations through a visual interface similar in look and feel to Microsoft's Visual C++. Developers will be able to plan, script, compile, debug, and build in the same multi-paned development environment.

"Our goal in designing InstallShield5 Professional was to help users get results quickly by integrating all aspects of installation development into a familiar, common environment," said Viresh Bhatia, InstallShield Software Corp. president. "With just a few mouse clicks, a developer can review every aspect of the installation project."

This new, visual development environment not only shortens the learning curve for new users, but provides a clear view of the files and features in use, allowing other developers to take over installation projects mid-stream.

Project Wizard Sets Developers on Right Track

InstallShield5 Professional includes a Project Wizard that helps developers create the framework for a new installation project. The Wizard contains eight dialogs that let developers specify basic information about their application and installation. The Wizard then builds and compiles a runnable project, including a script, installation dialogs, and much more.

Media Build Wizard Automates Build Process, Provides Testing Option

Developers who build often, or who must create multiple installations for the same application, will also benefit greatly from InstallShield5's new IDE.

Each installation project in InstallShield5 may contain a superset of all potential installation elements, including language- and platform-specific files. A new string table editor assists developers creating localized versions by providing a location for developers to store translated text for display in end-user dialogs.

When developers create a new build, they select the target media and the platforms and languages they wish to support. The new Media Build Wizard automates the entire build process. After defining all installation details, developers quickly walk through seven Wizard dialogs to create a new build. The Wizard prompts developers for the media type (disk, CD-ROM, Internet), and supported Windows platforms and languages.

Developers can even choose to create a Quick Build for testing purposes. In a Quick build, files are referenced, but not included. This lets developers see what the installation actually looks like without the time required for file transfer. At any time, developers may view a tree structure of completed builds by clicking on the Media Project Workspace Pane. Builds can be easily modified for later use.



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Visual File Layout Supports How Developers Really Work

InstallShield5 Professional provides for greatly simplified and organized data movement by allowing developers to view and manage their file groups and components visually. No function calls are required to copy files. Developers simply drag and drop to specify and group the files that will be installed. The files may remain stored anywhere on the developer's local system or network during the development process.

Setting file properties and attributes is also a point-and-click affair. Developers access the file structure for their project through two Project Workspace Panes dedicated to File Groups and Components. Developers click on the appropriate Project Workspace pane to view the structure of each File Group or Component. Property sheets and dialogs provide an easy means to enter or modify file and component properties and attributes.

Built-in Editor, Function Wizard Simplify Scripting Process

A key part of the new integrated development environment is the built-in script editor window, which places the heart of each installation project into plain view. Functions, keywords and other syntax elements are color-coded to help developers locate parts of the script when editing and debugging. A new Function Wizard guides developers through the process of selecting the right function and specifying its parameters. A few mouse clicks create a syntactically correct function call in the script, saving time and reducing the possibility of typing errors.

Multimedia Support Opens Creative Possibilities

InstallShield5 Professional is the first installation development tool to provide full multimedia support for its application installations, including AVI video, WAVE and MIDI sound, and full-screen 256-color bitmap images. Developers can entertain users during an installation with video files, provide sound cues for user feedback, and dazzle visually with 256-color bitmap images and special effects such as image fades.

Includes TimeLOCK for InstallShield for Creating Trialware Applications

InstallShield5 Professional includes a free copy of TimeLOCK™ for InstallShield, a trialware development and fulfillment system by Preview Software. TimeLOCK for InstallShield provides a simple Wizard approach to creating a custom time-locked version of any Windows 95 application.

Pricing and Availability

InstallShield5 Professional will be available in March 1997 for an MSRP of \$795 (North America only). InstallShield5 Professional is available for Windows 95 or Windows NT 4.0 development platforms. InstallShield5 Professional can be used to create installations that target Windows 3.1, Windows 95, Windows NT 3.5 and Windows NT 4.0 platforms. For upgrade pricing and additional information, visit the InstallShield Software Corporation Web site at <<http://www.installshield.com>>.

About InstallShield Software Corporation

InstallShield Software Corporation is a provider of innovative software development tools for use on all Windows platforms. Founded in 1987, the privately-held company is recognized worldwide as a leader in software distribution technologies. Ninety-two of the top 100 independent software vendors rely on InstallShield technology to distribute their flagship and mission-critical applications, including Microsoft Corp. (Microsoft Commercial Internet System products, FrontPage), Netscape Communications Corp. (Navigator), Borland International Inc. (Delphi, Borland C++ Development Suite), Macromedia, Inc. (Director 5), Adobe Systems Inc. (Acrobat Exchange), Attachmate Corp. (EXTRA! Personal Client) and Novell, Inc. (AppWare).

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