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Digipede Launches the Digipede Developer Network to Accelerate the Development of Grid-enabled Applications for the Microsoft Platform

Developers gain free access to the powerful Digipede Network Developer Edition, and support through the growing Digipede Developer Network and Partner Ecosystem.

OAKLAND, CA – May 31, 2006 – Digipede Technologies (<u>www.digipede.net</u>), the leading provider of distributed computing solutions for the Microsoft Windows platform, today announced the Digipede Developer Network and the Digipede Network Developer Edition. The Digipede Developer Network is a growing community of software developers who are benefiting from the powerful Digipede Network to grid-enable applications for improved performance and scalability. The Digipede Developer Network provides support and further expands the Digipede ecosystem of partners and developers. The Digipede Network Developer Edition is available now, free to software developers, and includes licensing for one Digipede Server, two Digipede Agents, the Digipede Workbench, and the acclaimed Digipede Framework SDK.

"Our partners and customers continue to identify a wide range of applications that can benefit from increased scalability and performance through distributed computing. Today we are pleased to announce that we are expanding the Digipede ecosystem to further support software developers in grid-enabling their applications," said John Powers, CEO of Digipede. "By providing free tools and support to developers, we're helping to accelerate grid adoption. As more grid-enabled applications become available and more application developers become grid savvy, our customers can achieve the benefits of grid computing more quickly."

Powers adds, "With today's announcement, we expand our commitment to the Windows development community by providing Windows developers with the easiest and most cost-effective technology available for building gridenabled applications."

The Digipede Network Developer Edition offers full support for .NET 2.0, Microsoft's next-generation framework for building and running business applications. The Digipede Network pools the power of Windows desktops and servers to deliver dramatically improved performance for real-world business applications. This solution is radically different than other grid offerings; built entirely on Microsoft .NET technologies, the Digipede Network provides the easiest and quickest way to grid-enable and distribute applications. With the Digipede Network,

customers can focus on solving their key business and research problems rather than wasting valuable resources developing a distributed computing infrastructure.

The Digipede Framework SDK integrates with and fully supports the Visual Studio 2005 and 2003 software development tools and the SQL Server 2005 database. The Digipede Framework SDK includes support for .NET 1.1, .NET 2.0, and COM, allowing developers to use the familiar Visual Studio environment to produce high-performance distributed applications.

In addition to the new Developer Edition, the Digipede Network is available in two other editions: the Digipede Network Team Edition meets the needs of small departments, businesses, and labs that may only have up to 20 computers, while the Digipede Network Professional Edition supports large departments and enterprises with hundreds or thousands of desktops, servers, and cluster nodes across a network. All editions include the Digipede Workbench, which is designed to shorten the learning curve so that users can become productive immediately.

Availability and Pricing

The Digipede Network is available directly from Digipede Technologies. The new Digipede Network Developer Edition is free to software developers and comes with licensing for one Digipede Server and two Digipede Agents. The Digipede Network Team Edition starts at \$995 for a system licensing one Digipede Server and five Digipede Agents...The Digipede Network Professional Edition starts at \$4,000 for a similar configuration. Additional Agents can be licensed for \$199 each, and may be added to either Team Edition or Professional Edition. Current customers of the Digipede Network Team Edition can upgrade to the Professional Edition at a discount; contact <u>sales@digipede.net</u> for details. Both editions of the Digipede Network include the Digipede Framework SDK at no additional charge. For additional information about pricing and configuration options, visit Digipede's online store at www.digipede.net, or contact Digipede at sales@digipede.net.

About Digipede Technologies

Digipede Technologies is the leading software provider of grid computing solutions for the Microsoft .NET platform. Digipede is led by a proven team of technology visionaries who have developed best-in-class Windows applications for more than 15 years. Digipede is a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner. Headquartered in Oakland, California, Digipede is expanding rapidly. For more information visit <u>www.digipede.net</u>.

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