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Digipede Technologies Launches The Digipede Network at DEMO@15!

The Digipede Network is a breakthrough commercial distributed computing solution for Microsoft Windows that boosts application speed and performance using existing computing resources

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., February 14, 2005 – DEMO@15! 2005 – Digipede Technologies (www.digipede.net), the leading provider of distributed computing solutions on the Microsoft® Windows™ platform, today publicly unveiled the Digipede Network™ for companies with compute-intensive, data-intensive, and transaction-intensive applications. The Digipede Network is the first commercial distributed computing solution based entirely on Microsoft .NET. The system radically improves the performance of real-world business applications and is easier to buy, install and use than other solutions.

At DEMO@15!, the premiere launching pad for new technology, Digipede Technologies will demonstrate the Digipede Network, a packaged software solution that allows companies or departments of all sizes to quickly and easily combine the computing power of their Windows-based computers and servers to improve the speed and scalability of applications, increase worker productivity and bring products to market faster without the need for additional hardware investments. The Digipede Network comes in two editions: Team Edition, for smaller companies or departments, and Professional Edition for enterprise-level deployments.

"Despite the hype surrounding Linux as the default platform for distributed computing, there is a real need for a Windows-based solution," says Chris Shipley, executive producer of DEMO@15! "Digipede not only is the first to introduce a commercial distributed computing solution for Microsoft .NET, but they are lowering the point of entry, so everyone can take advantage of its benefits. Whether you're a company that needs to distribute applications across 5,000 servers and desktops or a small department with five computers, the Digipede Network makes distributed computing a reality today."

Richard L. Ptak, principal analyst at Ptak, Noel & Associates adds, "Today, companies are building utility and distributed computing environments to get the most out of existing hardware platforms; however, complexity and dependence on Unix platforms limits the applicability. Most Windows-centric shops need an alternative that delivers distributed computing as a competitively priced, consultant-free, software package that takes full advantage of their Windows infrastructure without compromising security."

The Digipede Network is a powerful software tool that parcels out the most complex computing jobs across a network by dynamically allocating the computing power of both dedicated and idle resources. Unlike other solutions that require consultants and complex scripting, the Digipede Network requires no custom configuration and on-site implementation help.

The Digipede Network consists of three parts: the Digipede Agents, which manage each of the individual desktops, servers or cluster nodes and the tasks that run on them; the Digipede Server, which is responsible for managing the workflow throughout the system; and the Digipede Workbench, through which users can define and run jobs.

Each Agent gathers key information about the computer on which it runs, including hardware, software, and data resources available locally. Using this information, the Agent chooses the best work for that computer. The Digipede Workbench, a feature-rich user interface for running distributed computing jobs, includes wizards to allow users to learn and use the system quickly.

"In many industries, processors are not keeping pace with the increased computing demand of key applications. Distributed computing solves this problem by taking advantage of unused processing power that already exists across one's network," says John T. Powers, president and CEO of Digipede Technologies. "With the Digipede Network, companies can have on-demand access to as little or as much processing power as they need to power their most demanding applications. The Digipede Network radically improves application performance, and enables a new user to go from purchase to improved productivity in less than an hour."

Availability and Pricing

Beta-testing is currently underway. Companies interested in beta-testing Digipede Team Edition can register for the beta program at www.digipede.net. Commercial release is planned for Q2 2005. Pricing for the Digipede Network Team Edition starts at \$995 for a system licensing one Digipede Server and five Agents; additional Agents can be licensed for \$199 each. For additional information about pricing and configuration options, contact Digipede at sales@digipede.net.

About Digipede Technologies

Digipede Technologies is the leading software provider of distributed 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. Headquartered in Oakland, California, Digipede is expanding rapidly. For more information visit www.digipede.net.

About DEMO@15!

The annual DEMO conferences focus on emerging technologies and new products, which are hand-selected from across the spectrum of the technology marketplace. The DEMO conferences have earned their reputation for consistently identifying tomorrow's cutting-edge technologies, and have served as launch pad events for companies such as Palm, E*Trade, Handspring, and U.S. Robotics, helping them to secure venture funding, establish critical business relationships, and influence early adopters. Each DEMO conference features approximately 70 new companies, products and technologies. For more information on the DEMO conferences, visit <http://www.demo.com/>.

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