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TWAIN Announces Over 2500 Developer Downloads of New Version of Industry Standard for Macintosh Platform

New version of image acquisition standard provides Mac developers access to latest features of digital cameras and scanners

BOULDER CREEK, Calif. – May 10, 2000 – The TWAIN Working Group today announced that the TWAIN Toolkit for Mac, targeted at developers, has received almost 3000 downloads since its release in February. The updated Macintosh version of the industry standard TWAIN interface enables Macintosh application developers to acquire images from digital cameras and scanners for use in their imaging applications. The new version of the standard application program interface (API), called Macintosh TWAIN Data Source Manager Version 1.7, is a free download currently available online at www.twain.com.

The Data Source Manager (DSM) is the industry standard cross-platform (Windows and Mac) API for image acquisition. The Macintosh DSM Version 1.7 is PowerPC native and supports Mac OS 8.0 and above. The new version is fully compatible with previous TWAIN specifications and existing data sources, and provides the same functionality as the Windows DSM that is shipped standard with the Windows platform by Microsoft. Using TWAIN, developers can manage interactions between various image acquisition devices (scanners, camera, etc.) in a standard way, which is important given the growing popularity of low cost image capture devices. For example, when a desktop publishing program acquires a picture from a digital camera, the Macintosh TWAIN DSM Version 1.7 acts as a translator between the camera and the desktop publishing program, providing a standard way to acquire the image.

“Our work on the Mac DSM will benefit Macintosh consumers, hardware and software vendors involved in image acquisition,” said Gene Rogalski, Chair of the Mac Subcommittee of the TWAIN Working Group and Project Manager for Xerox Corporation. “The TWAIN Standard makes it easier for Macintosh developers and users to easily interact with a broad range of image acquisition devices.”

“This large number of developer downloads confirms our belief that the adoption of the TWAIN DSM for Macintosh will grow in similar proportion to the widespread adoption TWAIN now enjoys in the Windows environment,” said Pamela Doyle, Chair of The TWAIN Working Group and Director, Imaging Market Development, Fujitsu Computer Products of America. “We are pleased to enhance our standard on the Macintosh, which is a very popular platform for creative professionals working with digital content.”

About The TWAIN Working Group

The TWAIN Working Group is a not-for-profit organization developing standards for the image acquisition industry. TWAIN's purpose is to provide and foster a universal public standard which links applications and image acquisition devices.

The TWAIN initiative was originally launched in 1992 by leading industry vendors who recognized a need for a standard software protocol and applications programming interface (API) that regulates communication between software applications and imaging devices (the source of the data). TWAIN defines that standard. The three key elements in TWAIN are the application software, the Data Source Manager software and the Data Source software. The application uses the TWAIN toolkit, which is included for free.

By endorsing this royalty free standard for image capture, The TWAIN Working Group hopes to enhance software development and allow cost savings to the customer. Current members of the TWAIN Working Group include Adobe Systems, Digimarc, Eastman Kodak, Fujitsu Computer Products of America Inc., Hewlett-Packard Company, JFL Peripheral Solutions, Ricoh Corporation, and Xerox Corporation. More information about the TWAIN API and imaging standard can be obtained on The TWAIN Working Group's Web site at <http://www.twain.com>.

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