

Microsoft® Launches FlexWiki Open Source Project on SourceForge.net®

SourceForge.net, the world's largest collaborative development site, now hosts three Microsoft-released Open Source projects

Fremont, CA – September 28, 2004—SourceForge.net®, part of the OSTG technology network (a subsidiary of VA Software Corp. NASDAQ:LNEX), and the de-facto Open Source development site, has announced that Microsoft® has posted a third Open Source project to the site. The posting of FlexWiki to SourceForge.net follows two successful previous postings by the proprietary software giant Microsoft. Both projects are currently in the top 5% of all projects on the site.

"We're pleased to be hosting another Microsoft project," said Patrick McGovern, Director, SourceForge.net. "FlexWiki is an innovative Web-based collaboration tool, and, judging by the success of the first two Microsoft projects, our audience is actively responding to Microsoft's Open Source projects."

"SourceForge.net has a strong Windows-focused development community," said Jason Matusow, Director of Microsoft's Shared Source Initiative. "As with our other two SourceForge projects, we hope the FlexWiki Shared Source offering will facilitate collaborative development and enable more positive experiences with Microsoft technology."

Microsoft's three projects allow developers to build collaborative online content, build installation packages for Windows products and create graphic interfaces for Windows programs. The Windows Installer XML software, posted on SourceForge.net in April, has received over 100,000 downloads while the Windows Template Library, in its fifth month on the site, has received over 23,000 downloads—placing both projects in the top 10% of active projects on the site.

About SourceForge.net

Founded in 1999, SourceForge.net (www.sourceforge.net) is the largest collaborative development site on the Web, serving developers and users of all levels working on, sharing, and/or downloading all manner of Open Source projects. In addition to providing a collaborative, real-time development environment, SourceForge.net is also the first-stop for many end-user developers seeking Open Source application solutions before searching for costly off-the-shelf proprietary versions or developing time-intensive applications in-house. SourceForge.net today hosts over 88,000 projects and includes more than 921,000 registered users worldwide. Visit SourceForge.net at www.sourceforge.net.

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