

Pinnacle Offers Image Management

Pinnacle Systems introduced Flashnet Plus, a still-store and video networking client-server system designed for international television standards. The files are stored on Pinnacle FlashFile stations, with Hewlett-Packard NetServer LM and HP Vectra PC-based browse stations. The system is controlled by Artisoft networking software. An HP Optical Jukebox is available for tertiary storage. Flashnet Plus supports NTSC and PAL, analog composite, analog component, or serial digital input and output. It provides 4:2:2:4 signal processing and linear keying.

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IDD Starts Spreading the News

IDD Information Services targeted the high end of the market for distribution of live news feeds within corporations with its News Agent client-server system. According to the company, News Agent will meet the requirements typical of securities trading floors and corporate wide-area networks.

This news-filtering product features support for information sources such as Dow Jones News Service; a platform-independent Unix server; intelligent concept-searching; a Windows, Unix, or Macintosh interface; scalability; TCP/IP standard networking; API for custom integration.

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Exploring On-Line News

PressLink, a provider of on-line news services, offers PressLink Explorer. According to the company, the product provides integration of the world's digital content, from PressLink, directly into media professionals' desktop applications. It also provides the platform for the company's planned two-way information model of the future, where users will have the option of providing text or image information to the worldwide publishing community.

Explorer lets users explore and capture content both on PressLink and within the local content environment. Users can query server folders holding PressLink Information Provider files as well as their local folders.

A PressLink six-month membership, including PressLink Explorer, is \$199.95 per PressLink ID.

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Unix Systems Get Corporate Video Server

Sun Microsystems and Starlight Networks jointly introduced the StarWorks corporate video server for Unix systems. StarWorks combines video networking software with Sun Sparc servers running the Solaris operating environment.

The StarWorks for Solaris video server supports video-on-demand services from a server platform and resides with other network services and applications. It also runs on Sun workstation clients and includes StarWorks Interface to Movie for creating video applications.

Prices start at \$8,750 for 10 users, ranging up to \$24,995 for up to 40 users.

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Software Online Serves Internet Users

Software Online offers information and pricing on computer software products over the Internet, major on-line services, or electronic mail. The company offers more than 10,000 items for PCs and operating systems. Customers receive order confirmations through e-mail, and in-stock items are shipped the next day, said Software Online.

To get information about Software Online through e-mail, send a message to sales@softonline.com and include the words "send info" in the body of the message.

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Quest Authoring System Under Windows

Allen Communication released Quest 5.0, its Windows-based version of the Quest Multimedia Authoring system. Quest programs QuickFrames and FastTracks let developers reuse material they create and save everything from graphics to interactive templates in customized libraries. Quest C Coach and Object Services let developers work from dialog boxes to create complex programming functions without entering code. An embedded C language lets them interface with existing C code or enter code into Quest object lists.

Extension Manager lets developers attach DLLs and executables to the Quest engine. Once attached, the function calls are displayed in the Quest C Coach for access and modification.

Quest 5.0 costs \$3,995.

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