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Press Release

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Write Once Archiving Software Turns Ordinary Re-writable Disk Drives into Archival Devices for Permanent Record Retention

Archivist Pro™ for Windows provides drag & drop “Write Once, Read Many” writing to Hard Disk Drives, MO Drives, Iomega Rev™ Drives and DVD-RAM

Kirkland Washington, 8 May 2006...Software Architects, Inc., the leading developer of UDF file system technology for computers and consumer electronics products, announced its release of Archivist Pro™ for MS Windows. Archivist Pro™ v1.1 enables users to create a permanent record archive system using a standard hard disk drive, Iomega Rev™ drive, DVD multi drive using DVD-RAM media or MO drives using either rewritable or write once media.

Solves Common Record Retention Problems

Archivist Pro provides an easy to use, reliable method of making important files permanent. Simply re-format your hard disk or removable disk using the UDF “Archive” option. The drive will be displayed as a drive letter in Windows Explorer. The drive appears to operate like any standard rewritable or hard disk drive, except that all files and file revisions remain permanently written to disk. No files are over-written.

The “updated” files appear as updated in Windows Explorer, but a special application keeps track of all file revision history on the disk. This file history is accessible through the “right-click” menu of that drive.

The special WORM file system software ensures that each file is written to unique data blocks on the media. Once written, a block can never be over-written or altered. When a file is updated, the revisions are written to a separate set of data blocks on the media, and the file system keeps track of the location of each revision. Deleted files are no longer displayed in Explorer, but they remain in tact on the disk, available for accessing through the “history” option of the right-click menu of the drive. Important files that need to be permanently recorded cannot be accidentally or intentionally modified or lost. This ensures a reliable and automatic method for safe-keeping all types of important records, in a manner that addresses some of the new federal guidelines for record retention of medical, financial and other legally sensitive information.

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Provides real time file access to records

Because the software supports random access memory storage devices, such as hard disk drives, access and retrieval of files is much faster than conventional tape systems. The access time is limited only by the operating speed of the disk drive. There is no recovery application to be run. All files are read directly via the standard Windows interface.

Access File Revision History & File Rollback

Important records can be audited by their version history. Simply access the “right-click” menu of the drive in Explorer or My Computer, and select “History”. Then select a file from the directory display, and it’s version history is displayed automatically. Each version of each file written to the disc can be accessed by date and time, viewed and copied to another disk drive. In the event that a file has been deleted or modified, each revision or deletion is displayed and is accessible. This provides backup to human error or intentional alteration.

Provides Universal Access and Recovery

Archivist Pro uses OSTA standard UDF file formats, which are based on an open standard. Access to discs and files in the future is virtually assured, as most modern operating systems support reading some UDF formats, and many third party products are available to support other UDF formats, including the UDF WORM format option.

Reliable Device Interoperability for Mobile Environments

Disks formatted in the “non-Archive” UDF v1.02 can be read by MS Windows, Apple Mac OS, and several versions of Unix and Linux. When traveling, the user can be confident that their portable disk drive formatted in UDF will be readable in whatever computer is available wherever they travel. Large files can easily be shared between different computer systems using the same disk drive.

Supports All UDF Formats

Version 1.1 supports UDF versions 1.5, 2.0, 2.01, 2.5 and 2.6, and supports reading DVD discs containing data or DVD video files.

Key Benefits:

- reliable for permanent record retention
- easy to use: nothing new to learn
- file version history accessible
- drive interoperability available in mobile environments

System Requirements

MS Windows XP Pro or 2003 server

512 mbyte RAM

standard ATA, USB or FireWire Hard Disk Drive, MO drive, or DVD-multi drive using DVD-RAM media.

Pricing and Availability

Version 1.1 is available now. Price is \$500.00. Volume discounts available upon request. Available in English and Japanese language versions.

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Software Architects, Inc. ("SAI") is the leading developer of UDF file systems, formats and device driver technology for computers and consumer electronics devices. The company applies its software technology to address media compatibility and file interchange between a wide variety of computing and electronics devices.

Founded in 1987, the company has 18 years of experience in developing and licensing its technology to OEM manufacturers, systems integrators and resellers in world markets. As a member of the Optical Storage Technology Association (OSTA), the DVD Forum, Recordable DVD Council and the "Mt. Fuji Group", SAI plays a leading role in the application of the Universal Disk Format and technology for a variety of computer and consumer applications. Visit "<http://www.softarch.com>"

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