

Maplesoft Announces Maple T.A. Release 1.5

Latest edition of premium testing and assessment software delivers richer experience to students and increased efficiency to instructors

WATERLOO, CANADA, February 10, 2004 – Maplesoft™, the premier provider of mathematical education and research solutions, announced the availability of Maple T.A.™ Release 1.5, the latest edition of its renowned Web-based solution for automated testing and assessment.

Maple T.A. Release 1.5 is fully integrated with Maple™ 9, the latest edition of Maplesoft's principal desktop productivity software package and the mathematical engine that powers Maple T.A. With this integration, Maple T.A. users can access the latest innovations in the core intelligent mathematical algorithms enabling more sophisticated questions for tests.

Maple T.A. Release 1.5 also includes significant advancements in the Question Bank Editor and Assignment Editor features. Instructors will now be able to define test questions that require more complex answers, and include a variety of display elements. These and other innovations will deliver greater flexibility in creating test questions, composing assignments, and in general, offering the richest possible knowledge environment to Maple T.A. users.

Finally, a range of new features will make it easier for institutions and instructors to maintain large-scale implementations of the system.

Introduced in 2003, Maple T.A. has already established itself as the most advanced system available for assessment applications involving mathematics. Its institutional user base has grown at a faster rate than any other product in Maplesoft's long history. Louise Krmpotic, Product Manager for Maple T.A., states "Release 1.5 builds on Maple T.A.'s success. The solution's rapidly increasing popularity is creating an active user community that has offered us a wide range of very positive and constructive feedback. We're delighted that Maple T.A. Release 1.5 responds to our customers in a concrete and timely way."

Maple T.A. Release 1.5 is now shipping. For more information visit www.maplesoft.com/mapleta.

About Maple T.A.

Maple T.A. provides schools with a complete infrastructure for creating, administering and grading free-form, online mathematics exams and assignments. Maple T.A. grades assignments with the Maple engine, the most trusted software for exploring mathematics and developing mathematical applications. Maple T.A. frees schools from the cost, effort and limitations of traditional paper-and-pencil assessment. It allows easy randomization of questions in order to hinder cheating and encourage repetition of exercises. It also lets instructors include free-form mathematics questions on assignments, even when there are thousands of students in the class.

About Maple 9

Maple 9 delivers a comprehensive environment for visualizing and exploring mathematical concepts and for developing mathematical applications. Combined with thousands of free add-on

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packages and applications available at the [Maple Application Center™](http://www.mapleapps.com) (www.mapleapps.com), Maple 9 is the most flexible analytical tool for technical professionals and students. Features include a comprehensive suite of mathematical solvers, mathematical visualization capabilities, a powerful programming language and a rich technical document-processing environment. New features include an enhanced user interface, a new Help browser, new code generators for MATLAB and Visual Basic, new student learning packages, an extensive addition of NAG® numerical solvers and numerous mathematical enhancements.

About Maplesoft

Founded in 1988, Maplesoft is a world leader in mathematical and analytical software. Its suite of products include Maple 9, the standard among interactive mathematical software, MapleNet a comprehensive mathematical infrastructure for the Web, and MapleTA™ a system for automated grading of mathematics tests. Maplesoft products embody advanced technology such as symbolic computation, infinite precision numerics, innovative Web components, extensible user-interface technology, and an unrivalled suite of mathematical algorithms for intelligent management of complex mathematics. Over 5 million users benefit from advanced Maple technology. Virtually every major university and research institute in the world, including MIT, Stanford, Oxford and Waterloo, has adopted Maple products to enhance their education and research activities. Maplesoft's industrial customer base includes Boeing, Bosch, Canon, and NASA. For more information visit www.maplesoft.com.

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