Maple 6 Provides An Interactive Mathematical Solution for Educators and Technical Professionals Using The Mac Platform

Maple 6 for Macintosh, The World's First Fully Integrated Analytical Computation System

WATERLOO, Canada, January 6, 2000 - Waterloo Maple Inc., the leading provider of advanced software solutions for analytical and mathematical computation, announces Maple 6 for the Mac Platform. Maple 6 embodies revolutionary technological enhancements and new functionality that dramatically speeds up complex, technical computation projects. The new math engine delivers the world's first tightly integrated suite of symbolic and numerical solvers. This achievement is the first tangible result of the strategic partnership between Waterloo Maple and the Numerical Algorithms Group (NAG) announced in August 1998.

The revolutionary new technology found in Maple 6 has application for scientific and engineering users in industry, research, and education. The software combines the flexibility and intelligence of Waterloo Maple's symbolic computation algorithms with the reliability, accuracy and power of the NAG numerical solver. Through this new technology, users can perform end-to-end technical computations for projects that formerly required the use of several separate packages or libraries.

Brian Ford, director of NAG, said, "The combination of Maple symbolics and NAG numerics into a single, computational engine is a major innovation for the scientific computing community and the industry. This partnership will deliver the benefits of the industry's finest numerical components to thousands of customers through Maple's extensive user base and channels."

"Apple's Power Mac G4 is ideal for scientific professionals who demand a desktop that can crunch processor-intensive applications with ease," said Clent Richardson, Apple's vice president of Worldwide Developer Relations. "Maple 6 and the Power Mac G4 provide a powerful solution for mathematical educators, research scientists and design engineers."

The new computation engine to be released with Maple 6 centers on the use of NAG's renowned matrix computation algorithms adapted and optimized for Maple's unique, interactive environment.

Performance improvements will be of benefit in many key technical areas such as signal and image processing, dynamic simulation, and mathematical modeling. Waterloo Maple has also introduced several key end-user features in Maple 6's programming language, large-scale floating point data handling, and user interface, to ensure that users can easily access and benefit from the engine's immense potential. Additional features in Maple 6 that complement the new engine include seamless connectivity to Microsoft Excel and the ability to export to Rich Text Format (RTF). Both of these features allow users to coordinate and share data between Maple 6 and popular general productivity tools. A suite of new language features aimed at programmers delivers greater flexibility to more users.

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About Numerical Algorithms Group

NAG has nearly thirty years experience in developing, porting, distributing and supporting scientific computing software. NAG supplies a range of software libraries, compilers, tools and associated products for the professional programmer in business, industry, and education. NAG serves over 6,000 customer sites worldwide through offices in Oxford (UK), Chicago, Munich, and Tokyo, as well as through distributors worldwide. NAG Ltd. is located at Wilkinson House, Jordan Hill Road, Oxford, UK, OX2 8DR, phone +44 (0) 1865 511245, fax +44 (0) 1865 310 139, http://www.nag.co.uk.

About Waterloo Maple

Founded in 1988, Waterloo Maple is a world leader in mathematical and analytical software. The Maple system embodies advanced technology such as symbolic computation, infinite precision numerics, and a powerful 4GL language for solving a wide range of mathematical problems encountered in modeling and simulation, and in technical education. Over a million users have adopted Waterloo Maple products as their preferred platform for exploring and managing complex problems in engineering, science, mathematics, and education. Waterloo Maple's customer base includes most major universities and research organizations in the world, leading enterprises such as Nortel, Raytheon, Boeing, and DaimlerChrysler.

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