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LEAD TECHNOLOGIES ANNOUNCES LEADTOOLS 9.0

**Latest Release of LEADing Imaging Toolkit Adds Common Dialog Boxes plus optional
FlashPix, Video, and OCR Modules**

Las Vegas, NV (November 17, 1997) – LEAD Technologies announces the release of LEADTOOLS v9.0. The latest version of the award-winning imaging toolkit offers developers more than 500 functions, properties, and methods to integrate black & white, grayscale, and color imaging into their applications. Among the new features added to version 9 are common dialog boxes to speed development, support for over fifty image file formats, and optional FlashPix, Video, and OCR modules to permit users to tailor-fit LEADTOOLS to their needs.



LEADTOOLS FlashPix Module

Permits developers to integrate the full FlashPix™ experience into their applications. The FlashPix Module includes FlashPix viewing transformations, FlashPix thumbnails, loading and saving portions of an image without using the entire image and non-image data.

LEADTOOLS Video Module

Integrates extended multimedia capabilities including motion video editing, recording and creation. The module creates video frames with synchronized sound; creates, edits, plays and saves AVI files; records, plays and saves WAV files; and plays MIDI files.

LEADTOOLS OCR Module

Based on Xerox TextBridge technology, the optional OCR Module includes artificial intelligence (AI) to learn from errors and provides area selection from a scanned image for exceptionally accurate character recognition.

LEADTOOLS Common Dialog Boxes

The new Common Dialog boxes greatly simplify development and save hours of tedious programming by extending Windows common dialogs to provide imaging specific capabilities. The Common Dialog boxes provide complete code for all common imaging dialogs such as image processing and conversion. Thumbnail previewing of image changes saves processing time and avoids "un-dos."

Version 9 offers additional new import/export capabilities including:

- Increased DICOM multi-page support including 9-16 bit grayscale and window leveling.
- Grayscale TIF support has been expanded to include 16 bits per pixel.

Version 9 offers additional new imaging capabilities including:

- ISIS ® High Speed Scanning.
- New advanced annotation support to include read/write support for the Wang annotation file format and saving an annotation within a TIFF file. Multi-level password access to annotation giving security benefits, hyperlinks for all annotation objects, enhanced redaction, increased control over free-hand drawing, and angle and line size support.

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About LEAD Technologies, Inc.

Founded in 1990, LEAD grew out of years of research headed by Moe Daher to find a comprehensive compression standard for digital images. LEAD is now the world-leading supplier of imaging development toolkits, providing technology of the future, today. LEAD brings to the market the most innovative and technically superior products that provide the greatest possible value for its customers. LEAD's award winning imaging technology is chosen by Microsoft, Hewlett Packard, Intel, Boeing, Xerox and thousands of other companies for use in their high volume applications and internal systems.