

PRESS RELEASE

Surround Technologies Announces New Strategic Partnership with looksoftware

Surround Technologies offers free software Plug-In to ease common development

BLOOMFIELD, NJ – November 20, 2008 – Surround Technologies today announced a new Strategic Partnership with **looksoftware**, the authors of a full line of Development and Deployment Tools for System i modernization, including **newlook**, **centric**, **soarchitect** and others.

The accord comes as the synergistic fit between the development products of the two firms became obvious, as well as their shared philosophy and approach to a common IBM midrange client base.

Surround Technologies' CEO, Lee Paul, saw the **looksoftware** line as complementing Surround's Accelerator Development Tools. "Not only did we see the lines harmonizing, but we saw an opportunity to unify them to provide our common clients an even more powerful toolset," Paul maintains, "which is why we developed the free **newlook** Plug-Ins for Accelerator and Visual LANSA."

looksoftware's Managing Director, Marcus Dee, adds, "Short term and long term, we saw a superior fit with Surround, and are thrilled to add a Development and Integration firm of their quality to our Strategic Partner list. We know our mutual customers will be well served."

The Surround-developed software Plug-Ins provide tight integration between the products, and are available now. Additional terms of the agreement include exploring further co-development potentials and allow Surround to resell the entire **looksoftware** line and are effective immediately.

About Surround Technologies

Surround Technologies develops highly usable software tools that accelerate custom application development for IBM System i, Windows, .NET, Unix and Linux Platforms. With offices in New Jersey and Florida, Surround provides software products and professional services that help enterprises produce advanced agile software. Surround Technologies' Envision products appeal to companies large and small, and are in use modernizing applications at companies like Gannett, Verizon, & GE. More information at www.SurroundTech.com.

About looksoftware

Headquartered in Melbourne, Australia, looksoftware is a privately held technology company founded in 1995. Their primary mission is providing easy-to-use, powerful tools that deliver rapid ROI to their customers by reusing, extending and integrating existing IT assets. With direct representation in the US, UK, Asia, and with a network of 140+ Partners, they provide global coverage to over 2500 customers in 52 countries. Customers include De Beers, Kraft, Avis, US Government, Volvo, Wyeth, and Toshiba. For more, visit www.looksoftware.com.

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