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Ready-to-Run Software Plans Non-Windows Version of .NET Passport

Release Planned Following Microsoft Shared Source Announcement

Chelmsford, MA. – October 11, 2002 -- Ready-to-Run Software, Inc. today announced its plans to provide a generally available release of a non-Windows version for .NET Passport. This announcement directly follows yesterday's policy statement by Microsoft (NASDAQ: MSFT) revealed at the Digital ID World Conference in Denver, Colorado that it will release the source code for the server-based .NET Passport Manager, its single sign-on authentication service, under Microsoft's Shared Source License.

Ready-to-Run Software, under separate exclusive agreements with Microsoft Corp., is the company who migrated previous source code versions of .NET Passport to Sun Solaris, Red Hat Linux, IBM AIX and Hewlett-Packard HP-UX and that also currently provides ongoing engineering, maintenance and related support & implementation services for .NET Passport within non-Windows configurations.

"RTR knows .NET Passport better than any other company in the world outside of Microsoft" according to Jeff Moskow, CEO of Ready-to-Run Software. "We have had the .NET Passport source code in-house for over two years and have successfully built and deployed the authentication service on multiple platforms. Due to this experience and the growing need for interoperability across the web driven by emerging standards, our plan to provide additional .NET Passport releases for non-Windows will enable companies to readily implement an important web service building block. Certainly, this action will offer an important option for companies considering single sign-on authentication in a federated, cross-platform model."

RTR did not disclose the details of its plans such as the platform list and the timing of the release for each platform. Moskow commented, "RTR will now work in concert with our customers, partners and hardware vendors to make .NET Passport available as a choice for user identification and authentication. The roll-out plan will be dictated by this guidance and by the market in general." Companies seeking integration with their products or with a need to discuss their requirements for a single sign-on capability on a specific platform are encouraged to contact RTR directly for further information.

About Ready-to-Run Software

Ready-to-Run Software is the industry leader in cross-platform software services helping companies migrate and support their solutions across various platforms, operating systems, architectures and technologies. Operating since 1991, RTR clients include companies such as IBM Corporation, Microsoft, 3M Corporation, Sun Microsystems, America Online, Agilent, Alcatel, TRW, and SpeechWorks International.

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