Press release

Next generation multimedia architecture now available for free

Motama releases new downloadable version of its software technology for all major operating systems: Windows, Linux, and Mac OS X

Motama's key technology provides a ground-breaking new software solution – called Network-Integrated Multimedia Middleware (NMM) – which allows for developing distributed and networked multimedia applications easily. For the first time, Motama now offers a greatly improved and extended version of its NMM technology as free download from the company's homepage at http://www.motama.com/nmm.html. The software is available for all major operating systems, most importantly for Windows XP and Vista, Mac OS X, Linux, and even for Linux running on the Playstation 3. An additionally provided Software Developer Kit (SDK) together with comprehensive documentation allows software developers to get started quickly and easily with developing applications or plug-ins on top of NMM.

In contrast to other multimedia architectures, NMM enables seamless networking – within the home network and beyond. The software allows to transparently connect all multimedia devices and to extend control to the network. This results in completely new 'virtual' devices. For example, a mobile phone can be used for controlling a satellite receiver in the living room, while the received TV show can be presented simultaneously on several TV sets or displays connected to the home network.

Music enthusiasts will embrace the possibilities offered through products driven by NMM technology: Music stored or received anywhere within the home network, can be enjoyed on multiple systems, for example distributed to all rooms of a house. 'What is particularly impressing is the quality of distributed synchronous rendering that can be achieved with NMM', explains Marco Lohse, one of the founders of Motama.

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Media presentations in multi-room environments show no perceivable delay or echo – despite the fact that existing commodity wired or wireless technology is used instead of traditional analog cables. In addition, a so-called 'follow-me' feature allows to seamlessly hand over media rendering between output devices when the user moves from one room to another.

As another distinct feature, NMM truly operates cross-platform: Arbitrary wired and wireless networks and all major operating systems are supported. Applications developed for one operating system can be run on any other supported platform with only little or no change. 'Additionally, this allows for a single multimedia application to span across a number of heterogeneous devices, ranging from embedded systems, to PCs, to powerful servers and large-scale computing clusters', explains Michael Repplinger, co-founder of Motama.

The new version of NMM is released by Motama under a dual-license: While companies can benefit from professional support and full warranty of the commercial version of NMM, the software can be used in Open Source and research projects for free.

Motama GmbH
Motama GmbH, located in Saarbrücken, Germany, is a software and technology company founded in 2005. Motama is specialized in designing and developing distributed and networked multimedia systems – spanning from embedded and mobile systems, to PCs, to large-scale computing clusters. The company's key technology provides a ground-breaking new software solution – called Network-Integrated Multimedia Middleware (NMM) – that drives innovative products for home entertainment, building technologies, content distribution, and other application areas.

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