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**e-Space Online Archiving Now Shipping for Windows 2000**

San Jose, Calif.— February 23, 2000—Solution-Soft, the provider of Internet-infrastructure software for *online archiving*<sup>™</sup> and bandwidth management, is announcing availability of the e-Space<sup>™</sup> Online Archiving Solution on Windows 2000 operating system. The e-Space Solution is the only software that automatically compresses data files and archives them online, based on assigned *policy*. Benefits to the enterprise include increased online storage capacity, less downtime, and savings in storage management time and cost. Time is saved in performing faster network transfers, backups, restores, and disaster recovery.

In the past, common solutions for increasing online storage space have included archiving files offline or near line, to tape or to HSM. These methods were time-consuming and made the data less accessible for quick online use. Manual compression software products have been inefficient for general archiving, because they change the file names or attributes and make it hard for users to find and use their files. Now, the e-Space software compresses files, without changing the names or attributes, so that the files remain online for easy user access 24x7—for e-business, regulatory compliance, customer service, and historical analysis.

The e-Space Solution compresses and decompresses at rates between 1 and 6 megabytes per second and the operation is completely transparent to the user. The compression and archiving does not change the file attributes. Thus, applications will continue to function without change.

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“Organizations are increasingly facing the need to store more data. The Internet further fuels this data explosion. Yet, just adding more storage hardware is a temporary solution to a permanent problem. We know that for every 1 dollar spent on hardware, 5 to 7 dollars are spent every year to manage it. The e-Space Solution provides network managers a “set and forget” policy-based means for fast online archiving. System downtime is reduced, since less storage hardware is required, “ said Paul Wang, president of Solution-Soft.

“e-Space allows us to manage our customers’ disk space more effectively while reducing the cost of storage. In most environments, the addition of hardware must be scheduled during small windows allotted for change that usually fall on weekends when user activity is minimal. e-Space allows an intermediate solution so that neither we nor our customers are placed in an emergency or failure mode. Also important for us is the faster backups, and increasingly faster transmissions across networks.” said Scott Pierson, Sr. Computer Scientist for Computer Sciences Corporation.

"We use e-Space in Atlanta and find it to work well for us. It provides exactly what we were looking for," said Carl Sitherwood, IT Engineering Consultant at Hewlett-Packard Atlanta Business Center.

“When we first ran e-Space, it saved us 10.5 disk drives! This was really important. At the time we were approaching the maximum number of devices on our systems, which meant archiving off data we really needed to keep online," said Joe Taylor, Senior HP Systems Administrator for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee.

The e-Space Solution supports major UNIX platforms, including HP HP-UX, IBM AIX, Sun Solaris, as well as HP MPE and Microsoft NT. It is compatible with all data storage products, including NAS, SAN, JBOD, RAID, EMC and backup technologies.

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The e-Space Solution is simple to install and use, with a unique set-and forget approach for configuring policy. Then the online archiving is done automatically and transparently.

### **Pricing and Availability**

The e-Space software is currently available starting at a license price of \$249 for a single-processor workstation and \$699 for a single-processor server.

### **About Solution-Soft**

Solution-Soft is the provider of software for *online archiving<sup>tm</sup>* and for bandwidth management in the Internet infrastructure and the enterprise. Founded in 1993, Solution-Soft now boasts more than 2,000 customers, including AT&T, Boeing, FedEx, and 3M. Solution-Soft's market presence is also bolstered by partnerships with Hewlett-Packard (NYSE: HWP), IBM (NYSE: IBM), Informix (NASDAQ: IFMX), NCR (NYSE: NCR), Oracle (NASDAQ: ORCL), Sun Microsystems (NASDAQ: SUNW) and Sybase (NASDAQ: SYBS). Solution-Soft is privately held and based in San Jose, Calif. For more information, visit [www.solution-soft.com](http://www.solution-soft.com).

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