



NETSCAPE ANNOUNCES "NETSCAPE BUGS BOUNTY" WITH RELEASE OF NETSCAPE NAVIGATOR 2.0 BETA

PROGRAM HARNESSSES POWER OF THE INTERNET TO HELP NETSCAPE REFINE BETA VERSIONS AND ENSURE HIGHEST QUALITY SOFTWARE

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (October 10, 1995) -- Netscape Communications Corporation (NASDAQ: NSCP) today introduced the "Netscape Bugs Bounty", a program that rewards users who help Netscape find and report "bugs" in the beta versions of its recently announced Netscape Navigator 2.0 software. The beta versions of the popular network navigation software are available today for downloading on the Internet for free evaluation.

The contest begins with the beta versions of Netscape Navigator 2.0 -- available for Windows, Macintosh and X Window System operating environments -- that are on the Internet today. As the rules will explain in detail, users who are the first to report a particular bug will be rewarded with various prizes depending on the bug class: users reporting significant security bugs as judged by Netscape will collect a cash prize; users finding any security bugs will win Netscape merchandise; and users finding other serious bugs will be eligible to win a choice of items from the Netscape General Store.

Netscape's beta testing of 2.0 is already underway and providing valuable feedback on the new software. Users who downloaded previous beta versions of the 2.0 software are strongly encouraged to download today's versions, which fix major and minor bugs identified since its initial release -- including security bugs in the pre-release version of the Java language support integrated in 2.0. Netscape is releasing today special beta versions of 2.0 that include Java for users wanting to test it. Because bugs will be reported and fixed on an ongoing basis, Netscape asks users to stay current on the beta version they are using so that the latest software is constantly being refined.

"We are continuing to encourage users to provide feedback on new versions of our software, and the Netscape Bugs Bounty is a natural extension of that process," said Mike Homer, vice president of marketing at Netscape. "By rewarding users for quickly identifying and reporting bugs back to us, this program will encourage an extensive, open review of Netscape Navigator 2.0 and will help us to continue to create products of the highest quality."

Netscape Navigator 2.0 is a major new release of Netscape's highly popular navigator for enterprise networks and the Internet. Netscape Navigator 2.0 integrates a full suite of Internet applications -- including electronic mail, threaded discussion groups, and state-of-the-art navigation capabilities -- with advanced features such as rich layout and Live Objects support to give users access to a new generation of live online applications.

Netscape has created two versions of its Netscape Navigator 2.0 beta, available today for downloading from Netscape's home page at . Version b1J for Windows 95, Solaris and IRIX platforms includes Java and is for users who want to participate in the bounty program. Java is a rich new environment that enables a new class of live applications on networks. Users are cautioned that the Java code included is a pre-beta release and may create instability in the user's software. For general users or those on other UNIX environments, Windows 3.1 and Macintosh, Netscape has posted beta versions without Java. After initial testing is complete, future beta versions for all supported platforms will contain Java.

"We are glad to support Netscape in this bounty program," said Eric Schmidt, Chief Technology Officer at Sun. "The Java code is pre-release code and so we expect people to find bugs. This program, along with

Sun's extensive beta testing program, will help us to quickly identify and fix any potential vulnerabilities in Java, ensuring a highly secure solution at the time of release."

The final release of Netscape Navigator 2.0 is scheduled for availability in December. Users can purchase supported, licensed copies of Netscape Navigator directly from Netscape or from a Netscape authorized reseller. Pricing from Netscape starts at \$49, which includes a 90-day warranty and customer support. Volume discounts are available for multiple user licenses. The software is free to students and staff of educational institutions and charitable non-profit organizations.

Netscape Communications Corporation is a premier provider of open software to enable people and companies to exchange information and conduct commerce over the Internet and other global networks. The company was founded in April 1994 by Dr. James H. Clark, founder of Silicon Graphics, Inc., a Fortune 500 computer systems company; and Marc Andreessen, creator of the NCSA Mosaic research prototype for the Internet. Traded on Nasdaq under the symbol "NSCP", Netscape Communications Corporation is based in Mountain View, California.

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