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for Brain-Computer Interface

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Software for real-time, end-to-end quality of service control in convergent, next generation telecommunications networks. www.operax.com

SAIL LABS Technology (AT) for R.O.S.I.D.S.

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Simulator for surgery on the anterior segment of the eye. www.vrmagic.com

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The 2007* European ICT Prize

The European ICT Prize is an award for new and imaginative products and services based on information and communications technologies, or "digital technologies". This covers the converging fields of computer, media and communications industries – considered to be among the driving forces in modern economies. Participation is open to candidates from 33 countries. The high standard of applicants and the competitive evaluation procedure for selecting the Nominees and Winners make this Prize the most distinguished award for new ICT-driven products.

In 2006, "the European Information Society Technologies Prize" changed its name to "the European Information and Communication Technologies Prize", or "the European ICT Prize".

This year, 450 candidates from 30 countries have submitted proposals - an all-time record for the 13 years of the Prize scheme.

70 "Nominees for European ICT Prize" are announced. For the companies selected, nomination for the Prize is an endorsement of their technological and business potential. It boosts their commercial prospects and helps attract finance for their business ventures.

From amongst the 70 Prize Nominees, 20 "Nominees for the European ICT Grand Prize" are selected. In addition to the public recognition the Grand Prize Nominees compete for a share in the €700,000 prize money.

The 20 Grand Prize Nominees are proposed to the European Commission as "European ICT Prize Winners" to receive further visibility and an award of €5,000 each. Among them, three companies are proposed as "European ICT Grand Prize Winners" to receive each €200,000 and the European ICT Prize trophy.

The decision of the European Commission is announced by European Commissioner Mrs Viviane Reding at the awards ceremony at CeBIT, Hanover on 16 March 2007.

The theme is: "Novel products and services with a high information technology content and evident market potential".

All applications are evaluated by independent experts nominated by Euro-CASE. An Executive Jury, composed of independent, highly respected European executives, nominated by Euro-CASE, proposes the three Grand Prize Winners to the European Commission.

The European ICT Prize is organised by Euro-CASE, the European Council of Applied Sciences, Technology and Engineering, with the support and sponsorship of the European Commission.

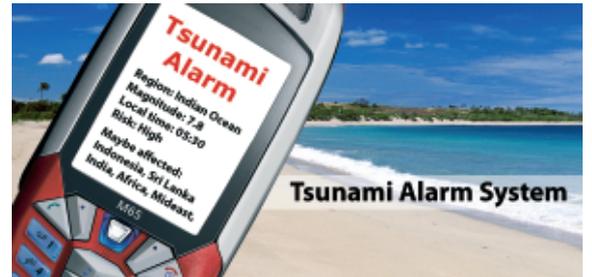
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A3M Tsunami Alarm System

Global Tsunami Warning System for mobile phones, protecting human lives and health.

The product

With the Tsunami Alarm System people are able to live at the sea or visit their favourite coastal destinations, without being concerned about their safety. Subscribers receive life-saving alarms reliably and timeously on their mobile telephone.

The Tsunami Alarm System makes use of a wealth of seismic and geographic data sources around the globe, and consolidates these data into a reliable tsunami danger forecast. The A3M Tsunami Alarm System protects the lives and the health of coastal inhabitants, tourists, business travellers and families from the Tsunami hazard. It has relevance for about one billion people in danger areas throughout the world.

To bridge the all so important "last mile", the Tsunami Alarm System is able to alert subscribers directly via their mobile phones. To do this globally and timeously requires highly innovative technologies and technical excellence. Also, during alarms, A3M is able to communicate the correct actions to be taken. This innovative danger calculation and mobile alarm dissemination technique has been filed for global patent protection. It has resulted in 100% accurate and fast warnings since the launch of the A3M service in 2005.

The company and the team

The Tsunami Alarm System for mobile phones was invented and developed by the German scientists Professor Eduard Heindl and Professor Wolfram Reiners. Both innovators are constantly reviewing the quality of the system and enhance it through their research.

The A3M Tsunami Institute is located in Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany. Today, the enterprise employs more than 20 professionals. A3M has built a network of distributors servicing more than 20 countries in Asia and Europe. A series of new distribution companies will be set up in Asia-Pacific, Americas and the Mediterranean region shortly. They will cover a global mobile warning market, valued at more than 100 Mio. EUR per annum.

A3M plans to launch further protection products for natural disasters. In this light, Tsunami Alarm System is the first step towards a comprehensive warning and information concept - the Mobile Guardian Angel. In a few years time, mobile phones will be part of a ubiquitous protection system, which warns citizens about a number of deadly perils. These useful and protective applications will lead to an increased understanding and acceptance of IT in society at large.

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Large scale identification solution based on iris-recognition

World largest biometric access system based on iris-recognition identification in banking environment.

The product

The installation of a biometric access system based on iris recognition-technology in a private bank in Switzerland for the first time facilitates the brilliant technology of irisrecognition in a private and banking environment without the use of any additional cards or tokens. The system installed is completely hands free and contactless. It operates within a recognition time of approximately 3 to 4 seconds per user from a distance of approximately 60cm.

As the iris-recognition solution is based on an "1 in all" search (Identification-mode) the system offers a far higher grade of security than all conventional technologies.

As the bank completely relies on the iris-biometric of its employees, no cards or tokens can be lost or stolen or otherwise be manipulated. Thus not only the cost of operation were reduced dramatically but also the security of the bank was enhanced to a new extend.

The employees of the bank can now enter and leave the bank buildings, gain access to vaults and other high security areas inside the bank by the use of their biometric feature only.

The company and the team

Byometric systems AG develops applications and solutions based on iris-recognition technology for various fields such as e.g. automated boarder control, access control and logical identity management solutions. Customers are large scale integrators such as Bosch, Ingersoll-Rand, and Siemens etc.

byometric was founded in 2002, starting operational business in 2003. The company employs 16 employees from various European countries.

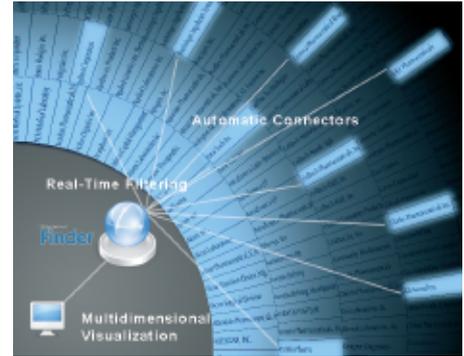
In early 2004, byometric delivered the core components and intelligence to the automated border control system in Frankfurt Airport used by more than 20.000 registered travellers today.

byometric is owned by CEO Alexander Lau, founder, Wolfgang Prinz von Bayern, Bayer Innovation GmbH and several other private investors. An advisory board was installed with leading industrial and political experts such as former German minister of the interior Dr. Otto Schily, Prof. Dr. Jörg-Engelbrecht Cramer and H.R.H. Wolfgang Prinz von Bayern (Chairman).

The motto of the company, "Feel free. Be safe" expresses the commitment to make security enjoyable and helps the users to experience freedom in a new way.

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DIGIMIND



DIGIMIND Finder

New vertical meta-search engine revolutionizing the professional web search experience.

The product

Digimind Finder, the latest module of the platform, is a new “vertical” meta-search engine which enables users to run real-time queries within their own selection of multiple Web sources - especially the highly valuable databases, search engines and other professional information portals that are NOT indexed by search engines like Google or Yahoo! nor incorporated into broad-based meta-search engines or information aggregators.

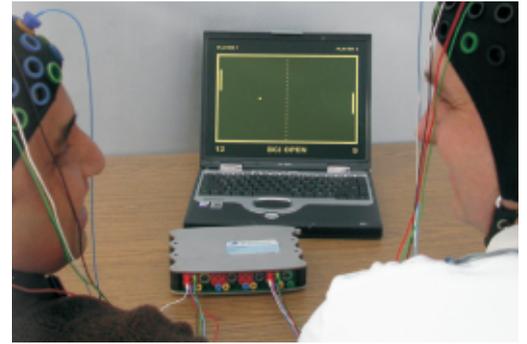
Thanks to unique automatic connectors and extraction algorithms, even non-technical users can connect and query new relevant sources from their field of expertise and areas of interest, making Digimind the only fully-customizable vertical meta-search engine on the market that can be configured directly by the user, without any specific technical knowledge.

The company and the team

With over 60,000 users and 200 customers, mostly Fortune Global 500 like Alstom, GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals, Roche Pharma, Schneider Electric or Unilever, Digimind is a leading provider of advanced web search engines and monitoring tools for Market Intelligence and is listed among the top 500 fast-developing technological companies in Europe (Deloitte Technology FAST 500 EMEA).

Its award-winning market intelligence platform, Digimind Evolution, enables companies to understand and anticipate changes in their market by continuously searching, monitoring, mining and analyzing hundreds of thousands of relevant electronic sources and facilitating the collection, production and dissemination of strategic value-added information throughout the enterprise.

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Brain-Computer Interface

Controlling a computer cursor and writing by thoughts using brain waves only.

The product

g.tec systems are used by many laboratories in life sciences all over the world. It offers to measure the Electroencephalogram, the Electrocorticogram and to perform derivations of implanted Micro Electrode Arrays. Hence brain signals from the intact scalp and even from inside the brain can be recorded. Along with real-time processing features a "Brain-Computer Interface (BCI)" is realized. A BCI translates specific thoughts into control signals and allows establishing a new communication channel for highly handicapped people who are not capable of communicating any more due to diseases like ALS. Via a BCI based spelling device these people are enabled to write words, sentences and even letters to their family again. Simple commands can be used to control the environment e.g. to switch to another TV channel or to play a computer game. g.tec's product is CE certified according to the medical device normative and is FDA approved.

The system has been validated in a highly immersive virtual environment at the University College London. There in a virtual environment a person navigated through a virtual city via the BCI system.

The company and the team

g.tec was founded in 1999 by Christoph Guger and Günter Edlinger. The company develops high end hardware and software for biosignal acquisition and analysis. The main focus is on real-time data processing of electrical brain and heart signals. g.tec is exporting its biomedical equipment in more than 40 countries worldwide together with 10 distribution partners. g.tec is 100 % privately owned.

In 2000 g.tec received the Styrian price of innovation, was nominated for the Austrian price of innovation 2001 and received the GEWINN-Award 2001 for innovation. In 2004 g.tec was rated as the 4th best start-up company in Austria by GEWINN and was nominated for the Austrian price of innovation. In 2006 g.tec was rated first place as being the best Austrian start-up company.

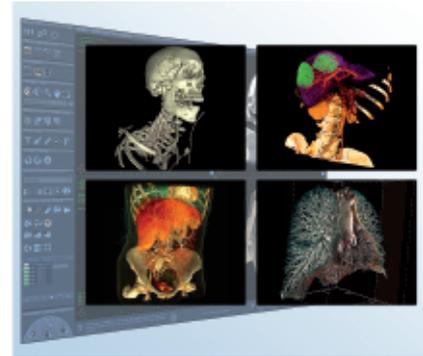
g.tec was partner in the IST-IP project PRESENCIA and is partner in the EC project PRESENCIA. g.tec is responsible there for the hardware and software development of a brain-computer interface.

Currently g.tec is employing 14 people with strong backgrounds in electrical and biomedical engineering, psychology, software engineering and economics. All employees hold university degrees.

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Myrian®

Myrian® is an innovative 3D software suite for the advanced review and analysis of medical images by radiologists and for aided diagnosis, featuring unique functions for liver cancer surgery planning and follow-up.

The product

Myrian® combines modular software components to process, reconstruct and display in 3D studies from imaging modalities like CT scanner and MRI. Complex algorithms analyse series of CT scanner images and automatically detect specific tissues that can thus be measured and characterised in a precise, objective and reproducible manner.

Myrian® hepatic module detects in less than 5 minutes the precise volume of liver anatomic (parenchyma) and pathologic (tumour) structures and their position. Accurate surgical simulation can thus be performed with precise measurement of the removed and remaining liver volumes.

Myrian® secures radiologists' diagnosis and helps surgeons, clinicians and oncologists in therapeutic decision making and patient follow-up, providing significant productivity gains and enhanced communication between specialists.

Myrian® fully complies with the DICOM industry standard and features advanced ergonomics, allowing seamless integration within existing installations. It is EC marked in a high class (IIa) and ISO 13485 certified, has been clinically validated and is available in 4 languages.

The company and the team

Intrasense is a French high technology company that was created in 2004 in Montpellier and specialises in the development and distribution of innovative medical imaging solutions.

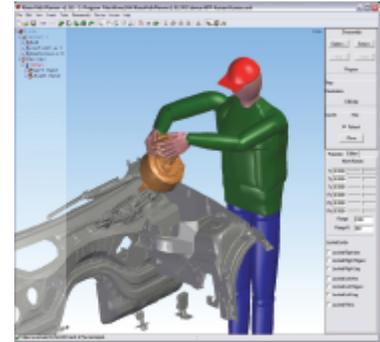
The founders and management team have an extensive international field and industry experience and share strong values.

R&D and customer support activities currently employ most of the 18 engineers and high level profiles and a close collaboration has been established with prestigious research centres and university hospitals in France, China and the USA to constantly improve and validate the products.

Intrasense is committed to innovation and quality. It has been laureate of some prestigious awards, is preparing several patents, was ISO 9001 and ISO 13485 certified and is now filing FDA (USA) and SFDA (China) applications. It offers world-class customer support.

Myrian® software is competitively priced and sold through distributors or on OEM basis. With 40 customers so far and a fast growth, breakeven should be reached in 2008.

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KineoWorks™

The first software for collision free motion making automatically move systems ranging from rigid CAD parts to spot welding robots or humanoids.

The product

- Is the driver's seat well designed to be mounted within the car ?
- How easy will the maintenance of the screen wiper motor be ?
- What is the trajectory of the robot between two welding spots ?
- How to automatically generate feasible motion for a humanoid in its environment ?

These open questions can only be answered thanks to the first worldwide leading motion planning technology of KineoWorks™.

Using its advanced Dynamic Collision checking, KineoWorks™ is specialized in automatically finding and generating collision-free trajectories within a 3D Digital Mock-up and therefore serves industrial needs such as mounting and dismounting component parts, feasibility studies of human or robotic tasks in constrained virtual environments.

The product is a development toolkit to be embedded within the robots to enhance their autonomy with an online trajectory calculation. Thanks to KineoWorks™ robots are now capable to move alone.

The company and the team

Kineo Computer Aided Motion, "Kineo CAM" is the independent software developer of the worldwide leading technology for Automatic Motion and Path Planning KineoWorks™.

Kineo CAM addresses large companies and institutions including RENAULT, FORD, BMW, FIAT, PSA, AIRBUS, UGS TECNOMATIX, AIST Japan, Optivus Technology Inc. ...

Incorporated in December 2000, Kineo CAM benefited from a 15-year research legacy from the Laboratory for Analysis and Architecture System "LAAS-CNRS", and is financially backed up by a venture capital company. Beyond the technological breakthrough of Kineo CAM's products, the company maintains its competitive advance via active partnerships with worldwide research labs.

Kineo CAM's team is constituted by about ten high skilled engineers, PHD students and marketing manager. Award:

- 2000, winner of the national contest of innovation from Ministry of Research and Technology
- 2005, Kineo CAM receives IEEE/IFR Innovation Award for Outstanding Achievements in Commercializing Innovative Robot and Automation Technology.

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Leiki Focus

Advanced software platform for automatic content personalisation, community building and targeted marketing – the key enabler of Web 3.0.

The product

Leiki Focus is an advanced software platform for discovering the most relevant content and users. Based on ontological analysis of content topics, content items from various sources are dynamically linked with each other and searched with natural language instead of keywords. By observing end-user clicks instead of keywords. By observing end-user clicks content is automatically personalised to save time and effort, while like-minded users can be found to create communities. For marketing, content personalisation means selecting the advertisements with the highest response rates.

The idea is to give portal users extreme ease of use by showing them interesting content and other users with no effort. The service provider can use Leiki Focus to perform customer analytics by analysing popularity of topics, interest trends and user segments.

Leiki Focus uses patented algorithms to analyse content and user interests based on very detailed ontologies. Leiki's technology is multi-lingual and delivers personalised information from a variety of sources such as news, blogs, documents, images and video. Leiki Focus has been implemented on server and smartphone platforms for use on all digital channels.

The company and the team

Leiki Ltd is a leading provider of award-winning personalisation technology to web and mobile portals.

Its technology analyses user's behaviour in great detail, and enables content and services to be automatically adapted to fit user preferences. Personalisation is dynamic, improving with every click - users notice the results immediately without making any effort to "teach" the system. Leiki's deliveries were until 2005 mostly in the mobile sector, and since then web portals have used the product for e.g. news tracking, linking of different content sources and increasing sales by targeting product selection. Leiki's customers think of the product as the only solution that offers such a wide range of advanced features in a well-productised package.

Leiki was founded in Helsinki, Finland in June 2000 by Dr. Petrus Pennanen, Leiki CEO. Currently Leiki has offices in Helsinki and London and representatives in China and Japan. The company received seed funding from Italy and its staff has been international from the start. Leiki CEO, Petrus Pennanen has postdoctoral experience in theoretical nuclear physics, and was nominated for the 2005 World Technology Award.

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Netviewer one2meet

Netviewer one2meet is a web-conferencing tool which gives internet users a live view of the partner's screen. Any documents can be jointly discussed and edited. Participants can communicate via IP-telephony and web-cam.

The product

Netviewer one2meet is a conferencing solution that lets users initiate or participate in spontaneous or pre-planned meetings via intranet or internet. It takes only a few mouse clicks and no prior installation.

In particular, companies with multiple locations benefit from using a streamlined web collaboration tool because it is a great way to accelerate business processes. Where it used to be necessary to spend time sending faxes or e-mails, all we have to do is to look at a document together, talk it over, and jointly make any changes – no matter, where the participants of the meeting are located. Where support and hotline were used to be stretched to the limit, now there is capacity to offer high-quality service. Decision-making and processing are much faster with visual realtime communication – and quality of results is improved.

Netviewer one2meet is also ideal for online training, sales presentations and project meetings with external customers, service providers, and business partners.

The company and the team

Netviewer supplies software of the same name for visual realtime communication. Netviewer software gives internet users a live view of the partner's screens so that text, spread sheets graphics and other documents can be jointly discussed and edited. Live communication over the internet cuts travel time and increases productivity.

The company was founded in 2001 with its head-quarter in Karlsruhe, Germany. As of today, Netviewer has subsidiaries and representatives in several countries (Switzerland, France, UK, Netherlands, Austria and USA) which together employ more than 190 employees worldwide. More than 7500 multi-corporate enterprises and SMEs from over 40 countries use the Netviewer solutions. Companies like Agfa, Bayer, BMW, DaimlerChrysler, Lufthansa, Deutsche Post, Ernst & Young, SAP, Siemens, Honda, Vodafone, and Swisscom Mobile are just a few examples.

Netviewer software also fulfills stringent security standards that make it suitable for around-the-clock operations. In fact, more than 400 European banks and other financial institutions already use Netviewer for supporting their customers in the field of online banking applications.

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Operax Bandwidth Manager 5500

Bandwidth Management software for real-time, end-to-end Quality of Service (QoS) control in convergent, standardized, next-generation telecommunications IP networks.

The product

Telecommunications operators are seeking to maximize Returns on Investment in Next-Generation Networks while maintaining service quality. In converged broadband networks, guaranteed QoS is essential for the successful commercial deployment and operation of new solutions, such as IPTV and IMS-based services.

Operax Bandwidth Manager 5500 is a flexible standards-based (ETSI TISPAN, ITU-T), carrier-grade QoS Control solution for telecommunications network service providers. It provides real-time guaranteed QoS in broadband access and aggregation networks as a result of per session Resource and Policy-based Admission Control.

This enables operators to deploy and mix services such as VoIP, IPTV, Video on Demand, and IMS-based services, with guaranteed service performance, on a shared infrastructure. Operax Bandwidth Manager 5500 supports multiple services, and works across multiple vendor solutions and network technologies.

With the Operax Bandwidth Manager, network operators can create new services rapidly and realize new revenue streams, reduce capital expenditures and increase operational efficiency.

The company and the team

Operax is an Independent Software Vendor offering world-leading software products and solutions for Bandwidth Management and guaranteed Quality of Service in IP-based networks. Operax customers are network operators and service providers, along with defense organizations and leading telecommunications system vendors.

Development started in 1998; the first steps were prototyping work performed jointly between Luleå University of Technology (Norrbotten province, Sweden) and the telecoms industry.

Founded in 2000, Operax is a privately held company with headquarters in Stockholm and offices in Luleå - Sweden, London, Rome, Seoul and Washington DC. The company is owned by Nordic Venture Partners, Innovacom, Nomura and Emano, along with its founders.

The Operax team consists of a young and dynamic core of technologists and engineers centered in Luleå combined with an experienced team of commercial managers based in Stockholm, the UK and USA. Thus representing how investment and support in European regions can ensure successful participation in the global economy.

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ROSIDS (Rapid Open Source Intelligence Deployment System)

ROSIDS processes TV and radio broadcasts in a variety of languages, delivering transcribed and translated subtitles in real-time and in the user's preferred language.

The product

In today's world, with thousands of TV and radio stations broadcasting in hundreds of languages around the clock, it is nearly impossible to maintain situational awareness. As a consequence, we constantly face a dilemma trading off valuable time and quality of information. ROSIDS is the highly innovative and unique solution to this dilemma.

By connecting ROSIDS to an antenna or satellite feed, the system processes TV, radio, and Internet data and produces subtitled video streams. ROSIDS employs automatic speech recognition to transcribe the audio feeds and provide a machine translation into a selected language in real-time. The translated transcripts are displayed synchronously with the original audio/video document on the display.

Users can thus watch a program in a foreign language and still get a very good impression of what's being said. For example, non-Arabic speaking end-users may watch Al Arabia and, by reading the English subtitles, be able to interpret the content. This may be key for analysts to identify a potential opportunity or crisis immediately, and to provide the decision makers with actionable intelligence.

The company and the team

SAIL LABS Technology AG (Speech, Artificial Intelligence and Language Labs) was founded in 1999 in Vienna, Austria. SAIL is 100% Austrian-owned by its employees and venture funds. A team of 20 highly skilled professionals with a strong background in language technologies is committed to deliver outstanding performance and to maintain and extend the company's leading position in the market.

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mToken

mToken is an ultra secure USB-based platform delivering smart card-based applications & services, strong-two factor authentication and secure storage in a single device

The product

mToken is a new USB-based platform that offers two-factor authentication, smart card-based services, secure storage and on-device applications in a single device.

The mToken platform also supports smart card-based enterprise and consumer applications in a variety of industries, including banking, insurance, telecom, government and healthcare. With identity theft, phishing and other online and offline fraud on the rise, there is an increased need for a portable, user-friendly, smart card-enabled platform for seamless two-factor authentication and security services, such as digital signature and data encryption.

SanDisk's mToken is designed with ease of use in mind to enable consumers to securely authenticate for online services from anywhere, without the need to carry and install drivers and new software. mToken enables enterprises and OEMs to offer new plug-and-play applications, as well as additional smart card-based services, to their customer base. mToken's smart development tools help organizations to create specific user scenarios, customized applications and diversified offerings to meet the requirements of almost any industry.

The company and the team

Founded in 1988 by Dr. Eli Harari, SanDisk has grown to become the world's largest supplier of flash memory data storage products.

Serving consumers and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), SanDisk designs, develops, manufactures and markets flash storage card products for a wide variety of electronic systems and digital devices. With flash memory's capability for storing large amounts of data in a compact, removable format, SanDisk's products have helped drive the exponential growth in sales of many digital consumer devices.

SanDisk's portfolio includes U.S. and foreign patents, and is the only company, worldwide, that has the rights to both manufacture and sell every major flash card format. SanDisk also manufactures USB flash drives, smart cards, SIM and MegaSIM® cards with high-capacity flash storage, embedded flash drives and Solid State Disks (SSDs).

SanDisk became a publicly traded company (NASDAQ: SNDK) in November 1995, with revenues growing to \$2.3 billion in 2005. SanDisk is headquartered in Milpitas, California, with more than 2000 employees worldwide and operations around the globe. SanDisk – Store your world in ours®

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T-VIPS®



T-VIPS Video Gateway

The T-VIPS Video Gateway product line is a range of hardware devices for the transport of professional quality video over IP networks.

The product

The T-VIPS Video Gateways transport professional quality video over IP networks. The devices can be situated at almost any point of the broadcast video chain; from outside broadcast site, to final distribution point – including remote studio, media centre, satellite up-link and cable head-end. To increase a broadcaster's flexibility, the Video Gateways have been designed to be remotely controllable.

By taking advantage of the inherent flexibility of IP, broadcasters are offered an efficient, cost-effective and scalable solution for all video sources over IP networks. The product range also allows network operators to build revenue-generating professional Wide Area Networks for the video industry.

The innovative T-VIPS Video Gateways are already used by broadcasters throughout Europe, the USA and APAC, with over 300 Video Gateways deployed. Flagship customers announced include; Lyse, a highly innovative Norwegian IPTV operator, a deployment by towerCast in France's DTT network, Digita's choice of the TVG420 for Finland's DVB-H roll-out and for studio-to-studio video transport for the Dutch cable operator Delta.

The company and the team

Headquartered in Oslo, T-VIPS AS is a privately held Norwegian technology company with 22 employees. The company was founded in 2004 to provide innovative new products and solutions for the growing professional Video over IP transport market. T-VIPS has already launched and shipped a number of highly innovative products, many of which provide first to market functionality, such as the TVG430 which is the first commercially available solution that uses the JPEG2000 codec for IP video distribution. With the exception of transporting video to the consumer, T-VIPS provides solutions for all professional video distribution requirements.

T-VIPS is funded by the leading Scandinavian VC funds Northzone Ventures and Selvaag Venture Capital. The company has been founded by a group of engineers and senior managers who have in-depth knowledge of the broadcast and telco industries. With over 100 years experience of designing and supplying professional video solutions, T-VIPS has a solid reputation of providing the high-quality and reliable products required to keep broadcasters and operators continuously on-air.

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Telepo Business Communication

The Telepo Business Communication solution seamlessly integrates mobile and fixed communication, VoIP and existing voice infrastructure, enabling information workers to cooperate efficiently in a global, multi-media and real-time environment.

The product

Telepo Business Communication solution solves the converged needs of enterprises with rapidly growing mobile workforces. It extends the range of advanced voice and messaging functions and intelligent call routing, available across fixed and mobile devices, to include enhanced voice/data integration.

Users have one identity and can use traditionally fixed-line services like corporate directories, conference calling, call recording, voice mails and other voice and messaging services, anytime and anywhere. Central to its design is ease of use, with an intuitive user interface. This enables a consistent service offering across locations and devices.

Telepo's solutions are built on open IETF standards, such as SIP, HTTP and LDAP to offer interoperability with a wide range of endpoint devices, legacy mixed-vendor (PBX) infrastructures and other business applications, without additional investment and to provide a migration path to all-IP communications. By using the Telepo Business Communication solution enterprises receive a central point of management, significantly reducing costs of operations; can maximise existing infrastructure investments and dramatically reduce enterprise call costs through intelligent and transparent call routing, delivering return on investment in just six-nine months.

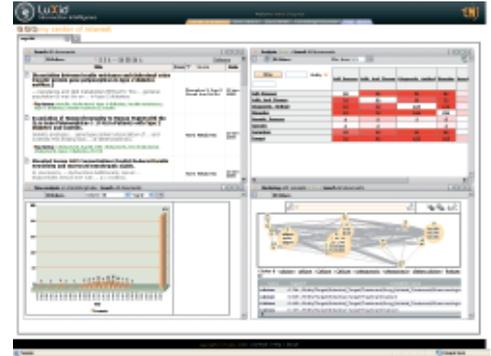
The company and the team

Telepo is a fast-growing software company based in Sweden pioneering enterprise mobility and converged communication solutions for large and medium-sized businesses and service providers worldwide. Its software solution integrates mobile, fixed and IP-based communications networks, delivering true mobility, increased productivity, improved cost control and savings for businesses.

Telepo was founded in 2003 by entrepreneurs Lars-Michaël Paqvalén (CEO) and Jörgen Björkner (CTO), founder and former Chairman of the SIP Forum, and a senior team of industry experts in both the mobile and IP industries. The team has been instrumental in the development of Voice over IP ("VoIP") and Session Initiation Protocol ("SIP") since 1995.

Telepo has been cash flow profitable from start and its rapidly expanding client portfolio and partner network includes many FORTUNE 500 companies from Ericsson, Nokia, IBM, Fujitsu, Cisco and Symbian, to Global IP Solutions, with more than 500,000 licenses sold during 2006. More information is available at www.telepo.com. As Erkki Reuhkala, Solutions Manager Nokia Business Infrastructure, says: "Telepo solutions provide the best overall value, and fit with our objectives, both in the short and long term".

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Luxid®

A cutting-edge Information Discovery solution serving the Information Intelligence needs of Business Corporations that reveals knowledge and intelligence, going above and beyond search.

The product

Luxid® is a breakthrough solution, serving the Information Intelligence needs of Business Corporations. This powerful and scalable solution reveals knowledge and intelligence that go beyond search. Luxid® gives immediate access to non obvious business information and delivers industry-specific knowledge, using concepts and meaning extraction, automatic classification and relationships representation.

Bringing long-awaited answers to the challenge of information discovery and knowledge extraction from unstructured data, Luxid® is a unique entry-point for Corporations, supporting heterogeneous demanding activities such as Competitive Intelligence, Scientific Intelligence, Customer Sentiment Analysis, Reputation Management, and Publishing.

Available in 20 languages, including Asian languages and Arabic, Luxid® provides superior results, using its award-winning and patent protected linguistic technology and its Skill Cartridges™ library for domain-specific analyses. Luxid® is UIMA-compliant and brings efficiency through open and easy-to-deploy annotation workflows, scalability through built-in load-balancing capabilities with unlimited service nodes dispatch, and interoperability through native connection to UIMA-compliant third-party information retrieval applications.

The company and the team

Founded in 2000, TEMIS is a leading provider of Corporate Text Mining and Text Analytics software solutions.

TEMIS addresses the unstructured data management needs of Corporations (Life Sciences, Publishing, Industry) and Governments, in environments where information processing is critical such as Competitive Intelligence, CRM, Scientific Intelligence, IP Management or Quality Management.

TEMIS solutions help thousands of users everyday gain immediate access to business critical information, using concepts and meaning extraction, automatic classification and relationships representation, in order to reduce information overload.

TEMIS employs about 50 people and operates subsidiaries in France, Germany, and the United States. TEMIS team brings together skilled and experienced managers, researchers and consultants. TEMIS products are distributed worldwide through its partner network.

From the very beginning, TEMIS' innovative technology has attracted major groups such as Thomson Scientific, Springer Science+Business Media, MDL Elsevier, TIM-Telecom Italia Mobile, Novartis, Roche, Sanofi-Aventis, Solvay Pharmaceuticals, PSA, or Total.

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QuickTransit

A hardware virtualization product that breaks the hardware-software dependency allowing applications software to run on different hardware systems with no source or binary changes.

The product

QuickTransit hardware virtualization technology allows applications that have been compiled for one operating system and processor to run on computers that use a different processor and operating system, without requiring any source code or binary changes. All of the products in the QuickTransit product line share an ability to run translated applications on a systems platform with the following characteristics:

- Full Functionality.
- Near Native Computational Performance.
- Complete End-User Transparency.
- Transparent Graphics and Interactive Performance.
- Easy Application Management by System Administrators.

Transitive has publicly announced a number of operating system/processor pairs including the following:
QuickTransit for Solaris/SPARC-to-Linux/x86-64
QuickTransit for Solaris/SPARC-to-Linux/Itanium
QuickTransit for Power-to-x86

Apple Computer includes a copy of Rosetta with every Macintosh it sells, and has acknowledged that Rosetta uses Transitive's QuickTransit technology. More than 5 million Intel-based Macintoshes have been shipped worldwide.

The company and the team

The development of QuickTransit began as a research project at the University of Manchester in 1995. The initial goals of the project were to determine the effectiveness of a modular, re-targetable, dynamic binary translator, providing 100% compatibility between pairs of different processor instruction sets. These goals, coupled with the then-absent pressure of producing a commercial product, allowed exploration of the best way to design intermediate representations of the software being translated, which paid dividends in the modularity and optimizing capability of the resulting translators.

The research team quickly discovered that the novel principles underlying QuickTransit® would lead to a unique combination of configurable translators, providing high fidelity and outstanding performance. Patents were filed on key components of the technology, and Transitive was founded in 2000 as the vehicle to develop QuickTransit technology for the commercial market.

Transitive set up headquarters, sales and marketing operations in Silicon Valley, California, but all technical development remains in its Manchester, UK office.

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ScanRobot™ – Automatic Bookscanner

A modularly designed, high speed book scanner with integrated, fully automatic page-turning – a solution for economic mass digitalization of books and other bound documents.

The product

Presently, the EU is calling for digitally preserving Europe's cultural heritage in a way that is appropriate for the Information Society at the dawn of the 21st century. This demand also exists for many other nations worldwide. For the digital preservation of the millions of books stored in libraries, adequate tools are needed to accomplish this task in a timely way and with a reasonable budget.

ScanRobot™ establishes a ground breaking scanning concept, where distortion-free scanning and automatic page turning is achieved in both directions with a minimum of moving parts. The patented ScanRobot™ concept requires an opening of the book by only 60 degrees, thus reducing the mechanical stress to an absolute minimum. As scanning and turning is accomplished in the same step, rates up to 40 pages/minute can be reached.

By using an array of matrix image sensors and arranging them in an innovative way, extremely high resolutions can be achieved without an explosion in hardware expenses. The modular concept of the ScanRobot™ allows economic upgrading for larger document sizes without decreasing the resolution.

The company and the team

TREVENTUS Mechatronics is a spin-off company of the Vienna University of Technology's Institute "integrated study" dedicated to research in, and development of Assistive Technology.

Starting with a proof of concept in late 2004 at the University's laboratory and later supported by INiTS, an academic incubator, TREVENTUS Mechatronics GmbH was founded in spring 2006.

Treventus is currently a privately held company, owned by its four founding scientists and engineers with expertise in microelectronics, computer science, industrial engineering, optoelectronics and assistive technology. The core team is complemented by 6 additional staff members from the fields of CAD-design, electronic assembly and precision mechanics.

TREVENTUS' vision is to become one of the leaders in automatic book scanning and a reliable partner for libraries needing to carry out mass digitalization. This is why the ScanRobot was developed in close contact with renowned libraries in Europe. As a result of this early dialogue, the "Bavarian State Library" and the "University Library of Innsbruck" have already placed orders.

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ubiControl and ubiManager

ubiControl and ubiManager: the first client-server application to centrally fix user rights, control settings and applications and improve stability of Smartphones and PDAs

The product

ubiControl allows mobile operators and/or IT administrators to define and manage access permissions for single user and user groups – comfortable – on mobile devices. Security policies (data erase, encryption, application launch controls and device feature disablement) are now enforceable on PDAs and smartphones. A central management and the delivery of services on the mobile smartphones is made possible with ubiManager.

Key advantages / innovation items:

- Central management and configuration of user groups and user rights e.g. subject to the company policy on mobile devices
- Applications and settings can be locked and/or approved, e.g. WLAN Manager, Camera and any other application.
- Fixing the favored settings and preventing changes made by the end user.
- Preventing the installation of new software by the user if users cannot autonomously install applications on the device there are no device malfunctions.
- System trays, like the registry, directories and SD cards can be protected against access and changes from users' side.
- Sending of attachments via e-mail can be prohibited.
- Setup of POP3-accounts can be
- Device status confirmation and inventory

The company and the team

ubitexx is an innovative software manufacturer of security and management solutions for Smartphones and PDAs. As a technology leader ubitexx is the first to offer system software for 1st deployment, configuration, user authorization management and central administration of mobile end devices to mobile telephony providers, device and software manufacturers and companies.

ubitexx applications speed up installation and simplify the use and monitoring of mobile messaging, mobile security and other mobile services for users and organizations. Additionally, ubitexx solutions increase the stability of Smartphones and PDAs – without reducing performance. Companies can exploit the advantages of mobile devices without putting their data and systems at increased risk.

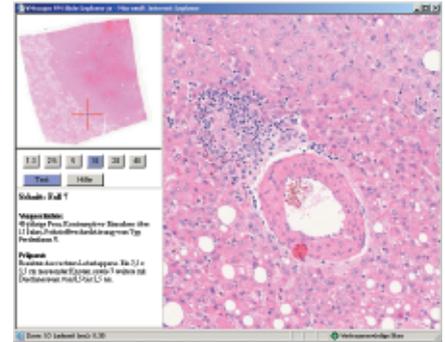
Since founding the company in 2002, ubitexx solutions have been in use across Europe at leading banks and insurance companies, reputable energy groups and retail chains, as well as in military organizations.

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- Hans-Jürgen Rinser, Chief Technology Officer
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The Virtual Microscope

Digital Microscopy over IP for e-learning, research, clinical use.

The product

Examination and diagnostics of tissue probes is up to now nearly solely performed with light microscopes. The basic innovation of VMscope is an extensive digitisation in light microscopy, the so-called "Virtual Microscopy".

Digitisation and image communication in medicine are long established for example in radiology. Yet in pathology, the virtual slides emerging from complete high-resolution glass slide scanning are with a file size of up to 50 GB per image by far larger than what was formerly known and capable. VMscope developed image streaming and software solutions, especially designed and optimised for Virtual Microscopy. They obtain image visualisation over networks in real-time, even with 30 GB image file size on the server.

Virtual Microscopy is a completely new technology, which opens the digital world with all advantages like improvements in the workflow, quality assurance, new functionalities, digital archiving, remote access and distributed work to an industry, where digitisation was up to a few years unthinkable due to the unsolvable huge files to handle with.

The company and the team

After a research project at the University Hospital Charité, the founders, convinced of the idea, started a commercial redesign of the software and the foundation of the company. VMscope then emerged in December 2004 as spin-off from the Charité. The start-up was financed through a governmental entrepreneur funding and the first prize in the national "founder's competition multimedia".

The founders gather competence in the fields of informatics, image analysis, mathematics and medicine. Founders are the computer scientist Dr. Karsten Schlüns, pathologist and medical informatics scientist Dr. Thomas Schrader and Dipl.-Ing. Kai Saeger, geodesist and from beginning VMscope's CEO. Valuable contacts to the clientele come with the associates Prof. Dr. Manfred Dietel as managing director of Germany's largest pathology institute and board member of the German society for pathology and with Dr. Peter Hufnagl, head of the Charité telemedicine centre. Further associates are the "Paschmann GmbH", Germany's leading pathology information system company, and the Charité itself as scientific partner and "early adopter", which has a close cooperation with VMscope.

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EYESI Cataract

EYESI Cataract is a simulator for surgery on the anterior segment of the human eye, capable of providing realistic training scenarios as well as tools for objective performance assessment.

The product

The removal and replacement of the eye's lens as treatment of a so-called cataract is the standard procedure in eye surgery. In Germany alone, about 400.000 operations of this kind are performed every year. Nevertheless, training-methods for surgeons do not correspond to the possibilities of modern computer and simulation technology. While pilot training essentially consists of simulator training for many years now, this is still not true for ophthalmological education. VRmagic's invention of EYESI Cataract is one major step to rectify this situation.

With EYESI Cataract, students can train the critical procedures of the cataract operations over and over again without endangering any real patient. Teachers are able to design and supervise training scenarios for enhanced education, while training data can be used for further assessment.

The EYESI Cataract system consists of a processing unit integrated in an assembly that mimics core features of real OR equipment. Interaction with an interface (a model of a patient's head) is tracked, processed and integrated into a virtual stereoscopic visualisation inside the »microscope«, perfecting the feeling of reality for any user.

The company and the team

VRmagic is developing and producing technology for virtual reality simulations of complex surgical procedures. The main focus is directed towards solutions for educating students and professionals in ophthalmology, i.e. eye surgeons (in training). A second branch of products and technology consists of highly specialised cameras for industrial image processing.

In 2001, VRmagic was founded by scientists of the universities of Mannheim and Heidelberg, Germany. The underlying idea can be traced back to 1996, when a young team of developers started a university project aiming at developing a simulator for eye surgery. The project turned out to be a success, winning the renowned award "Forschungs- und Innovationspreis der Stiftung Rhein-Neckar-Dreieck".

Today, VRmagic employs 21 people of age 20 to 40. The better part of them work in R&D. New appointments are continuously offered and arranged, with the number of employees expected to double within the next 3 to 5 years.

The already existing worldwide sales and distribution network is growing with similar speed. VRmagic's position as sole provider of ophthalmological simulators will strengthen this development.

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Xait Engine

A generic AI framework based on a massively multi-agent system for implementing intelligence and life-like behaviours of any character in computer games and simulations.

The product

X-aitment's main product is the X-ait-Engine, a modular AI-Engine for games and simulations. The engine is based on a massively multi-agent system that allows for a simple implementation of autonomous and intelligent bots (agents) and provides a platform that enables the agents to communicate and cooperate with each other. Every single agent can be assigned its own AI, its own capabilities and its own tasks. Sophisticated technologies like a distributed agent-framework applicable on different hardware-platforms and game consoles (including also mobile devices), machine learning, path finding, natural bot movement, planning algorithms, data analysis, knowledge representation and inferring etc. are integrated in this concept.

The modular architecture of the X-ait Engine includes a core system and genre specific components for the most recent game genres:

- Real Time Strategy Games
- Role Playing Games
- Adventures
- Sport Games
- Action Games / First Person Shooters
- Car-/Driving-/Racing-/Traffic Simulation

A toolset for customizing, debugging, balancing and testing the in-game AI enriches X-aitment's portfolio.

The company and the team

X-aitment GmbH is a specialist for Artificial Intelligence in computer games and simulations. Founded in 2002, as a spin-off of the German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence (DFKI), the company has developed to a team-size of around 24 people holding degrees (B.Sc, M.Sc., PhD) in computer-science, physics and mathematics.

X-aitment possesses internationally accepted in-depth know-how in all areas of Artificial Intelligence, which is continuously updated and kept state-of-the-art via the close cooperation with the DFKI and the University of Saarland - Germany. Additionally, profound knowledge of industrial software development and engineering with a focus on computer- and mobile games is available.

We provide services and products that create an important technological advantage in the area of Artificial Intelligence. Our services regarding AI programming in games and simulation systems include:

- Individual AI development
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The Nominees for the 2007 European ICT Prize

The 70 Nominees for the 2007 European ICT Prize have been selected from a record-breaking 450 candidates from 30 countries. Among them, 20 Grand Prize Nominees * are competing for the three Grand Prizes of €200,000 each.

Euro-CASE has proposed 20 Winners and three Grand Prize Winners to the European Commission which will take the final decision.

The Nominees for the European ICT Prize have successfully gone through the thorough, highly competitive evaluation procedure of the European ICT Prize. The high standards of applicants and the competitive evaluation procedure make this Prize the standard reference recognising major achievements in the ICT world of today.

The European recognition that stands behind the nomination of Nominees and Grand Prize Nominees contributes to facilitating access to finance, markets and partnerships, and to enhancing the visibility, credibility, and the future business prospects for the company.

The Nominees for the 2007 European ICT Prize, including the Nominees for European ICT Grand Prize *

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The European ICT Prize has been present at CeBIT for the past eleven years, but it is the first time that the awards ceremony takes place at the fair, with Commissioner Viviane Reding awarding the three Grand Prizes. We, and the twenty Grand Prize Nominees, are thrilled to be present at one of the world's major ICT events. The exposure and visibility of CeBIT is very valuable to the Prize, its Nominees, Winners and Grand Prize Winners. I thank Ernst Raue, CEO of CeBIT and Member of the Board, Deutsche Messe AG, Sven Prüser, Senior Vice President of CeBIT, Michael Rose and Anke Vollmann, VIP Services and Events, for an excellent cooperation. I hope that we shall reinforce and expand our cooperation in the years to come.

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