



Avid Workgroups 4.0 Expands Collaborative Media Production with Productivity Tools

LAS VEGAS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 18, 2004--Avid Technology, Inc. (NASDAQ: AVID) today announced Avid Workgroups 4.0 - a family of workflow-enhancing Productivity Tools and services that leverage the Avid Unity™ solutions to facilitate media storage, management, and sharing in collaborative environments of any size. Workgroups 4.0 includes new versions of Avid Unity MediaManager, Avid Unity TransferManager, Avid® Distributed Media Services (DMS), and Avid Nearcache™. Specific enhancements to Workgroups 4.0 further enable long-distance collaboration, end-to-end control over content, and seamless handoff of tasks - giving users far more power to create and manage media assets.

"There are tremendous benefits that come from using the Productivity Tools in Workgroups 4.0 in a collaborative environment," said David Schleifer, director of Broadcast and Workgroups for Avid. "Users can tap a wide array of powerful network-based services that dramatically streamline the media creation, management, and distribution process. All of the applications in Workgroups 4.0 integrate seamlessly with Avid end-to-end broadcast and postproduction environments, allowing for easy installation, smoother overall operation, and faster, more efficient production."

New Workgroups 4.0 benefits include:

- Avid Unity MediaManager, a powerful, integrated production asset management tool for the Avid Unity environment that enables facility-wide logging, searching, sorting, cataloging, management, and retrieval of media. New MediaManager features include:
 - Avid Prolog: a full-screen player that offers logging capabilities, custom metadata capture, frame-accurate locators, and real-time annotation during ingest.
 - Unified Search: a single browser interface for finding media across multiple shared-storage networks, Nearcache media stores, and archive systems.
 - Catalog Folders: simpler methods for organizing material and navigating around media.
- Avid Unity TransferManager, a powerful solution that lets editors concentrate on creative tasks while moving media files behind the scenes within a facility or across an inter-continental WAN. New TransferManager features include:
 - Archive and ingest integration with third-party providers.
 - Expanded third-party video server support via APIs.
 - Faster LAN transfers of up to 40 megabits per second within some configurations.
- Avid Nearcache, a near-line storage application that integrates media management and transfer management with a fast, affordable networked storage solution. New Nearcache features include:
 - Unified Search support when used with Avid Unity MediaManager (see above).
 - Catalog Folders to organize catalogs, making it easier to find media and navigate through archived materials.
- Avid DMS, a service that manages and brokers processor-intensive media tasks in the background to distributed servers and enables uninterrupted creative work on the desktop. New DMS features include:
 - ProEncode enhancements to improve a seamless post-to-Web workflow.
 - Low-resolution integration for smoother production workflow between Avid Unity and Avid Media Browse™ systems.
 - Browseable proxy creation for low-resolution and archive workflows.

Pricing & Availability

Pricing for the individual components of Workgroups 4.0 is as follows:

- Avid DMS begins at \$4,995 USMSRP, which includes DMS and ProEncode™ software, system dongle, DV dongle, and Avid Unity client software and license.

- Avid Unity MediaManager begins at \$15,995 USMSRP for the MediaManager Server software and CPU; the Select Option is \$10,000 USMSRP, which includes the Avid ProLog application.
- Avid Unity TransferManager with CPU is \$14,200 USMSRP.
- Avid Nearcache begins at \$44,950 USMSRP for a base system, and \$39,950 USMSRP for storage expansion units.

All of the Productivity Tools in Workgroups 4.0 are expected to be available in Q2 2004.

For information on Workgroups 4.0, please visit: www.avid.com/products/productivitytools.

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