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Tympani Teams With Yahoo! To Enhance NetAttaché™

Web Agent Speeds Web Searches With Direct Access to Yahoo! Search Engine

SUNNYVALE, CA -- October 14, 1996 -- Tympani Development Inc., creators of software tools to expedite Internet research, has signed an agreement with Yahoo! giving users of Tympani's Web agents direct access to Yahoo!'s search engine and major subject directories. The partnership will help streamline the process of gathering information from the Web.

Effective today, Tympani's NetAttaché Pro will showcase Yahoo! as its primary search engine and directory in its integrated front-end to search engines on the Net. In addition, NetAttaché Pro will include a new entry incorporating Yahoo!'s search directory services right on the product's interface. A special window will display the Yahoo! Directory hierarchy, enabling users to launch pinpointed searches through Yahoo! via NetAttaché Pro for unattended retrieval, searching, filtering and later offline viewing.

The agreement marks the first time a search engine has been so fully integrated with a Web agent. It also enhances the time-saving abilities of Tympani's product.

"Yahoo!'s strategy is to ally itself with leading technology developers to help individuals use the Internet to its fullest potential," said Jeff Mallett, Yahoo!'s senior vice president of business operations. "Partnering with Tympani allows us to combine our immensely popular Yahoo! guide with their leading-edge NetAttaché Pro product, creating an innovative solution for exploiting the power of the Web."

NetAttaché Pro is a second-generation Web agent with unique data filters, site mapping powers and the ability to act as a front end for all major Web page search engines. The $49.95 program can be set to detect any changes made to Web sites since the user's last visit and to download only the changed pages, either displaying the differences by themselves or the altered pages in their entirety. It also permits smart searches for keyword-type information by specific keywords, phrases or Boolean logic queries. The results of all searches are saved to disks in holding files called briefs that can be viewed offline and archived for future reference.

Later this year, the Yahoo! guide will also be added to Tympani's NetAttaché Light, a first-generation offline browser without NetAttaché Pro's data filtering capabilities.

"Giving Yahoo! such prominent placement in our products will help our customers make the most productive use of their Internet time," said Antonio R. Dias, president of Tympani Development. "In particular, the ability to search on Yahoo! categories directly from our Web agents will add efficiencies that will lower barriers to Internet research."

Both NetAttaché Pro and NetAttaché Light are available for downloading directly from Tympani's home page at www.tympani.com. Yahoo! can be found on the Web at www.yahoo.com.

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