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CENTRAL POINT LEVERAGES AWARD-WINNING TECHNOLOGY TO TARGET CONSUMER MARKET WITH RELEASE OF SPEEDTOOLS AND EMERGENCY DISK; New Software Carries Price Tag of \$29.95

BEAVERTON, ORE. - May 23, 1994 -- Central Point Software, Inc. today shipped SpeedTools 2.0 for Windows and Emergency Disc 2.0 for Windows, based on the same acclaimed technology found in the company's popular integrated suite, PC Tools 2.0 for Windows, and priced at \$29.95 -- about one-third the average selling price of a multi-function utilities package. SpeedTools and Emergency Disk provide Windows users single, focused benefits, moving Central Point into new markets not previously penetrated with its PC Tools utility collection

"Based on extensive research conducted during the past year, we found that most knowledgeable, but less technical, Windows users do not want all the functionality in PC Tools for Windows, but would like their computer to run more efficiently," said Gary Thomassen, product marketing manager for Windows products at Central Point. "By offering SpeedTools and Emergency Disk at an attractive price, we can provide proven technology that is easy to understand and use to a broader market."

Speed Tools 2.0 for Windows

SpeedTools for Windows automatically tunes a PC for maximum Windows performance. In addition to a streamlined Installer, the product includes SystemConsultant, INI-Consultant and Optimizer, three popular programs taken from PC Tools for Windows.

- * System Consultant analyzes a system and makes up to 45 specific recommendations to increase the system's performance and includes a "Do It" button that automatically implements those recommendations.
- * INI-Consultant provides plain-English descriptions to help Windows users decipher and edit cryptic system files sometimes necessary when fine-tuning Windows or installing new software or hardware.
- * Optimizer resolves a common performance problem in Windows -- hard disk fragmentation. From within Windows, Optimizer automatically defragments the hard drive, rearranging files into a more logical order. An "Optimize Continuously" option is available to run during idle-time like a screen saver, keeping fragmentation at a minimum at all times. Additionally, Optimizer now supports DoubleSpace compression and is the first Windows optimizer to support Windows for Workgroups 3.11 32-bit file access.

Emergency Disk 2.0 for Windows

Emergency Disk for Windows creates a customized Crash Recovery Disk to boot and repair a crashed hard disk. By clicking on the "Create" button, the Emergency Disk builder program analyzes a user's system and makes a single, bootable disk containing all critical system information, including CMOS, partition table, and drivers. The Crash Recovery Disk also includes DOS versions of Central Point's state-of-the-art DiskFix, MemoryInformation, Undelete, PC Format and Unformat programs to help users automatically get their systems up and running after a disk crash.

System Requirements, Availability and Pricing

Both SpeedTools 2.0 for Windows and Emergency Disk 2.0 for Windows require a 386-class or better IBM or 100 percent-compatible personal computer, Microsoft Windows 3.1 or higher; 4MB RAM; up to 3MB free disk space; and a Microsoft Windows 3.1 compatible mouse. Emergency Disk also requires a user-supplied 3.5"/1.44MB or 5.25"/1.2MB floppy disk.

SpeedTools 2.0 for Windows and Emergency Disk 2.0 for Windows are available now from major software distributors and resellers in North America for a suggested retail price of \$29.95. Customers in the U.S. and Canada can obtain more information by calling 1-800-964-6896.

Central Point Software, Inc., the future PC Tools Division of Symantec Corporation, is a leading developer of desktop utility and network management software. The company builds products for Windows, DOS, Macintosh and OS/2 desktops, as well as Novell NetWare and other popular network operating systems. Founded in 1981, the company has a worldwide customer base of more than seven million users. The company's products are translated into eight foreign languages and are available in more than 30 countries.