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Dear Frontier Script Writer:

We're getting ready to release Frontier Runtime.

We started development of Runtime immediately after shipping Frontier 1.0 in January 1992. We sought feedback from Frontier script writers on the feature set of Runtime, and its economics. We factored in all the feedback and came up with a program that we believe is everything everyone was asking for.

Runtime is shareware. 30-day free trial. \$25 registration fee, special deal for network managers. Frontier 1.0 users are entitled to a free registration for Runtime. Initially, distribution will be over CompuServe and AppleLink.

We're doing bundling deals with Frontier Runtime. Bundling is very easy, \$100 yearly license fee, no royalty. The app must have support menu sharing and have meaningful Apple Events beyond the four required events.

The software is ready. The docs, sample scripts, and developer notes are written. We're at release level 1.0b6. We had originally planned to release Runtime yesterday, July 24, but decided to hold back for another week so we could do more extensive testing.

We'd like your help in testing Runtime. Please send private email to 76244,120 if you have the time to help test and evaluate the Runtime app, scripts and documentation in the next few days.

Also: we have uploaded the Runtime Preview Kit to Library 4, in PREVU.KIT. If you want details on what Runtime is and how it works, please download that file.

We all look forward to a lively discussion here about Runtime, please help us get the ball rolling! And I'd like to thank the thousands of people who have become Frontier script writers during the first half of 1992. We feel that we all have reached the next important milestone with the (imminent) shipment of Frontier Runtime. We couldn't have done it without your help and support.

Thanks!

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