

Outrider Systems Announces Support for Microsoft's ActiveX Architecture

ActiveX Controls to be Internet Enhanced; Anticipates VBScript Impact

Houston, Texas - March 12, 1996 - Outrider Systems, Inc. (<http://www.outrider.com>) today announced plans to support Microsoft® ActiveX™ in the 2nd quarter of 1996. The *Outrider CheckList Control*, *ButtonTool Control*, and *Enhanced SpinButton Control* will allow developers to build Internet functionality into their Web page applications and automate that functionality with Microsoft Visual Basic® Scripting Edition (VBScript). Combined with the forthcoming security initiatives such as Microsoft's digital signing, this will allow Outrider ActiveX Controls to be strongly positioned in the growing field of Internet applications.

"We are totally committed to supporting Microsoft's ActiveX. We feel Microsoft has done an outstanding job of developing a comprehensive strategy for a new generation of powerful and exciting Internet applications," says Jim Nech, President and CEO of Outrider Systems, Inc. "The fact that there are nearly 5 million developers out there using ActiveX Controls to enhance their applications makes the ActiveX architecture a natural choice for developing Internet applications."

The *Outrider CheckList Control* is an enhanced list box control with the added functionality of check boxes attached to each item in the list. It's use in Web forms provides a new and powerful form of data entry. The *Outrider ButtonTool Control* was the first commercially available VBX custom control in 1991. As an Internet-enabled ActiveX Control that provides developers with a customizable, graphical command button, its wide-ranging application in Web page design is obvious. The *Enhanced SpinButton Control* is a new version of the SpinButton control that currently ships with Microsoft Visual Basic. It provides a built-in data-bound counter, accelerator capabilities, and the ability to disable one or both arrows.

VBScript leverages the knowledge and experience of millions of Microsoft Visual Basic® developers by allowing them to use a familiar language to develop Internet applications. As the tool through which ActiveX Controls are integrated into Web pages, VBScript is the safe, secure language to program the Internet desktop. Outrider Systems has been closely involved with the Visual Basic development environment since its inception and is pleased to see its evolution into a world-wide scripting language.

"Outrider Systems planning Internet-enabled versions of their ActiveX Controls is the smart thing to do," said Tom Button, Director of Marketing for the Microsoft Internet Platform and Tools Division. "Outrider's controls are the kind of components that can be integrated into Web pages using VBScript to transform current static Web pages into active, useful applications."

The *Outrider CheckList*, *ButtonTool*, and *Enhanced SpinButton Controls* will be available in April 1996. All three controls can be purchased for US \$ 49.95.

Outrider Systems has delivered custom applications and component software to businesses and individuals around the world since 1991. Corporate headquarters are located in Houston, Texas.

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