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**Ansys Technology's Primer™ Now Available To  
A Broad Base Of Individual and Corporate Users**

Powerful new document reader extends the PDF document standard  
to handheld computers, and is provided free to individuals

BELLEVUE, Wash., April 13, 2000—Ansys Technology Corporation today announced the immediate availability of version 1.0 of Primer™, which allows any Adobe PDF file to be opened and read on a handheld device. Primer is the first product that allows users to view and navigate PDF documents on a handheld computer, and the only Microsoft Windows CE application to provide PDF viewing capability.

Primer presents PDF files in their native format on handheld devices that run on the Windows CE operating system. Consequently, any PDF file created on a computer, including blueprints, word processing documents, images, spreadsheets, can be easily and directly accessible on a handheld computer using Primer software.

“Ansys’s PDF reader for handheld computers gives mobile professionals access to millions of web-based documents which would otherwise be unreadable without a desktop or notebook computer,” said Peter Phillips, marketing director for Socket Communications. “Ansys has made an important contribution to the growing library of software that helps mobile users stay connected to the enterprise.”

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"Primer's most valuable benefit for corporate users is the ability to access PDF documents when away from the desktop," said Norm Levy, Ansyr's president and chief executive officer. "It's like placing mission-critical information right in the user's hand."

Primer's capabilities will open up a new world to mobile professionals, he said, by giving them untethered access to an organization's documents—such as PDF files generated by database management systems, decision support systems, desktop publishing software and corporate financial applications.

International Data Corp predicts nearly 19 million handheld units will be in use by 2003, and already counts 5.4 million in consumers' hands. Designed to run on the Windows CE operating system, Primer works with handheld devices produced by manufacturers such as Casio, Compaq, Hewlett Packard and NEC. Versions of Primer for the Palm, Pocket PC and EPOC operating systems are under development.

Primer will be provided at no cost to individual users but licensed to business users. Companies, organizations, non-profits, and government agencies will be required to purchase a site license, priced according to number of users.

Ansyr Technology will demonstrate Primer at the launch of Microsoft's Pocket PC platform next week in New York City. In a special showing at Microsoft's Launch Partner Showcase, Primer can be seen on Wednesday, April 19 from 10:00 am to noon. Primer will also be promoted by Microsoft to millions of Pocket PC users as a premier product that increases the value of the Windows-powered Pocket PC.

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