

FARONICS DEEP FREEZE VALIDATED BY MICROSOFT'S SHARED COMPUTER VISION

SAN RAMON, CA - June 28, 2005 - The Faronics Deep Freeze restart to restore concept has received validation by Microsoft's announcement today of the beta program for the Microsoft Shared Computer Toolkit for Windows XP SP₂.

The Shared Computer Toolkit, available later this summer according to Microsoft, is a new set of software tools and documentation that will help make it easier to set up, safeguard, and manage shared computers running Windows XP SP2 in libraries, Internet cafes, K-12 schools, colleges, universities and other shared access environments.

Deep Freeze already protects and preserves the Standard System Configuration on over five million workstations worldwide with a simple reboot. Each restart eradicates all changes and resets the computer to its original state, right down to the last byte. The GUI Enterprise Console provides a central method to install, control and manage all of the workstations in an environment.

"We are pleased that Microsoft has validated the restart to restore concept that Faronics pioneered more than five years ago with Deep Freeze," said Farid Ali, President & CEO of Faronics. "We support Microsoft's decision to provide the Shared Computer Toolkit, because it endorses Deep Freeze and the value its restart to restore solution already offers the industry."

Windows Disk Protection, a tool included in the Shared Computer Toolkit, provides similar functionality to Deep Freeze. Windows Disk Protection is designed to prevent all files on the Windows partition from being permanently modified on shared computers running Windows XP SP2. Users are able to temporarily modify the files; however, the operating system instantly reverts back to the original state upon restart.

"We share a desire with Faronics to help improve the security, privacy and manageability of Windows XP SP2 in shared computer environments," said John Eversole, Product Manager for the Shared Computer Toolkit at Microsoft Corp. "While the Shared Computer Toolkit takes advantage of technologies that are inherent to Windows XP SP2, other solutions such as Deep Freeze are available for customers who run legacy versions of Windows or who need centralized management of these features."

Fully functional 60-day evaluation versions of Deep Freeze Standard, Professional, or Enterprise are available online at www.faronics.com.

ABOUT FARONICS

Faronics develops and markets intelligent utilities for absolute control of multi-user computing environments. Faronics' market-leading solutions ensure 100% workstation availability and have dramatically impacted the dayto-day lives of thousands of information technology professionals and computing lab managers. Our powerful, user-driven technology innovations benefit educational institutions, libraries, government organizations and corporations.

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