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CommandSoft Qualifies QLogic Fibre Channel Products for Use with FibreJet Shared Storage Mac OS X Software

Solution Provides Seamless SAN Network Based Workflow Solution for High-volume Post-production Environments

Santa Barbara, Calif., Monday, May 19, 2003 – CommandSoft, Inc., creators of FibreJet™ high-speed storage area network (SAN) software, announced today that it has qualified several networking products from QLogic Corporation for use with CommandSoft's FibreJet™ shared storage software in Macintosh OS X (Jaguar) environments. Qualified QLogic products include SANblade™ Fibre Channel host bus adapters (HBAs) and SANbox2™ Fibre Channel switches. Facilities using a combined CommandSoft/QLogic solution in Macintosh OS environments will experience exceptional data movement, especially important in high-volume post-production/special effects and digital arts facilities.

CommandSoft is the only SAN software company providing specialized QLogic drivers for Mac OS X systems.

Professional editors and content creators will benefit from FibreJet's workflow-oriented data sharing capabilities linked with QLogic's high-speed host bus adapters (HBAs) and switches. Customers with existing QLogic Fibre Channel products can realize a greater return on their investment when moving to OS X with CommandSoft's Macintosh OS X drivers (included with FibreJet), tuned for networked post-production environments.

The combined solution provides customers with a best-of-breed answer for their storage area networking needs, especially in work situations where access time is key to maintaining rigorous production schedules.

CommandSoft's HBA drivers for Mac OS X have special features tuned for post-production environments, eliminating potential power-management problems that could, for example, cause dropped frames in a streaming media project.

FibreJet enables multiple editors to simultaneously access identical source materials without altering or copying the original files. Speeds of up to 200 MB/s per computer are common in a multiple workstation environment (where all units are interacting simultaneously to the same RAID). It also provides seamless integration with leading applications such as Final Cut Pro™, Media 100™, and major Avid and Adobe products, and virtually all 1 or 2 Gbit Fibre Channel.

"QLogic's hardware technology is strategic for our products and customers," said Jim Wolff, CEO of CommandSoft. "Many customer sites upgrading to Macintosh OS X will benefit with our support of their existing QLogic SAN infrastructure. In addition to supporting ROI, we've designed our Macintosh OS X drivers for QLogic products and have put special features tuned for networked post-production environments that work with streaming content. You won't find these features any anyone else's drivers for Fibre Channel on the Macintosh. We are pleased with the results of QLogic and CommandSoft product tests, and we will encourage our customers to use the combined solutions where high performance is a must."

About CommandSoft (www.commandsoft.com)

CommandSoft, Inc. is the developer of FibreJet™, a next-generation, shared-storage solution for Storage Area Networks (SANs). FibreJet enables file systems to be dynamically shared in a multiple-reader / single writer environment. CommandSoft was founded by the original developers of FibreNet™, StudioBOSS™, FC Net Director RAID™, SAN Manager™ and other storage software systems. They were among the first Fibre Channel innovators through their development of HBA drivers for Windows™, Solaris™, Macintosh™ OS and IRIX Fibre Channel chip sets from QLogic™, Emulex™, and Agilent™. For more information on the company, visit CommandSoft's website at www.commandsoft.com or call 800-447-0144.

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