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Software Uncovers Meaning in Images

QL2 Software releases WebQL 3.0 with advanced character recognition capabilities to read text embedded in images

February 28, 2006 – Seattle – QL2 Software Inc., a leading provider of business intelligence, text analytics and enterprise search software solutions, today announces the release of WebQL 3.0, providing image text search. This new feature extends search to the hardest to reach information often buried in the deep web. Online travel, government, pharmaceutical, financial services, retail, insurance, and many other industries use web mining and unstructured data extraction to fuel business and competitive intelligence, pricing optimization, revenue management, and enterprise search.

WebQL 3.0 reads text represented as images in web pages and PDF documents using Optical Character Recognition (OCR). Data that was previously inaccessible, because it existed as an image, is now completely available for extraction and delivery in an actionable format (Word, Excel, CSV, etc.). WebQL 3.0 also expands file type support to include PPT, DBF, RTF, WML, XSV, image files and self-extracting zip files. Added file type support combined with the OCR capability enables WebQL to target, pinpoint and deliver virtually any information available on the web or inside the firewall and pushes QL2 Software ahead of the other players in this space.

“The new capabilities and expanded strengths that come with this latest version of WebQL allow us to work smarter with our data without working harder,” said Ross Jekel, a Software Architect at SourceLabs. “QL2’s technology helps us provide our large customers with superior enterprise support and maintenance subscriptions for our open source Java systems.”

“Our commitment to continually innovate and offer the latest technology to our customers is clearly visible with the release of WebQL 3.0,” said Chris Buckingham, president of QL2. “WebQL 3.0 can search images and extract the text, adding searchable information to queries without adding labor time. This means more effective and accurate data extraction for our customers, and we’re proud to offer it.”

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WebQL 3.0 has a number of new enterprise-grade features. New grid computing capabilities provide limitless scalability for large data integration projects. WebQL 3.0 works well with IBM UIMA and SOA so interoperability isn't an issue, and new security features ensure that important data is safely stored and transferred.

About QL2 Software, Inc.

QL2 Software's web mining and unstructured data extraction solutions empower business intelligence, enterprise search, and text analysis applications for large companies and institutions throughout the world. With more than 30 customers in the Fortune 1000, QL2 provides the data that drives the enterprise. In 2005, QL2 joined IBM's Unstructured Information Management Architecture (UIMA) open source initiative, was named to *KMWorld's* Top 100 Companies, and placed high on the list of Fastest Growing Private Companies in Washington by the *Puget Sound Business Journal*. For more information, visit www.ql2.com.

About SourceLabs

SourceLabs, based in Seattle, Washington, provides the complete set of software integration, testing, support and maintenance services required to deliver dependable open source systems. The company's Dependable Open Source Systems vision proposes a new model for the software industry, one that frees software buyers from proprietary lock-in while delivering highly reliable software and support. For more information, please go to <http://www.sourcelabs.com>.