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**THOROUGHbred SOFTWARE RELEASES OPEN*workshop*TM OBJECT ORIENTED
DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT ON LINUX**

Somerset, New Jersey, November 15, 1999 - Thoroughbred Software International, Inc., a leader in Object Oriented applications development, announced today the availability of their OPEN*workshop* Object Oriented development environment. OPEN*workshop* is also available on UNIX, Windows 95/98/NT and VMS. Thoroughbred will be demonstrating OPEN*workshop* at COMDEX in booth #317 at the Linux Business Expo in the Las Vegas Hilton.

OPEN*workshop* is a complete three-tier development and run-time environment offering much lower development and maintenance costs, a more flexible system design for users, and provides both graphical (GUI) and character user interfaces, as well as open database connectivity (ODBC) and YEAR 2000 Readiness.

OPEN*workshop* redefines the relationships between data and program code, and between application designer and application user. Developers using OPEN*workshop* design their Data Objects first, and then associate Methods, which are independent modules of program code, with the Data Objects. In OPEN*workshop* the data controls the application code.

Because individual data names control their own code, the concept of a MAIN program is eliminated. In its place is a controlled structure that works through menus and data functions. OPEN*workshop* supports CONNECT directives, pop-up menus and user interface support that allows the user to control the dialogue with the system.

Objects are packaged with their Methods, and are easy to reuse. Previous work is immediately available to use when creating other objects with similar properties. Future modifications are automatically reflected in all places where the object is used.

These benefits are important during initial application design, but even more important during the much longer maintenance life of an application.

OPEN*workshop* is the complete environment to develop and run mission critical applications and supports virtually any operating system including UNIX, Linux, Windows 95/98/NT, Networks and VMS. Applications designed in OPEN*workshop* are completely portable to any Thoroughbred supported operating system environment.

OPEN*workshop* is a complete development system and includes Thoroughbred *Basic*[™], 3GL language; *Script-IV*[™], Thoroughbred's 4GL; *Dictionary-IV*[™], Thoroughbred's Object Dictionary; *Report-IV*[™] and *Query-IV*[™], Thoroughbred's reporting and query tools; and *Source-IV*[™], a source code management tool. OPEN*workshop* is a complete development and runtime system for mission critical applications.

About Thoroughbred

Thoroughbred Software International, Inc. develops and markets software development systems including Thoroughbred *Basic*[™] and OPEN*workshop*, *Solution-IV*[™] Financial Applications, specialized applications for the Recreation and Reprographics industries, Web based servers and applications and supports a community of over 1,000 Value Added Resellers and partners. Our products support a three-tier architecture, are open-database and run on virtually any operating system including UNIX, Windows 95/98/NT, Linux and Compaq/DEC VMS. There are over 250,000 Thoroughbred based multi-user systems installed worldwide supporting millions of users. Thoroughbred provides complete consulting services, customer support, training and maintenance programs for our products.