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**CHAOS SOFTWARE AND ASYNTHETIC CHOOSE BLUEFISH444 FOR
THE PDPLAYER COMPOSITING PLAYBACK, REVIEW, AND IMAGE
MANIPULATION SOFTWARE**

S. Melbourne Australia, April 18th, 2009.... Bluefish444 today announced that software developer Asynthetic and its exclusive worldwide distributor, Chaos Software, have chosen to add support for Bluefish444 video i/o cards in their Pdplayer software, which enables compositors to preview multi-layered sequences and perform basic compositing and colour corrections in real time.

Released in October 2008, Pdplayer is a quick, intuitive, and feature-rich software tool for image sequence playback, review and manipulation that helps to streamline the compositing workflow. It features the ability to work with multiple layers in real time – positioning them on the infinite workspace, scaling, reordering, and combining them using a range of colour-corrected blending modes. Output is visible immediately without re-rendering or rebuilding the cache. Unique Brush and Brush Sequence layers enable hand-drawing over sequences to facilitate remote reviews, as does an HTTP server tool that enables clients to view Pdplayer's screen from anywhere in the world using a web browser. With the ability to export compositions to Adobe® After Effects® and The Foundry®'s Nuke®, Pdplayer is ideal for composition prototyping.

Bluefish444 Support Enables Precise Previews

With support for the Bluefish444 video i/o cards, Pdplayer users can preview their work in the exact environment in which it will be ultimately viewed. Bluefish support provides video input and output as well as high-quality broadcast monitoring for sequences and composites in resolutions ranging from SD to 2K. Pdplayer's unique video layer capability allows live video to be part of a Pdplayer composition, and to be colour-corrected and colour-keyed in real time. This feature is invaluable for on-set grading, the results of which can be exported to After Effects, Nuke or as a 3D LUT. Sequences containing 3D computer-generated elements can be displayed simultaneously with live video, enabling users to synchronize the camera angle with the CG background or foreground.

The Pdplayer/Bluefish444 solution is in daily use at 5th Degree, one of the first 3D animation and motion graphics studio in Bulgaria. The studio worked closely with both companies to provide input to the development of a solution that meets the needs of a working studio.

Peter Dimov, CTO of Asynthetic, said, "Bluefish444's high quality professional I/O cards offer unique advantages to Pdplayer users. Their ability to perform simultaneous input and output is a perfect fit for the new live video layer feature in Pdplayer 1.0.1.36; the combination allows an on-set workstation to perform realtime grading, colour keying, and monitoring. In addition, Bluefish444's solid driver support makes the cards the only choice for users of the 64 bit version of Pdplayer."

Garry Davis, Director Bluefish444 Europe, said, "We have designed our cards specifically for the types of visual effects environments and compositing workflows in which Pdplayer is used. The combined solution we offer with Asynthetic and Chaos Software is a real asset to

any compositor – it is feature rich yet highly affordable and plays an important role in streamlining the digital production workflow on set and in VFX and post-production.”

About Asynthetic and Chaos Software:

Aynthetic Ltd. is the developer of Pdplayer, a software tool for image sequence playback, review and manipulation. Based in Sofia, Bulgaria, the company focuses on developing high-reliability software for the visual effects and broadcasting industries. www.asynthetic.com
Chaos Software is the exclusive worldwide distributor of Pdplayer. It is a division of Chaos Group Ltd., a leading provider of software solutions for the visual effects and visualization industries. The company was founded in 1997 to provide 3D design and animation services, and went on to develop the V-Ray rendering engine, and products including V-Ray for Autodesk® 3ds Max® and Autodesk® Maya®, SimCloth, Phoenix for 3ds Max®, and chaosAura. www.chaosgroup.com

About Bluefish444:

Bluefish444 is a division and brand name of Bluefish Technologies Pty Ltd. based in S. Melbourne, Australia. It is a leading supplier of uncompressed video cards for the Windows and Linux operating systems. Its video graphics cards are used by a number of OEMs specializing in broadcast solutions. By continuing to work with workstation vendors and resellers, Bluefish444 has made it easier for end-users to purchase off the shelf Windows based editing, animation and compositing solutions making sure that the hardware is optimized for analog, SD SDI and HD SDI solutions. For more information on Bluefish444, please visit the Bluefish444 website at www.bluefish444.com

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