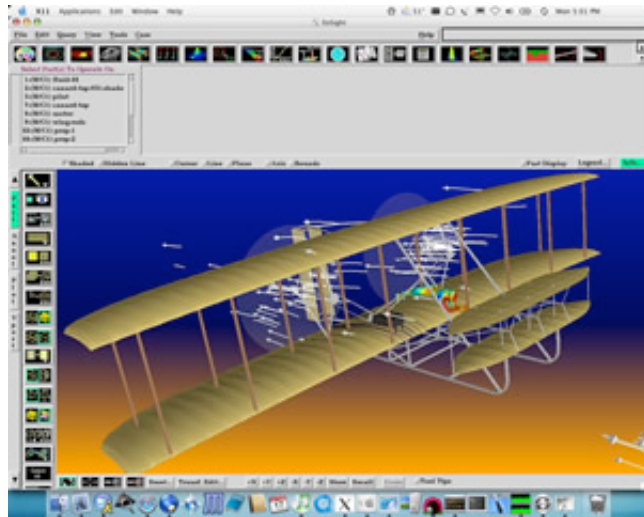


CEI adds Macintosh OS X support to its visualization software products

APEX, N.C., March 8, 2004 - CEI has added support for the Macintosh OS X platform to its EnSight, EnSight Gold, EnLiten, EnVideo and EnVe visualization products.

EnSight and EnSight Gold are software for visualizing, analyzing and communicating computational results for automotive, aerospace, chemical and scientific visualization problems. EnLiten, EnVideo and EnVe are free software packages that provide an easy way to use EnSight animations for collaboration and communication.



CEI officially supports the Panther (10.3) version of Mac OS X, which includes support from Apple for X11 graphics. The company recommends that Jaguar (10.2) users upgrade to Panther for its software enhancements and improved X11 support. EnSight, EnSight Gold and EnLiten are currently X11-based applications. EnVideo and EnVe are already native Mac OS applications.

"EnSight support further legitimizes OS X as the platform of choice for scientific and technical computing," says Matthew Grismer, an aerospace engineer. "I can now do all of my computational fluid dynamics research - from grid generation, to compiling and running code, to post-processing with EnSight - on one platform, and continue to use that same platform for regular office automation."

Benchmark testing by CEI indicates that Mac performance for EnSight equals or exceeds implementations on UNIX, Linux and Windows.

"The Macintosh community is justifiably proud of the Mac OS X platform, given its ease-of-use, the G5's high performance, the broad range of high-quality software applications, and the underlying UNIX-like power and robustness," says Darin McKinnis, director of sales at CEI. "But despite all the great Mac applications, CEI seems to have found a niche that was previously unserved: high-performance engineering and scientific visualization for structural and fluids analysis."

CEI's flexible architecture supports mixing of computer platforms within a single visualization session, within a workgroup, or even across an entire corporate network. Macintosh support allows Mac users to connect to other Macs or non-Mac versions of EnSight for remote client-server visualization, collaborative visualization, cluster-based visualization, and multi-tiled displays for large visualization systems.

CEI's licensing model is platform-independent. Mac users within existing CEI customer sites can simply install the applications and contact the network administrator to obtain the license key to use the software.

"I'm very pleased to see CEI supporting Mac OS X," says Craig Hunter, an engineer with NASA Langley Research Center. "I'm sure our numerous Mac TetrUSS users across the country will appreciate having another option for visualizing their CFD solutions on Mac OS X."

About CEI

CEI offers a complete suite of tools for engineering and scientific visualization, from meshing to plotting to animations that can be run on the most advanced VR displays. The company has corporate headquarters in Apex, N.C., and authorized distributors around the world. In addition to software products, CEI provides

consulting services to engineers and scientists from organizations that need to visualize computational results for research, product design or product refinement.

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