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OMG ADOPTS OBJECT REQUEST BROKER

Key Component of Object-Oriented  
Software Framework

New York, N.Y. -- October 29, 1991 -- The Object Management Group Inc. (OMG) today announced that the combined specification for the Object Request Broker (ORB) from six companies -- Digital Equipment Corporation, HyperDesk Corporation, Hewlett-Packard Company, SunSoft, Inc., NCR Corporation and Object Design, Inc. -- has been adopted.

The ORB component within the OMG's evolving Object Management Architecture (OMA) will enable objects to transparently make and receive requests and responses within an object-oriented environment. As the heart of the standard, the ORB will provide the "communications highway," enabling objects to interact over a network of heterogeneous systems. In this way, applications acquired from multiple vendors and installed on different systems will be able to freely exchange information.

"We are extremely pleased at the cooperation and unity

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exhibited by the submitting companies who have created the specification for the Object Request Broker," said Chris Stone, OMG president. "Our adoption of this important technology specification is a significant milestone toward creating a standard framework for the future of software development."

The Object Request Broker specification adopted stems from a year-long evaluation and review process. The ORB is the result of a collaborative effort between the following companies: Hewlett-Packard Company, SunSoft, Inc., NCR Corporation, Object Design, Inc., Digital Equipment Corporation and HyperDesk Corporation. The written specifications will be available in January at a price of \$50 directly from the OMG.

Headquartered in Framingham, Mass., with marketing operations in Boulder, Colo., the OMG is an international organization of systems vendors, software developers and users founded to promote the theory and practice of object management technology in the development of software. Its goal is to develop a common framework for object-oriented applications based on industry guidelines. The adoption of this framework will make it possible to develop a heterogeneous applications environment across all major hardware and operating systems.

Detailed information concerning OMG membership, mission and goals are available. Please contact Elizabeth Jewett, Member Relations, OMG Headquarters; 492 Old Connecticut Path; Framingham, Mass.; U.S.A.; Tel (508) 820-4303; FAX (508) 820-4300.

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Hewlett-Packard Company is an international manufacturer of measurement and computation products and systems recognized for excellence in quality and support. The company's products and services are used in industry, business, engineering, science, medicine and education in approximately 100 countries. HP has 91,300 employees and had revenues of \$13.2 billion in its 1990 fiscal year.

SunSoft, Inc., headquartered in Mountain View, Calif., is a subsidiary of Sun Microsystems, Inc. The company is a leading worldwide supplier of system software for distributed computing. SunSoft's products are targeted at software developers, system administrators and endusers, and are licensed by SunSoft and sold through major computer system manufacturers and value added resellers (VARs) worldwide.

HyperDesk Corporation, headquartered in Westborough, Mass., is the emerging leader in the development of standards-based distributed object management software and tools. HyperDesk products are designed to allow professional application developers and computer users to simply and easily access information -- wherever it resides -- across diverse, distributed computing environments. An independent software company, HyperDesk is committed to developing, marketing and supporting distributed object management products across a broad range of hardware and software platforms.

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NCR, the networked computing resource of AT&T, develops, manufactures, markets, supports and services enterprise-wide information systems for worldwide markets.

Object Design, Inc. develops and markets the leading object-oriented database management systems (ODBMS) ObjectStore, a complete object-oriented database management system including a database engine, professional development tools and graphical end-user interface tools, based on the C++ language. The company also offers comprehensive training and consulting services. Headquartered in Burlington, Mass., Object Design maintains regional offices in Chicago, Los Angeles and Menlo Park, CA.

Digital Equipment Corporation, headquartered in Maynard, Massachusetts, is the leading worldwide supplier of networked computer systems, software and services. Digital pioneered and leads the industry in interactive, distributed and multivendor computing. Digital and its partners deliver the power to use the best solutions -- from desktop to datacenter -- in open information environments.

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