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The Front Line - Teaching people how to read with "Launchpads for Literacy".

GhostNet, Inc. would like to present a program that we are very proud to be a part of; it is called Launchpads for Literacy. With the intent of using Linux desktops to help people learn to read through technology. Using self-correcting word processors from OpenOffice.org, students are able to develop the basic tasks of forming words and sentences with the word processor providing helpful hints to correct mistakes. Using Linux (Open Source Operating System) we are able to cut the majority of the software costs from the project.

With Amelia McIntyre heading up the program, John Foust has been able to work with various volunteers and Linux distributors such as Lindows to arrange licensing agreements for various levels of support. GhostNet, Inc. is proud to support the project with our experienced team of desktop specialists integrating Linux onto the donated desktops. With forty Compaq desktops finished in the last month of involvement, we have a great start in satisfying the needs of the community.

Being a non-profit organization, we only operate using volunteers and donated funds from various organizations. If your organization is interested in getting involved, please email pkelley@ghostnetinc.com or call John Foust at (706)253-5998.

I would like to recognize two individuals in particular from my group that helped us in achieving the goals.

Robin Hillhouse

Jason Abt

Thanks and I hope everyone has a successful month!

Patrick Kelley
Founder/Director of Network Services

Clearview Computing

“Smart”

As the world continues to grow so does the technology. We have advanced from standard typewriters and word processors towards computers, pagers, cell phones, PDA's and the list continues to grow. These high-tech devices control our lives. They keep our organizational and management skills at there best.

If PDA's weren't enough, they have come up with an even smaller and more convenient device to keep us on top of our game. Microsoft is now developing “Smart Wristwatches”. These watches can obtain and display continuous update information through wireless communication technology.

Smart Wristwatches are being built with Smart Personal Objects Technology (SPOT). SPOT based devices are powered by a new chipset that consists of an application chip with an ARM7 CPU, SRAM and ROM, and a small, sensitive 100MHz RF receiver chip. These devices will be able to receive and display information through Microsoft's new DirectBand technology. Much like a wireless phone DirectBand enables low power radio frequency transmissions. You will be able to enjoy the latest news, sports, financial, and weather information along with messages and agenda updates.

This is a statement from the General manager and founder of SPOT at Microsoft, Bill Mitchell, "Smart Personal Objects Technology will enable mainstream fashion watches to become more timely, personalized and useful. But SPOT is also an important step toward a truly personal computing future in which people access important information seamlessly any time, any place and on a variety of devices," Mitchell said. "We foresee a time when smart objects, PCs and computing appliances interact with each other in complementary ways, each serving roles to which they are uniquely suited."

By fall of 2003 you should be able to purchase your very own Smart Wristwatch. But, don't think that the Smart technology stops there.

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We would also like to welcome the following businesses to the Gh0stNet, Inc. Family.

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