



Perforce Software Chosen By Rocksteady Studios To Manage Development Of Next Generation Console Games

SCM System plays key role in development of 'Urban Chaos: Riot Response'

Wokingham, UK., 20 June 2006. Perforce Software today announced that UK-based Rocksteady Studios is using Perforce, the Fast Software Configuration Management (SCM) System, to manage its digital assets during the development of video games for current and next generation game consoles. Rocksteady has most recently used Perforce to manage development of the much anticipated PlayStation2 and Xbox title, 'Urban Chaos: Riot Response', which was released in Europe in May.

Sefton Hill, Director of Rocksteady Studios, said "The games industry is ruthless. Games have to be delivered to market on time without any compromise in quality or performance. Perforce's high performance and no-nonsense approach to source code and asset management plays an important role in helping us to achieve that." He added: "Perforce's reliability, speed and ability to support sudden changes in our development process helps ensure the timely delivery of properly developed and thoroughly tested products."

Rocksteady developers chose Perforce because of its strong reputation within the games community as a proven solution for digital asset management. From their experience at previous companies, they knew Perforce was unmatched for performance, efficiency and reliability. The SCM system's rich feature set, functionality and gentle learning curve has further contributed to its popularity company-wide.

Perforce's branching model enables concurrent development

Rocksteady developers rely on Perforce's branching capabilities to manage parallel development. Branches are created from the main codeline when new features or fixes are undertaken. Perforce enables developers to selectively propagate individual changes between code branches, ensuring that unstable features or fixes are not propagated, and that stable builds can be produced early and often.

In addition, Perforce provides easy access to project and file history, enabling Rocksteady managers to quickly view and report on a project's progress.

Dave Robertson, Director of European Operations for Perforce Software, said “The story of Rocksteady is common amongst developers who know that structure and flexibility around source code management is key to delivering quality software consistently within tight timeframes. These developers often champion the use of Perforce as they move from one company to another, because of its ability to give them the control they need without compromising their productivity.”

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About the Perforce SCM System

Perforce, the Fast Software Configuration Management System, is an award-winning tool that tracks and manages software development for enterprises large and small. Perforce is easy to install, learn and administer; seamlessly handles distributed development, and supports developers across more than 50 operating systems. Perforce ensures development integrity by grouping multi-file updates into atomic changes, enables concurrent development, and intelligently manages multiple software releases using its Inter-File Branching system.

About Perforce Software

Founded in 1995, Perforce Software Inc. develops, markets, and supports Perforce, the Fast Software Configuration Management System. Perforce Software is headquartered in Alameda, Calif., and sells worldwide. The company has international operations in Europe, Japan, and India. In addition to application software companies, Perforce customers represent a broad range of industries including the game development, electronics, pharmaceutical, and financial services markets.

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