



Absoft Fx3 Advances Graphical Debugging for Mac OS / Intel Fortran Customers

Rochester Hills, MI., Feb 18, 2008 – Absoft(R) Corporation today announced Fx3 stand-alone debugger, a more advanced debugging option for Fortran developers on Mac OS/Intel. Absoft's Fx3 debugger provides a full graphical interface for Fortran developers on Mac OS/Intel machines. Previously available only as part of Absoft's Pro Fortran suite, it can now be purchased as a stand-alone item and is compatible with Absoft Pro Fortran and Intel Fortran compilers, Apple C and gnu c compilers, and assembly language. Linux versions are also available. Prices start at \$99.00.

Absoft says Fx3 is especially beneficial for the Mac OS/Intel community because Fx3 is the only graphical Fortran debugger from a commercial vendor currently available for Mac OS/Intel. The alternatives are either command line or designed for C/C++ with no knowledge of Fortran. Absoft research shows, customers who choose Macs often do so because of Apple's excellent graphical user interface. They find graphical interfaces easier to use, more productive and want their programming tools for Mac OS to have a Mac GUI as well.

The Apple debugger included with Xcode has a graphical interface, but was designed for C/C++ and has no knowledge of Fortran. For example: customers using the Fx3 debugger with Fortran compilers from Absoft or Intel can graphically display and modify the values of program variables located in COMMON blocks, allocated in static storage, or declared inside Fortran 90 modules. Fx3's rollover feature displays the value of variables. Similar functionality is not available using the Apple or open source gdb debugger on Fortran code.

“Absoft is making Fx3 available as a stand-alone product in response to continued customer demand,” said Wood Lotz, president of Absoft. “Mac is a very popular platform for Fortran development and many of those developers use multiple Fortran compilers. Fx3 is very well regarded and our customers regularly ask us to make it available as a stand-alone item because they want Fx3's superior flexibility and graphical debugging capabilities for all their compilers,” continued Lotz.

Fx3 is compatible with both 32 and 64 bit executables on Mac OS / Intel based systems. Single user and floating licenses are available. Linux versions of Fx3 are compatible with Absoft Fortran, Intel Fortran, Pathscale Fortran, Apple C and gnu c.

Information and sample Fx3 screen shots available at:

http://www.absoft.com/Absoft_FxDebugger.htm

Trial versions of the stand-alone Fx3 debugger is available at:

<http://www.absoft.com/evalform.html>

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