

Centercode Releases Connect February 2006

New release offers external file distribution integration and other improvements.

LAGUNA HILLS, CA., (February 2006) -- Enhancing the beta testing experience for project managers, Centercode, Inc., a leading provider of beta test management software, services and solutions, today announced a new release of their proprietary beta test management software, Connect™.

The February Connect release includes one major feature (External File Linking) and a great deal of polish across the entire user interface. In addition, a new and simpler way of displaying dates has been implemented. Both the UI cleanup and the new date protocol are intended to present Connect in more "friendly" manner. Lastly, this release will see the first major release of Connect Documentation, with a comprehensive guide intended for Project Team Members, Project Managers, and Community Managers.

In preparation for a new release of documentation, Centercode has spent time conducting a great deal of enhancing the User experience throughout the Connect interface. While the primary goal of this task was to add consistency for documentation, Centercode also incorporated many little adjustments intended to make the interface feel smoother and friendlier for all users. This task included cleaning up column labels and widths, removing unnecessary or inconsistent spacing, and countless other simple improvements. While not expecting a major initial reaction, the sum of these improvements provides a much more satisfying user experience.

Part of Centercode's user interface improvements includes a new feature called Relative Date and Times. This feature offers users a new Global Setting which allows them to display Date & Times which are relative, rather than static. For example, Mar 03, 2006 @ 5:00PM would be come 3 Days Ago.

There are two benefits to this new format. First, it enhances the significance of feedback by enabling project managers to quickly see how relevant it is to them immediately. The most common first step when looking at a date is subtracting it from the "right now" in order to determine how relevant it is. For example, when looking at a forum topic post, the user doesn't generally care that it was done today at 5 p.m. but rather than it is 3 hours old.

While not directly related to the build itself, the release of Connect Documentation will benefit all Connect users greatly. The February documentation release will include a New User Guide, a Connect Reference Guide, a Connect Current Release, and Connect Release History. All of this information is available online and is hosted by Centercode. The system being utilized to publish the documentation includes search and print capabilities and offers a very simple navigation.

About Centercode, Inc.

Centercode, Inc., based in Laguna Hills, CA, is a leading provider of beta test management software and services. Centercode's solutions focus on flexibility to meet the varying and unique needs of each company and each product while delivering the results to enhance product quality and maximize market opportunities. For more information about Centercode, please visit www.centercode.com.

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