

Global Village Consulting Inc. Releases GVC.SiteMaker as Open Source

Vancouver, BC, October 11, 2005 – Global Village Consulting has released the source code for GVC.SiteMaker – a very powerful, yet easy-to-use tool for creating custom websites -- under the Educational Community License. The source code and binary distributions for GVC.SiteMaker are hosted by SourceForge.net under the project name GVC.SiteMaker.

GVC.SiteMaker is a web application that empowers non-technical users to create highly customized websites and web databases. It comes with an extensive distributed management architecture tailored for academic settings, which allows schools, colleges, departments, laboratories and other local units to have full control and responsibility for their materials.

“GVC.Sitemaker is revolutionizing my life. I love it, love it, love it.”, a testimonial from Kaye Lee Johnston of University of Michigan. GVC.SiteMaker is extremely flexible yet requires no training or experience with HTML. In addition, GVC.SiteMaker is designed to overcome the practical difficulties that people face when trying to put their pages into production. It transparently handles finding the right directory to deposit files, designing layouts and navigation tools, and making pages and files accessible to selected visitors. GVC.SiteMaker also allows either distributed or central administrative control of websites (such as creating and naming them) depending on the needs of the organization.

GVC.SiteMaker was started at University of Michigan (UM), where there are currently over 3500 sites published, serving such diverse purposes as Interactive Teaching Tools, Lab Websites, Public Service, Lecture and Seminar Series Calendars, and many others that are not served by highly stereotyped services (like course management systems). A gallery of UM examples can be found here: <http://sitemaker.umich.edu/sm.gallery>

GVC.SiteMaker is also being used extensively by the Ann Arbor Public Schools (<http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/>) and the Holland Christian Schools (<http://www.hollandchristian.org/>)

Built using Apple technology, GVC.SiteMaker is being promoted by Apple Computer Inc. to their Educational Customers as part of Apple Canada Inc.'s solution offerings.

According to SourceForge.net's statistics, since its release last May, there have been more than 400 downloads of GVC.SiteMaker.

About Global Village Consulting, Inc: Since 1995, Global Village Consulting Inc. (GVC), located in Vancouver, BC, Canada, is an enterprise application development and consulting company delivering efficient and cost effective business solutions.

Global Village Consulting's focus is to provide superior application consulting and development solutions, turnkey implementation and software solutions that meet with the specific needs of our clients. In addition to developing and marketing GVC.SiteMaker and various other applications, Global Village Consulting's primary service is to provide back-end / mid-tier project evaluation, development, implementation and hosting services to help clients reach their internet and e-business goals.