



New Autodesk Maya 8.5 3D Software Supports Intel-based Macintosh Computers

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Universal Application Provides Greater Productivity and Award-Winning Creative Tools

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., Jan. 15 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK) today launched Autodesk Maya 8.5 (announced separately), the latest version of its Maya 3D modeling, rendering and animation software. Now shipping, Maya 8.5 is available for Intel-based Macintosh computers. The software enables faster completion of complex animation and simulation tasks, giving artists enhanced creative control on multiple platforms.

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"Our goal is to give digital artists choice and flexibility in their 3D tools and platforms," said Marc Petit, Autodesk's Media & Entertainment vice president. "Autodesk Maya 8.5 is our first Universal application of Maya. This multi-threaded software leverages the latest multi-core workstations from Apple. Maya 8.5 equips digital artists with innovative new technologies such as Maya Nucleus, a unified simulation framework, as well as greater productivity." Universal applications are designed for Intel- and PowerPC-based Mac computers, efficiently running on both architectures.

"Mac OS X is an outstanding 3D graphics platform, with legendary power and stability," said Ron Okamoto, Apple's vice president of Worldwide Developer Relations. "The combination of our blazing fast Intel-based Macs and new Maya 8.5 functionality, such as Maya Nucleus and Maya nCloth, makes it easier than ever for digital artists to realize their most creative ideas."

For a complete list of new features in Maya 8.5, please visit www.autodesk.com/maya.

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