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Top Partners and Plug-in Developers Embrace Discreet 3ds max 6 Software

3D Developers Deliver Perfectly Timed Support for Discreet's Latest Release

San Francisco, Calif.—October 16th 2003—Over 80 leading digital content creation companies spanning a range of specialized 3D solutions have worked in concert with Discreet, a division of Autodesk, Inc., to announce their compatibility with and support for today's shipping version of **3ds max® 6**, Discreet's award-winning 3D modeling, animation and rendering solution. Key partners, including Criterion Software®, NXN Software, TurboSquid™, cebas Computer, Splutterfish, Havok, Intel®, and Nvidia®—along with most of Discreet's **sparks** development partners—have already made or have committed to optimize their respective solutions to support and be compatible with Discreet's **3ds max 6** software—ensuring the animation community quick and continued use of their 3D tool-set investments.

(Discreet partners list: <http://www.discreet.com/3dsmax/partners/index.html>)

"We're excited to see the overwhelming response from partners large and small as they support our latest version of **3ds max**," said Chris Ford, product line manager, Discreet animation. "It's a dramatic endorsement for any product when 100% of your top partners announce plans to be compatible within 60 days of a new release. This demonstrates an ongoing commitment to **3ds max** and continued recognition of its prime importance to customers and partners."

Animators and designers in film, television, games development and design visualization will be able to leverage the vast range of specialty tools and plug-ins to accent the core animation, modeling, and rendering capabilities in **3ds max 6**. Select partner technologies are included with the shipping version of **3ds max 6** that will add valuable functionality for 3D artists across all disciplines.

Featured partner solutions include:

- RenderWare Visualizer® from Criterion Software®, the world's leading provider of tools and technology for the game development industry, enables registered developers of Sony PlayStation® 2 and Microsoft Xbox consoles to view 3ds max content easily on the respective consoles. www.renderware.com
- EASYnat from Bionatics, world leader in procedural 3D plant modeling technology, provides an innovative solution for placing virtual "seeds", simulating growth and viewing season of the resulting 3D plant with a minimum number of polygons. A collection of plants ships with 3ds max 6 along with the plug-in. www.bionatics.com
- PolyTrans OpenFlight import/export from Okino Computer Graphics, leading provider of translation tools for CAD and DCC formats, includes their latest version of the PolyTrans OpenFlight translator to import and export Multigen-Paradigm's OpenFlight format. www.okino.com
- RPC from ArchVision. RPC technology is a gateway to highly detailed, photorealistic, image-based 3D content that breaks the tyranny of complex geometry and costly rendering times. Included with 3ds max 6, along with the RPC 3 Plug-in technology, is a CDROM containing a collection of people, trees, cars and other objects. www.archvision.com

3ds max 6 is available for worldwide shipment at US \$3,495. For more sales and product information, contact a Discreet Authorized Reseller at www.discreet.com/resellers. The complete list of Discreet partner software compatible with **3ds max 6** is at: <http://www.discreet.com/3dsmax/partners/index.html>

About Discreet

Discreet empowers media professionals to realize the visual experience and transform their most evocative and ambitious visions into reality. Discreet's award-winning solutions are designed for digital media creation, management and delivery—across all disciplines from film and television visual effects, color grading and editing to animation, game development, web/interactive, and design visualization. Discreet is based in Montreal, Quebec and is a division of Autodesk, Inc, the world's leading design and digital media creation, management, and distribution company. Product and corporate information: www.discreet.com.

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