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**LEAD TECHNOLOGIES OFFERS WEB ADMINISTRATORS THE ABILITY TO SUPPORT OVER 100 FILE FORMATS OVER THE INTERNET**

**Charlotte, NC (March 18, 2002)** - LEAD Technologies, Inc., a LEADer in the field of digital imaging and compression technologies announced today the release of the LEADTOOLS Image Server™. The LEADTOOLS Image Server is an imaging ISAPI extension for IIS (Internet Information Server) 4 and above which allows web administrators and developers to support the format conversion and image processing of over 100 different image formats for display in standard web browsers. In addition, the LEADTOOLS Image Server supports more than 54 image processing routines, which allow for easy image cleanup and manipulation. Both image conversion and processing occur on the server so web clients are not required to download additional software (i.e. cab files, ActiveX controls, scripts, etc.) to take full advantage of the LEADTOOLS Image Server functionality. The LEADTOOLS Image Server can return an image wrapped in HTML or just the image data, depending upon the needs of the administrator or client.

**A few of the more than 100 supported file formats include:**

JPEG2000	GIF
BMP Formats	TIFF
Dr. Halo (CUT)	Encapsulated PostScript (EPS)
Exif Formats (TIFF and JPG)	Flic Animation (FLC)
Interchange File Formats (IFF)	JPEG and LEAD Compressed (JPG and CMP)
JBIG Format (JBG)	Kodak Formats (PCD and FPX)

A few of the more than 50 image processing functions include:

- AntiAlias - Applies a smoothing and blending filter to the specified image. Helps to smooth jagged lines.
- Contrast - Increases or decreases the contrast of the image.
- Deskew - Typically is used to automatically straighten scanned images by automatically rotating the image.
- Despeckle - Removes speckles from an image. Typically, this command is used to clean up scanned images (such as FAX images).
- HistoEqualize - Linearizes the number of pixels per gray level in an image.
- UnsharpMask - Sharpens the specified image.
- Grayscale - Converts a 1-, 4-, 8-, 16-, 24-, or 32-bit image to an 8-bit, 12-bit, or 16-bit grayscale image.
- Halftone - Converts a 1-, 4-, 8-, 16-, 24-, or 32-bit image to a half-toned image. A half-toned image is a 1-bit image that has been dithered for black and white printing or display.

To find out more information on the LEADTOOLS Image Server, contact LEAD sales at 704-332-5532 or email [sales@leadtools.com](mailto:sales@leadtools.com).

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**About LEAD Technologies, Inc.**

Founded in 1990, LEAD grew out of years of research headed by Moe Daher to find a comprehensive compression standard for digital images. LEAD is now the world-leading supplier of imaging development toolkits, providing technology of the future, today. LEAD brings to the market the most innovative and technically superior products that provide the greatest possible value for its customers. LEAD's award winning imaging technology is chosen by Microsoft, Hewlett Packard, Intel, Boeing, Xerox and thousands of other companies for use in their high volume applications and internal systems.

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