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# OMNIS Studio v4.0

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## The DLA Group & Raining Data Announces MySQL Connectivity with the Release of OMNIS Studio Version 4.0

**SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA. – 18 March 2004** – The DLA Group and Raining Data Corporation (Nasdaq: RDTA), a long-time provider of scalable, flexible and reliable data management software, announced the latest release of OMNIS Studio Version 4.0.

This new major release in the Company's line of Rapid Application Development (RAD) tools builds upon what was already one of the most powerful and cost effective development solutions. OMNIS Studio v4.0 delivers increased integration, productivity, and flexibility, allowing developers to build applications in less time and at a lower cost. New product features include native access to MySQL, one of the world's most popular databases, access to J2SE Java based objects, Studio applets that allow OMNIS code to be published to other environments such as Windows CE, and JDBC connectivity. Significant improvements to the features and functionality of the development environment greatly reduce the time required to write and debug code, and enhancements to the report writer allow users to make full use of OMNIS Studio's Object Oriented structure.

Gwyneth Gibbs, Raining Data's Vice President, European Operations, said, "with the addition of MySQL access and other new features, OMNIS Studio 4.0 provides increased connectivity options, making OMNIS Studio an excellent framework for accessing multiple data sources and components. The enhancements in our latest release are a direct result of listening to our customers and providing the features they need to build powerful, leading-edge business applications."

David P. Lewis, CEO of DLA said: "Local developers have eagerly awaited the release of OMNIS Studio v4 and major clients already have applications under development and due for release this year. Developer numbers and deployments continue to increase in our region."

# About Omnis Studio

OMNIS Studio is a high-performance visual RAD tool that provides a component-based environment for building ebusiness, database and client/server applications. Its Web Client plug-in technology allows server-based applications to be accessed over the Internet using popular Web-browsers, giving fast, secure, scalable solutions in a minimum of development time. With complete scalability from individual to enterprise level solutions, OMNIS applications can be developed on any one supported platform and deployed on any other platform without modification. Supported platforms include, Windows NT/2000, Windows XP, Mac OSX, Linux, and Sun Solaris. OMNIS directly supports traditional SQL databases such as Oracle, MySQL, Sybase, DB2 and Informix, as well as Raining Data's advanced multidimensional database, D3. Most other databases may be accessed via JDBC or ODBC. OMNIS Studio dramatically cuts application development time compared to 3GL environments (C++, Java), while allowing the developer to use objects developed in 3GL environments as components in OMNIS applications.

## About The DLA Group

The DLA Group is an IT Management Consulting and software development company operating throughout South East Asia both directly and with partners and is expert in Strategic IT consulting services and Rapid Application Development (RAD). DLA is the exclusive distributor and representative of OMNIS in South East Asia. DLA has over 800 clients using OMNIS in the region. Corporate headquarters are located at 469 Darling Street, Balmain NSW 2041 Australia. Web: <http://www.dlagroup.com.au>.

## About Raining Data

Raining Data Corporation (Nasdaq: RDTA), headquartered in Irvine, California, has been providing reliable data management and rapid application deployment solutions for developers of database applications for more than two decades. Raining Data's flagship products include: 1) high-performance TigerLogic™ XML Data Management Server (XDMS), which provides flexible, scalable and extensible storage and retrieval of critical business data across a variety of structured and unstructured information sources, delivering mid-tier scalability and transactional integrity of enterprise databases as well as dynamic extensibility and ease of use, mostly found in repositories and file systems; 2) D<sup>3</sup>®, mvEnterprise® and mvBase® family of powerful Pick® based hierarchical multi-dimensional database management systems that are the choice of more than a thousand application developers worldwide; 3) Pick Data Provider for .NET™ which allows D<sup>3</sup>, UniData® and UniVerse® database platform users to take advantage of the .NET Framework by utilizing Microsoft Visual Studio® .NET, serving as a bridge between an application and the data source; and 4) Omnis Studio®, a powerful, cross-platform, object-oriented RAD tool for developing sophisticated thick-client, Web-client or ultra thin-client database applications.

The Raining Data customer installed base includes more than 500,000 active users, representing over 20,000 customer sites worldwide with a significant base of diverse vertical applications. With approximately 150 employees in four countries, the company has an extensive distribution channel, 24x7 customer support and a strong international presence. More information about Raining Data Corporation and its products can be found at [www.rainingdata.com](http://www.rainingdata.com).

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