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### **netViz Corporation Announces Release of netViz Version 6.0**

#### *Network Charting Tool Includes over 20,000 Vendor-Specific Graphics*

February 25, 2002, Gaithersburg, MD - netViz Corporation has unveiled the newest version of its flagship product, netViz Professional 6.0. A network-diagramming and data-visualization tool sold around the globe, netViz uses data-embedded graphics to make hierarchical diagrams that integrate graphics, data, and relationship information about complex networks. Unlike simple diagramming tools, netViz allows easy linking to an enterprise's existing data. And instead of creating flat diagrams that can only be viewed one at a time, netViz creates a comprehensive, enterprise-wide view of all of the infrastructure information important to a business. According to Network Computing magazine, "[i]f you're trying to build living documentation, netViz [software] is the solution." *Network Computing*, September 17, 2001, p. 68.

With the new release, netViz introduces a significantly enhanced library of vendor-specific network graphics for use in netViz network diagrams. Not only will netViz ship with its own collection of over 10,000 generic and vendor-specific network graphics, but under a teaming agreement with Altima Technologies, maker of NetZoom business symbols, an additional 10,000-symbol sample collection of NetZoom graphics will be included with every license of netViz 6.0. Users will also have the option to purchase the entire collection of 40,000 NetZoom symbols directly from Altima Technologies. With the addition of NetZoom Symbols for netViz, netViz users will have access to the largest collection of network equipment icons available, along with Altima Technologies' Web-based library updates.

netViz 6.0 also allows users to drag and drop additional graphics into diagrams from virtually any source, including other applications and Web pages. According to Vo Tran, President and CEO of netViz Corporation, opening up netViz diagrams to an unlimited source of graphics is an important enhancement. "We have users all over the globe who want to document a wide variety of IT networks and other enterprise systems. In the past, if a user needed a specialized graphic, he or she had to send us a request so that we could create the object. Now all that's required is a drag and drop from virtually anywhere to the netViz desktop. Our users will have instant access to icons that precisely meet their needs."

netViz 6.0 contains many other powerful information-management features including data-query capabilities, a drag-and-drop interface to widely-used databases, and the ability to publish data-embedded diagrams over the Web. By simply linking existing enterprise databases to netViz graphical objects, users can see and graphically manage large amounts of complex information.

"The flexibility of our tool is probably its strongest asset," says Tran. "We allow easy drag-and-drop linking from any ODBC-compliant database to our graphics. That means our users can incorporate their existing enterprise data not only from Excel, but also from popular database packages like Access, Oracle and Sybase. This allows netViz to act as a graphical repository for collections of all types of enterprise data, such as network management information, asset management data, personnel, accounting and help desk records, and more. Our goal has been to come as close as possible to merging drawings and data into what could be called a 'visual database' and I'm pleased with what we've achieved."

**About netViz Corporation:** netViz Corporation is a leading developer of network-mapping and data-management tools with major clients in the telecommunications and financial industries. Customers include AT&T, British Telecom, ConAgra, Deutsche Telecom, FedEx, MCI, Nortel Networks, Sprint, United Technologies, Verizon and many other private and public-sector organizations. Version 1.0 of netViz Corporation's award-winning software was released in 1993; netViz 6.0 begins shipping in March, 2002.

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