



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **LIFE|WARE 2.0 FOR WINDOWS VISTA LAUNCHES A NEW INTERFACE, INCREASED PERFORMANCE**

**Vista's native support for Web Services means swifter Life|ware integrations for dealers**

**Orlando, FL – March 7, 2006** – Life|ware™ digital entertainment and automation solutions announces the launch of Life|ware 2.0 which introduces an entirely new, Microsoft® Windows® Vista™ interface while enhancing its performance managing a home's subsystems through Windows® Vista™ Media Center to create a comprehensive digital living experience.

Life|ware 2.0 provides at-a-glance, gallery-style view of home subsystems – lights, thermostats, security, surveillance and more. By replicating the distinctive Windows Vista interface look, feel and navigation, Life|ware 2.0 presents a crisp interface that is intuitive, simple to learn and easy to use.

By simply integrating Life|ware into Windows® Vista™ Media Center, you have your entire music collection, complete with album art, all on screen. Users can enjoy slideshows of their digital photos, schedule and record their favorite television programs, call up home videos and watch DVDs. Life|ware also lets homeowners control a home's lighting system, thermostats and security system, distribute music throughout the house, enact homeowner-defined Lifescenes™. What's more, Life|ware lets users enjoy the experience anywhere and everywhere—through a TV with a Media Center PC, Xbox 360™ as a Media Center Extender, from a home or office PC or notebook, a wireless device like an Ultra Mobile PC, or from a Life|point high definition touch panel.

The key to Life|ware's flexibility is its use of Devices Profile for Web Services (DPWS) to communicate between different home systems. Designed from its inception to support a wide range of controllable subsystems, Life|ware comes into its own in Windows Vista, which supports DPWS natively.

*"Lifeware was designed from the beginning with an eye towards Windows Vista," said Mike Seamons, Vice President of Marketing. "Vista's native support of DPWS means swifter, more seamless integration projects for Lifeware dealers."*

Instead of writing proprietary drivers, Life|ware builds web service-based software bridges to all Life|ware Connected™ partner products that make each subsystem fit the flexible, cross-platform DPWS standard, which enables rapid two-way communications that are reliable and robust. This open, standards-based approach to home automation creates a system that is both affordable and scaleable and can easily be expanded as new vendor partners are added.

### **Features of Life|ware 2.0**

- 100% digital experience.
- Share digital content across your home network.
- Distribute audio where you want it, when you want it.
- Easy navigation for all users.
- Choose how you want to interact with Life|ware— mouse, keyboard, remote, or touch screens.
- Seamless integration with Microsoft® Windows® Vista™ Media Center
- Multi-vendor hardware support gives you more choices among PCs and subsystems.
- Schedules for common home control and security tasks.
- Life|scenes™ set a mood using all of your home's systems.
- Extend the experience around the house using Xbox 360s™ as Media Center Extenders.
- Life|ware is completely scalable to meet your changing needs—big or small.

Life|ware pricing varies based on the scope of the installation.

For more information on Life|ware by Exceptional Innovation, please visit [www.life-ware.com](http://www.life-ware.com).

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### **About Exceptional Innovation**

*Based in the Westerville suburb of Columbus, Ohio, Exceptional Innovation produces Life|ware™ home control software and hardware for digital living. Life|ware creates a lifestyle experience that allows consumers to enjoy their digital entertainment, wherever and whenever they want, as well as manage their lighting, multi-room audio, HVAC, security, appliances and other subsystems, through a single interface by integrating the digital entertainment functionality of Media Center with whole-house automation and control. Led by software industry professionals with extensive experience with distributed computing based on open standards and open architecture, Exceptional Innovation combines Microsoft development expertise with years of home control experience to deliver simple, seamless, life-enhancing solutions for the digital home.*

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