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Getting Started With The Help Of Free Software

(NAPSA)—The start of every year brings more computer users, and with every new computer comes a fresh set of headaches.

New computer owners often find that it can take days or even weeks to install all the software they need to make their computer useful. For example, they may have basic e-mail and word processing figured out, but when it comes to all of the extras—screensavers, photo sharing, anti-virus and anti-spyware software and so much more—it's a very different story.

Fortunately, one of the most popular Internet companies—which has already helped to make searching the Web easy and understandable—is helping to make software a little easier and more accessible.

With Google Pack, Google has put users' favorite applications in one convenient place to download right from the Web—for free. In just a few clicks, users can easily discover, install and maintain software to surf the Web faster and safer, communicate better and effectively manage information.

All the programs offered meet Google's high software standards and are considered best in their class. Plus, the bundle is customizable, so you can choose only the software you want. Programs include:

• Adobe Reader 7—Allows users to view, print and search PDF files;

• Ad-Aware SE Personal—An anti-spyware utility that safely detects and removes spyware while

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protecting the user's privacy;

• GalleryPlayer HD Images—High-quality artwork and photos for your screensaver or desktop;

• Google Desktop, Google Earth, Google Pack Screensaver, Google Talk and Google Toolbar for Internet Explorer;

• Mozilla Firefox with Google Toolbar—A user-friendly Web browser;

• Norton AntiVirus 2005 Special Edition—An anti-virus utility that protects your PC from viruses, worms and Trojan horses. Includes a six-month subscription to protection updates;

• Picasa—A photo organizer that helps users find, edit and share their photos in seconds;

• RealPlayer—Play popular media formats and organize music and videos; and

• Skype—A telecommunications program that allows users to make free voice and video calls, as well as low-cost calls to landlines and mobile phones.

Google Pack requires Windows XP or Vista with Administrator privileges, plus Firefox 1.0+ or Internet Explorer 6.0+. And if you already have some of the software, it will be updated if a newer version is available.

To learn more and to access the free software, visit the Web site at www.google.com/pack.