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***ADVANTECH Combines InduSoft SCADA  
and Operator Interface Software  
With its Web Automation and HMI Hardware Products***

CINCINNATI, OHIO - August 2000 - ADVANTECH today announced that it will enhance its WebOIT SolutionPak, Windows CE and other web-enabled products through a partnership with Indusoft. This partnership will integrate Indusoft's SCADA and Operator Interface Software into ADVANTECH's ready-to-run web-enabled and HMI hardware products and solutions.

Continuing its edge in the eAutomation marketplace, ADVANTECH will focus on expanding technology in three main product lines: computing and HMI products, communications and control equipment. These web-enabled solutions will allow authorized administrators with Web Operator Interface Terminal (WebOIT) to use a standard Web browser to monitor a data acquisition or control system at any time over the Internet, from anywhere in the world, using any type of computer. These applications include portable, desktop, workstation, HMI, industrial, handheld and palm computers.

In order to expand these ready-to-run solutions, ADVANTECH will integrate InduSoft's WEB Studio HMI development software and InduSoft Studio SCADA package into its SolutionPaks. The InduSoft software provides a single development environment for designing control and data acquisition applications that can run on Windows NT, 2000, CE, thin clients and web browsers.



Customers will now be able to create modular applications that can be interchanged and re-used in other applications and platforms through InduSoft's object-oriented environment.

ADVANTECH has also announced its Windows CE HMI product, a rugged industrial computer with a touchscreen, 233 MHz Intel Pentium MMX processor, non-rotating Flash drive, full networking and Internet capability, and a complete suite of HMI software and data acquisition software from Indusoft. The Windows CE HMI is available with all the InduSoft software fully loaded, eliminating any problems with systems integration and startup in the field.

Combining ADVANTECH hardware with Indusoft software will allow the creation of a single point of customer contact for sales, support and service for products ranging from HMIs to Web-based WebOIT systems. To date, 90 percent of calls made to helpline are answered within 24 hours.

Founded in 1997, InduSoft provides a powerful family of industrial software products for developing applications in process supervision, automation and control for Windows 2000, NT and CE operating systems. Today, InduSoft is developing tools and technologies to empower people and companies to develop graphical interfaces, integrate Web browsers, and take advantage of Internet connectivity. More than 4,000 InduSoft HMI, SCADA, control and data acquisition systems are operating worldwide.

Founded in 1983, ADVANTECH is the only complete PC-based Industrial Automation Solution Manufacturer offering products such as Panel PCs, Industrial PCs, Workstations, Embedded PCs, and Data Acquisition & Control Devices. ADVANTECH offers a family of scaleable Windows-based computers for almost any industrial application offering HMI, Trending, Alarm Enunciation and a variety of other total solutions. ADVANTECH 's Cincinnati Products Group offers a number of SolutionPAKs and Partnership Programs.

For more information, see ADVANTECH 's Web site at <http://www.advantech.com> or call Angela Schlesinger, Marketing Manager North, Central, & South America, at 513-742-8895 X 236.