The TWAIN Working Group Announces TWAIN Self-Certification and the Release of WIA on TWAIN

APTOS, CA - The TWAIN Working Group, a not-for-profit organization which provides the leading royalty-free image-capture API, today announced TWAIN Self-Certification and WIA on TWAIN. The TWAIN Working Group represents the broad interest of the imaging industry. These two significant milestones are consistent with the on-going objectives of the group which include:

- Ensuring users of image acquisition software and devices experience success each and every time.
- Ensuring image-handling software and hardware compatibility.
- Keeping the specification current with state of practice software and hardware.
- Defining TWAIN test guidelines.
- Promoting the adoption of the specification.

The intent of TWAIN Self-Certification is to improve the quality of TWAIN data sources and to provide more consistent integration for the application software providers. The free self-certification tool called InspectorTWAIN enables manufacturers to extensively test their TWAIN data sources and drivers against the latest version of the TWAIN specification. Drivers that meet the baseline criteria and submit a statement affirming this may display the “TWAIN Certified” logo on their product. A list of self-certified drivers is available from the TWAIN Web site at www.twain.org.

WIA on TWAIN allows manufacturers to extend their development investment in TWAIN to include Microsoft’s Windows Image Acquisition (WIA). A TWAIN data source can be used to generate a WIA driver and provides a simplified path to Microsoft’s Window Hardware Quality Labs (WHQL) support. This technology enables TWAIN developers to deliver high quality WIA drivers along with high quality TWAIN drivers. The WIA on TWAIN development kit can be downloaded from the TWAIN web site at www.twain.org.

“The TWAIN Working Group has long aspired to provide the TWAIN community with certification tools,” said Pamela Doyle, Chair of the TWAIN Working Group and Director at Fujitsu Computer Products of America. “We believe tools such as Atalasoft’s InspectorTWAIN will result in a significant increase in the quality of TWAIN drivers,” said Doyle. “We believe that WIA on TWAIN will be a huge value add for developers who can use this tool to quickly transform an existing TWAIN driver to double as a robust Window Image Acquisition (WIA) driver. We encourage other vendors to join our ranks who are willing to help evolve the standard to benefit the industry,” said Jon Harju, Vice Chair of the TWAIN Working Group and President at JFL Peripheral Solutions, Inc.
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