ARCHOS OPENS UP HARDWARE PLATFORM TO DEVELOPERS

Responding to the requests from the software developer community, ARCHOS has opened up its ARCHOS 5 and ARCHOS 7 Internet Media Tablet hardware devices by releasing a special developer edition firmware. The firmware is available as a 'proof-of-concept' and does not contain the traditional ARCHOS multimedia software. It is thus by no means a commercial grade release.

It is considered as a starting point for developers interested in building native applications and creating new usage models with the ARCHOS 5 and ARCHOS 7 hardware platforms. The firmware provided is based on the Ångström distribution (http://www.angstrom-distribution.org/) generated from a customized open embedded build (http://wiki.openembedded.net/index.php/Main_Page).

Having opened the door to developers, ARCHOS eagerly anticipates seeing its hardware platform used as a foundation for creating exciting new usage models and applications that the developer community brings.

About ARCHOS
ARCHOS introduced the hard-drive-based MP3 player with the Jukebox 6000 in 2000, and since that time has revolutionized consumer electronics devices. The company introduced the portable video player in 2003 and was the first to bring TV recording, wireless and touch screens to the portable media player. In 2008, ARCHOS introduced the first Internet Media Tablets, offering consumers uncompromised access to the Internet, movies, photos, video, music and television anytime, anywhere. Now, ARCHOS introduce Internet Tablet, PC Tablets, Netbooks and MP3/MP4 Player. Established in 1988, ARCHOS has offices in the United States, Europe and Asia, and is quoted on Compartment C of Euronext Paris, ISIN Code FR0000182479. More information is available online at www.archos.com.

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