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**CACE Technologies Celebrates Wireshark® Milestone**  
The open source project formerly known as Ethereal turns 10

*Davis, California, July, 2008* – [CACE](#) Technologies, Inc., developer of tools to enhance the Wireshark user experience and primary sponsor of the Wireshark development effort, today celebrates the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inception of the project that spawned the world's most popular and widely-deployed network analyzer.

To mark the day, Gerald Combs, Ethereal/Wireshark project founder, CACE, and Wireshark University have announced the roll-out of the Wireshark Certification Program and plans for the SHARKFEST '09 conference, which will take place on the Stanford campus in June of 2009.

"In my wildest dreams, I never imagined that Wireshark would be as enthusiastically received as it has been over the past ten years," states Gerald Combs. "I have watched the number of downloads grow from a few thousand a month to well over 300,000 today. The success of the analyzer is due to an incredibly devoted group of developer contributors around the globe who work closely with me to continually add new features and capabilities to the tool to maintain its relevance and usefulness in modern, evolving network environments. One of the reasons we created the SHARKFEST event is to bring them together and show our appreciation for their efforts."

SHARKFEST '09, just announced officially, will be the second occurrence of what is intended to be an annual conference for Wireshark developers and users. This year, as with the inaugural event, there will be three program tracks: Developer, Advanced User, and General User. Unlike last year, there will be fewer sessions per track, allowing more time for presentations and discussions, and duplications of some of the more popular sessions. There will also be more panel and open discussion forums.

"John Bruno, CEO of CACE, offers, "We're very excited about the next SHARKFEST conference. We learned a lot from the first one, and will incorporate the feedback received from last year's attendees to make this an even better event. The Stanford campus will be the perfect venue, allowing us to increase the number of participants while maintaining a richly educational association with our conference."

The development of a certification program for Wireshark also speaks to the maturity of the project. Certification programs are prompted by a demand from the user base to gain professional recognition for their knowledge of, and skill with, a particular product. Wireshark now joins the ranks of many commercial analyzers with certification programs that test the expertise of their user base and award recognition to those who prove capable of successfully completing a process that vets their knowledge of these tools. Laura Chappell, the creator of the program, is an industry maven, world-class packet analyst, network

troubleshooting, security, and forensics diva, and lauded trainer and consultant. To learn more about the Wireshark Certification program, visit [www.WiresharkU.com/certification](http://www.WiresharkU.com/certification).

**About CACE Technologies**

CACE Technologies is an innovative group of product designers and engineers specialized in networking solutions that enhance the Wireshark experience. Experts in Windows and Linux device driver and network monitoring tools development, CACE's core engineering team includes the creators of Wireshark and WinPcap, premier open-source tools for packet capture and protocol analysis. For information on our tools and services, visit [www.cacetech.com](http://www.cacetech.com).

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