

Drake Software Launches Web-based Tax Prep Application after Using Neotys' NeoLoad for Load Testing

NeoLoad Identified Serious Bottleneck; Paid for Itself the First Day

Merrimack, NH – April 7, 2009 – [Neotys](#), a leader in easy-to-use, cost effective stress and load testing tools for web applications, today announced that [Drake Software](#) successfully used its NeoLoad to stress and load test its recently launched web-based tax preparation software, Web 1040.

For 32 years, Drake Software has provided tax professionals the tools they need to build their businesses and attract new clients. Drake is a pioneer in e-filing and has e-filed over 7 million income tax returns in 2008. In preparation for the 2009 filing season, Drake launched a new simplified web based system to help customers that have up to 100 plus offices throughout the U.S. Web 1040 provides an entirely web based solution which allows users to file tax returns and print bank product checks in remote offices without the hassle of installing and managing desktop software.

Before launching its new solution, Drake needed to be positive that Web 1040 could handle an extremely heavy user volume with no slow down. The tax industry has one common challenge: virtually all of the processing volume occurs over a relatively short period of time (about 6 weeks). If Drake were to have its application down or deliver a product that did not perform well under load, it would greatly damage its reputation with major repercussions. The company needed a tool that allowed it to quickly simulate a high load of realistic traffic and that would also provide meaningful data. Drake chose Neotys' Neoload.

NeoLoad is a web stress testing software solution that runs high-load scenarios on web applications to measure performance and robustness prior to deployment. Unlike other web testing tools that require scripting, are overly complex and expensive, NeoLoad is easy-to-use, thanks to an intuitive GUI interface, requires no scripting, and provides a rich feature set at a cost effective price point. NeoLoad supports all web technologies and application server technologies including J2EE, .NET, PHP, AJAX, SOAP, FLASH, FLEX and Oracle Forms.

According to Mark Barber, lead web developer, Drake Software, "We chose NeoLoad because it is incredibly powerful and capable of delivering results quickly. We had a short window in which to test this system and we were able to use that time testing rather than learning how to use the tool. NeoLoad pointed out that we had a serious bottleneck in our system, which we were able to identify and fix quickly. By pointing out this issue, the tool paid for itself by lunch the first day. After using NeoLoad for the week, we received outstanding performance of the system and felt comfortable going forward with our live launch."

"Filing taxes online has become the preferred choice for the large, multi-site customers among Drake's 30,000 tax preparers," said Stephane Jammet, vice president of sales and business development, Neotys. "It is vital that the company's tax preparation application is up and running with no down time. When Drake was down to its final weeks before launching Web

1040, we were thrilled that Drake chose NeoLoad to load test its application. NeoLoad combines power with ease of use and they were able to obtain meaningful test results in a short amount of time.”

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Since 2005, Neotys has been helping its clients in more than 40 countries to ensure their applications' reliability, performance and quality. NeoLoad, load testing solution, ensures better efficiency enabling users to perform tests faster, while providing pertinent analyses and full support for all new technologies. At each stage of a project, Neotys consultants are on hand to guide users, thereby ensuring the successful deployment of applications. For more information about Neotys and NeoLoad visit: www.neotys.com or contact sales.us@neotys.com or (603) 429-9402.

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