

**SkillSoft's Books24x7® Launches AnalystPerspectives™  
Referenceware® Collection**

*Digital Content Collection Extracts Higher Value from Industry Leading Research*

**NORWOOD, MA - September 25, 2006** -- Books24x7®, a subsidiary of SkillSoft PLC (Nasdaq: SKIL) and the developer of online Referenceware® for IT, business, engineering, financial and government professionals, today announced the availability of AnalystPerspectives™, a new online Referenceware® collection that provides organizations with an efficient, cost-effective way to gain insight on technology topics and issues that impact the strategic direction of their business.

While well-recognized as a key influencer in information technology and telecommunications decision-making, information from the analyst community can frequently be overwhelming with the sheer number of reports that are available and the varying views they represent. With over 400 research firms tracking the technology industry, selecting and digesting the right reports and applying the information to business needs is becoming increasingly more challenging.

Now AnalystPerspectives brings the missing ingredient: context. AnalystPerspectives assimilates the views from across many different analyst firms to provide a comprehensive, multi-perspective synthesis that helps planners and decision makers at all levels make better informed decisions. Working from a client-inspired agenda of 120 technology topics per year, Books24x7 analyzes a wide body of information to provide quick insight into the research and opinions of the analyst community. Complementing these original and exclusive summarized reports is the full-text of premium research reports from leading firms from around the world. This rich collection provides technology executives, managers and practitioners with the information they need to make the important decisions that affect their enterprise.

AnalystPerspectives is designed to:

- Help employees efficiently and cost-effectively gain insight on technology topics that impact daily and long-term business operations
- Maximize employees' time by reducing the need to sort through dozens of extensive and expensive reports
- Deliver the "consensus" needed to make informed decisions
- Quickly identify the reports and topics employees need to focus on
- Become a strategic tool in competitive intelligence and strategic planning arsenals

AnalystPerspectives Reports dramatically reduce the time needed to read, analyze and apply comprehensive research information to business needs. Books24x7 evaluates the findings from leading analyst firms and synthesizes them into concise, easy to understand documents.

AnalystPerspectives reports compare, contrast and summarize the views of multiple analyst firms on the industries, markets, and technology topics that are "top of mind" in enterprises worldwide.

In addition to the AnalystPerspectives Reports, Books24x7 aggregates complete full-text reports from leading analyst firms from around the world, exclusively for AnalystPerspectives users. Unlike other offerings that only provide access to the report abstracts, AnalystPerspectives includes the full, unabridged content of hundreds of valuable reports, including all tables and charts. These premium reports cover the gamut of IT and telecommunications topics.

As with other Referenceware collections, all reports in the AnalystPerspectives collection are fully searchable through Books24x7's unique multi-tier search engine and many are available as PDF downloads for printing and viewing offline.

"We're very excited to partner with Books24x7 and make our research available through the AnalystPerspectives collection," said Bill McSpadden of PWR-Consulting. "Organizations facing important IT investment and planning decisions stand to benefit greatly from the collection, as it enables users to easily search the latest reports and analysis to locate precisely the insight they need."

In keeping with its mission of delivering the most current information while ensuring complete copyright adherence, Books24x7 has partnered with leading technology analyst firms to assemble the digital content assets for AnalystPerspectives. A complete of these analyst partners is included at the end of this release.

"Books24x7 is proud to have assembled such an impressive roster of analyst firms to contribute content to AnalystPerspectives," said John Ambrose, vice president and general manager for Books24x7. "Aggregating the reports and analysis of these leading firms, AnalystPerspectives delivers the consensus organizations need to make informed decisions about strategic technology purchases and implementations in an efficient, cost-effective way, eliminating the need to sort through dozens of extensive and expensive reports."

With the addition of this new digital content collection, Books24x7's Referenceware product line now includes 12 different topical content collections to address specific information needs of time-challenged knowledge workers throughout the enterprise. With more than 10,000 titles, Books24x7 Referenceware supports companies in helping employees to bridge the knowledge gap between what they know and what they need to know to operate at peak productivity.

Books24x7 regularly adds new titles and materials to each collection and provides email notification and RSS feeds to apprise subscribers of recent additions to the collections. To learn more about Books24x7's latest Referenceware collections, please visit [www.Books24x7.com](http://www.Books24x7.com).

Following is a complete list of the analyst partners featured in Analyst Perspectives:

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- ChainLink Research
- Clabby Analytics
- Coughlin Associates
- Datamonitor plc
- Digital Investor AU
- Digital Tech Consulting, Inc.
- effinfo
- Embedded Market Forecasters
- Epsilon S.A.
- Evaluerve
- Grey Consulting
- Infostructure Associates
- Info-Tech Research Group
- Macehiter Ward-Dutton
- Mesabi Group
- Mind Commerce
- Patricia Seybold Group
- Plant-Wide Research
- Ptak, Noel & Associates
- Pund-IT
- Quocirca
- The Sageza Group
- Service Performance Insight
- Summit Strategies
- The Diffusion Group
- The Tolly Group
- Upside Research
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