

Hothead Games chooses GarageGames' Torque Engine for upcoming Penny Arcade game and future titles

Vancouver, British Columbia, (March 2, 2007) - Hothead Games, an independent game developer staffed entirely by industry veterans, and GarageGames, popular technology provider and publishing partner for independent games and professional game makers, announced they have entered into an agreement making GarageGames the preferred provider of game engine technology for Hothead's games.

"GarageGames' Torque Game Engine has streamlined our development processes and enabled our teams in the pursuit of our core goal: creating the innovative gameplay that gamers want," said Joel DeYoung, Chief Operating Officer of Hothead Games. "Torque gives our programmers a +6 dagger of coding," he said before adding, "Actually I have no idea what that means, but they tell me it's pretty sweet".

Under the agreement, Hothead will use Torque for both PC and game console titles, including the highly anticipated *Penny Arcade Adventures: On the Rain-Slick Precipice of Darkness*. Any improvements Hothead makes to the Torque engine or tools will be shared back into the main code base for the benefit of all Torque users.

Josh Williams, CEO and CTO of GarageGames, said the relationship with Hothead was a natural fit for GarageGames. "We couldn't be happier to be partnered with Hothead and Penny Arcade. Like practically everyone in the known universe, we're huge Penny Arcade fans, and Hothead is exactly the kind of developer we love working with—they're passionate, dedicated, extremely talented, and are taking intelligent approaches to digital distribution and episodic content. Hothead's involvement in the ever-growing GarageGames developer network is a boon to our entire community of game makers and players," said Williams.

About Hothead Games

Hothead Games (www.hotheadgames.com) is an independent game development studio based in Vancouver, Canada and staffed entirely by industry veterans. The company is committed to creating top quality games for the experienced gamer. Hothead is best known for its upcoming RPG-adventure game series, *On the Rain-Slick Precipice of Darkness*, based on the widely popular online Penny Arcade comic strip. Hothead self-publishes its titles with a focus on offering accessible game play and episodic content through digital distribution.

About Penny Arcade

Equal parts online comic and commentary, Penny Arcade (www.penny-arcade.com) covers video games in a way that is genuine, insightful and respected by the gaming community. What started as a hobby for Jerry "Tycho" Holkins and Mike "Gabe" Krahulik has, over 8 years grown into an online phenomenon that serves 55 million page views a month to millions of readers worldwide. In addition to the comic strip and PAX, Penny Arcade also manages Child's Play (www.childsplaycharity.org), a gamer-driven charity for sick kids in Children's Hospitals across the world.