

QuantMethods Releases Quantitative Methods Software (QMS) version 1.1

New Version of Quantitative Educational Software Streamlines Class Instruction for Professors, Offers Cost-Effective, Easy-to-Use Tool for Students

DALLAS, Texas. May 4, 2006 — QuantMethods™, a leading provider of Internet-based interactive classware for quantitative analysis and decision making techniques, today announced the commercial release of Quantitative Methods Software (QMS) Version 1.1 to faculty and students in higher education. The latest version of the software features new functionality for operations research and a variety of licensing and deployment options to deliver convenient access options for professors and students.

Released last spring, QMS is the only quantitative decision analysis software that employs a browser interface and can run on virtually any platform, including Microsoft® Windows, Apple® Mac OS, and all popular UNIX® versions. QMS 1.1 includes a host of upgrades and enhancements, including new modules that provide Production and Operations Management (P/OM) functionality. The latest release of QMS also features a variety of new licensing and deployment options, including short-term subscriptions, CD ROM purchase from Thomson™ Publishing, or licensed departmental access via the school's own network.

“The release of QMS 1.1 is a significant event in our company's 15-year history. With the new operations research functionality built into QMS, we have demonstrated that the QMS platform can serve as the backbone for the delivery of a variety of decision analysis content,” said QuantMethods Managing Partner Mark Atchison. “We are also pleased to announce that this robust new functionality was added to the system without an increase in the student subscription price.”

The QMS software can be licensed on a six-month subscription, providing a lower cost of use, versus traditional software licensing. Subscriptions are offered via the QMS website (www.quantmethods.com). Students who currently hold a subscription to the QMS software have immediate access to the new modules at their next logon. All student users will now experience the benefits of QMS 1.1's intuitive browser-based user interface and easy-to-interpret graphs of results models generated by the system.

QMS 1.1 benefits professors in the Management Science and Operations Research disciplines by providing a powerful, yet easy-to-use, interactive pedagogical tool for the basics of quantitative decision making techniques. The software offers an online users' manual and help system and enables instructors to concentrate on teaching decision model formulation and interpretation of results, rather than spending valuable class time on the mathematical underpinnings of quantitative analysis.

QuantMethods has been providing decision science courseware to academia for 15 years through its earlier DOS-based product, Decision Support Software (DSS).

QMS for professors: QMS provides the basic Decision Science models, including mathematical programming models for linear programming, mixed-integer programming, assignment and transportation. For the Management Science discipline QMS includes network, forecasting, inventory, queuing, simulation and other models. The new Operations Research models include breakeven and location analysis. Documentation consists of an online user's manual and an online help system. The manual is comprehensive, often with more than one example for each module, with sample input and output screens. The help system provides immediate access to the essential information about the module the student is currently accessing, and includes context-specific online help with hyperlinked content throughout.

QMS for students: QMS is very easy to use. The data entry for the models follows standard model formulation convention within a browser interface, and has a high level of consistency across the various modules. If the student elects to license via subscription, there is nothing to install on their system and therefore nothing to ever uninstall. The QMS application is available to students from any computer with access to the Internet and a full-featured web browser. Standard subscription pricing is \$19.95 for six months of access to the software.

About QuantMethods

QuantMethods (www.quantmethods.com) is a leading provider of interactive teaching tools for the Decision Sciences. The company's software is deployed at colleges and universities throughout the United States, as well as at international campuses and private enterprises. QuantMethods also provides software on a private-label basis to a publisher of electronic textbooks.

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