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**LIKEWISE OPEN SPRING '08 NAMED
2008 EDITOR'S BEST AWARD WINNER BY WINDOWS IT PRO MAGAZINE**

BELLEVUE, Wash., August 1, 2008 – Likewise Software today announced that its Likewise Open Spring '08 was named as a winner in the “2008 Editor’s Best Awards” in the Interoperability category by Penton Media’s Windows IT Pro magazine.

“The 2008 Editor’s Best Awards utilize our editors' product knowledge and subject matter expertise to identify exceptional products that benefit the Windows IT Pro and SQL Server Magazine reader communities,” said Jeff Lewis, group publisher. “Our editors selected winners based on the product's strategic importance to the market, its competitive advantages and its value to the customer.”

“Our editors are tough, in-the-trenches critics,” Lewis continued. “They demand solid value and performance from the products they select. Editor’s Best Award winners can feel proud that the products and services they developed have earned the respect and recognition of the Windows IT Pro and SQL Server Magazine editorial staff.”

"We've seen dramatic increases in the number of downloads for the free Likewise Open software," said Barry Crist, chief executive officer, Likewise Software. "The growing user community and this recognition by Windows IT is testimony to the value of Likewise Open in improving the management and interoperability of Windows, Linux, UNIX and Mac systems by building a unified directory."

Likewise Software provides identity management solutions designed to improve security and operational efficiencies and help achieve regulatory compliance in mixed network environments. Likewise Open allows large organizations to securely authenticate Linux, UNIX and Mac systems with a unified directory such as Microsoft Active Directory. For more information, visit www.likewisoftware.com.

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