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**Frantic Games' *1944 D-Day: Operation Overlord*
Will Feature SpeedTree® RT**

COLUMBIA, SC – Frantic Games, an independent game organization with developers in Ireland and elsewhere in Europe, has chosen SpeedTree® RT for use in a World War II game that focuses on the Allies' epic invasion of the European mainland.

“SpeedTree comes highly recommend from both the Indie and mainstream games scene,” said Ronan Hayes, lead programmer for *1944 D-Day: Operation Overlord*. “It has not only enhanced the visual aspect of the game, but also added several essential gameplay features. All this in the most efficient, memory friendly way.”

1944 D-Day: Operation Overlord will take place on more than 160,000 square meters of authentic Normandy villages and battlefields, carefully reconstructed from historical maps, records and reconnaissance photos. The game is scheduled for release in September 2006. More information is available at <http://www.1944game.com>.

“As an indie developer, it’s sometimes hard to stand out from the crowd,” Hayes said. “Knowing that high standards are required to compete in the games market, we invested in the most efficient and practical way to fill our worlds with vibrant realistic foliage. Speedtree allows us to add the finer details to our accurate recreation of Normandy by adding realistic foliage for cover and tactical use.”

SpeedTreeRT, winner of the 2005 Front Line Award for middleware, delivers highly realistic trees and plants, with adjustable wind effects, user-configurable and seamless LOD transitions, and an included library of hundreds of tree, plant and marine models representing more than 170 core species. SpeedTreeRT includes SpeedTreeCAD, a Windows application used to create and edit animated trees in real-time.

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