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For Immediate Release: VIVA acquires access to Safari Tech Books Online

VIVA is excited to announce immediate access to Safari Tech Books Online, a new collection of electronic books covering information technology. As with other VIVA resources, Safari Tech Books are now available at all 39 Virginia public colleges and universities and to the VIVA private non-profit institutions choosing to subscribe under the advantageous VIVA contract terms. Currently with over 5,600 book titles, and more titles added each month, this database provides essential reference works, including software manuals on certification, programming, web development, desk-top publishing, and software engineering. The collection includes works from 20 reputable publishers in the IT field including O'Reilly, Cisco, Sam, QUE, Adobe, PeachPit Press, and Microsoft, to name a few.

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The Safari collection will be a valuable reference resource for programmers, IT professionals, and computer science students at VIVA institutions. University faculty and instructors also will find that many of the books in the Safari Tech Books collection can act effectively as course textbooks, particularly in the classes for 2nd year and higher, reducing the burden of textbook costs for students.

VIVA, the Virtual Library of Virginia, is a consortium of the libraries of 73 non-profit institutions of higher education in Virginia, including 39 state-assisted colleges and universities at 55 campuses within the Commonwealth of Virginia, 33 independent private, non-profit institutions, and The Library of Virginia. VIVA's mission is to provide, in an equitable, cooperative, and cost-effective manner, enhanced access to library and information resources for Virginia's academic libraries serving the non-profit higher education community. VIVA is funded by the Commonwealth of Virginia through the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) and by investments from participating institutions

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