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CUPERTINO, Calif. -- **PointCast Inc.**, a maker of **screen** savers that retrieve and broadcast news from the Internet, plans to ship a new **screen** saver that also lets individual companies broadcast their internal news to employees.

The company said it will begin beta testing the new product on May 15.

PointCast, a closely held start-up company, made a splash in February when it began giving away its software, which can retrieve news, stock quotes and charts, weather, horoscopes and other information from the Internet and download the data into the user's personal computer. The service can be programmed to automatically retrieve new data at set times, but this feature only works for those who have constant connections to the Internet -- usually office workers.

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The new product, server software that costs \$995, would allow companies to develop their own content for PointCast and then serve up the content to only their own employees.

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