

AVANQUEST SOFTWARE PRESENTS AUTOMATED BIDDING MANAGER FOR EBAY BARGAIN HUNTERS

Final Bid 3 Adopts Professional Auctioning Technique to Help Bidders Win More and Pay Less on eBay

PLEASANTON, CA - January 3, 2006 - Avanquest Software, a leading developer and publisher of business and consumer software for the global PC market with operations in Europe, the U.S. and Asia, today introduced its newest version of VCOM's automated online bidding manager. Final Bid 3 silently monitors select auctions, placing the lowest bid above the current price approximately one minute before auction close. Until bidding closes, the software aggressively counters all bids in the smallest increment allowed, up to the user's pre-set purchasing limit. This tactic, used by professional bidders, makes it difficult for competitors to manually counter the final bid, typically leaving the winner paying much less.

The latest version of Final Bid allows frequent eBay shoppers to access their "My eBay" account from within the software's toolbar and menu option. This creates an online "Auctioning Command Center" enabling eBay shoppers to employ Final Bid 3 without the hassle of managing separate programs in the process. Also new to version 3 is a powerful search engine that can locate specific sellers or desired items. This advanced search tool allows users to view the progress of all current bids within selected search criteria.

Final Bid 3 includes a sophisticated auction management tool to organize and save historical bids, items of interest, pictures and much more. The software also features a "Group Bidding" option which allows users to monitor and bid on identical items simultaneously. Once an item is won, the program automatically stops bidding on remaining items, helping ensure that the item is secured at the lowest price.

Final Bid 3 does not require any separate transaction fees and automatic program updates are available via the Web. Other features include:

- Complete monitoring - Allows users to view the progress of all current bids on selected items;
- Advanced search - Creates, runs and saves complex searches to find desired products;
- Easy Communication - Simplifies the e-mail process of creating and sending inquiries and purchase information;
- Clock synchronization - ensures bid times precisely matches eBay's clock.

Final Bid 3 is compatible with Windows 98/ME/2000/XP on a Pentium processor or better and requires a valid eBay user account (available free from eBay) and includes 12 months of free eBay script updates.

About Avanquest Software

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