

Need PC or Mac messaging, chat, and efficient file transfers, but don't want to rely on the Internet? We've got it!

Our Mission

Glass Bead Software is dedicated to developing cost-effective and efficient productivity software for the small office.

Product Line



SnapMail: Our beloved Inter-office messaging, reminder and file-transfer system: SnapMail is up, even if the Internet is down.



SnapTalk: Our low-priced LAN instant messaging software. Because we all need to talk to each, other not always over the Internet.



In-out Board: Our simple, network wide in/out employee status tracking tool.

Corporate History

- 1990 Dr. Adam King and Eric Harris-Braun found Glass Bead Software
- 1992 Glass Bead launches version 1.0 of its flagship product, SnapMail, published by veteran Macintosh publishing house Casady & Greene.
- 1994 The Internet finally becomes a household word. Glass Bead Software launches Version 2 of SnapMail, a major upgrade which includes Internet gateway services via Hologate, a multi-platform gateway system written by Information Access Technology.
- 1998 Glass Bead Software re-acquires the publishing rights to SnapMail, releases version 2.5, and begins to distribute directly via the Internet.
- 1998 Glass Bead Software launches InterSnap, its own industrial-strength Internet gateway, which adds full MIME-compliant messaging capabilities to SnapMail.
- 2001 Glass Bead Software launches SnapMail 3, which includes a spelling checker, bulletin-board system, reminder messages, voice messages, multiple-user accounts on one machine, and much more.
- 2001 Glass Bead Software launches SnapTalk, its secure messaging and file transfer software.
- 2002 SnapTalk 3 for OS X is released, providing in-house chatting over TCP/IP.
- 2003 Glass Bead Software launches SnapMail 4, an OS X native complete ground-up re-write of SnapMail, which provides full powered in-house and remote messaging over TCP/IP, and sets the stage for a future Windows version. Today SnapMail and SnapTalk enjoy a loyal following of over 20,000 users.
- 2004 Glass Bead Software releases SnapMail and SnapTalk for Windows, enabling cross-platform messaging, & file transfer.
- 2005 Glass Bead Software releases In-Out Board, cross-platform employee tracking software.
- 2006 Glass Bead Software releases SnapMail 5, with greatly enhanced administrative functions and interface.

The Glass Bead Team

Adam and Eric started working together during their four years at Yale University. Adam went on to get his Ph.D. in Computer Science from UCLA. Eric, meanwhile, authored and programmed the first comprehensive directory of the Internet, which sold over 75,000 copies. Lisa Sawin joined Adam and Eric in 2003 as Chief Technical Officer. In 2006, Jonathan King also joined the Glassbead team as the Vice President of Sales and Marketing. The entire team is dedicated to solving the communication needs of the small office.