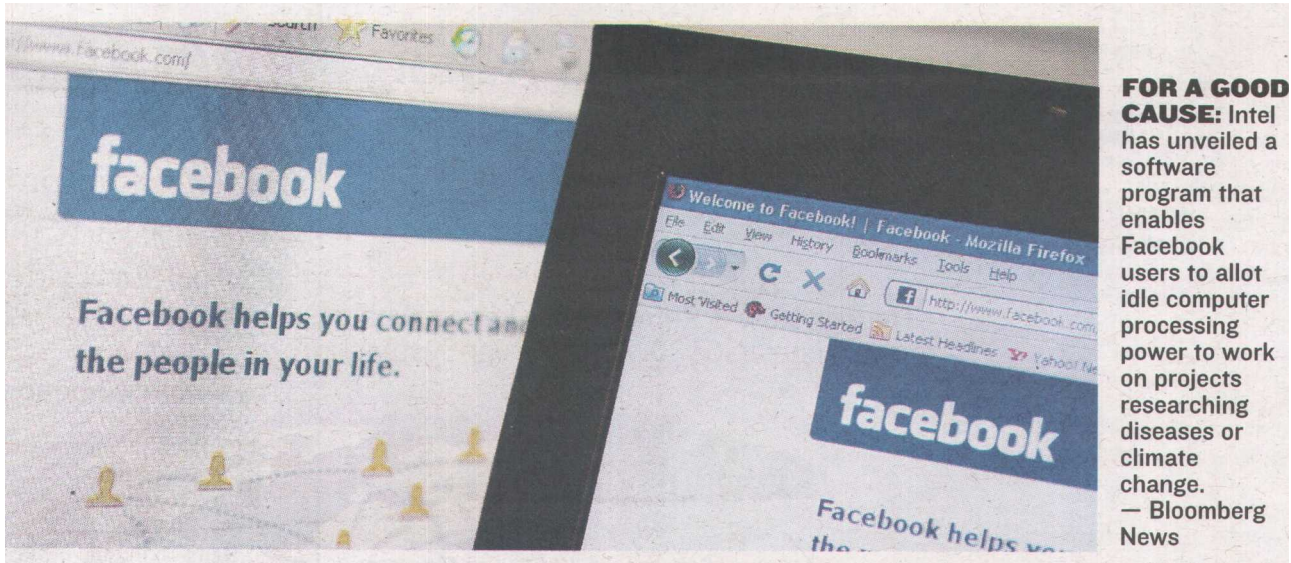


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**FOR A GOOD CAUSE:** Intel has unveiled a software program that enables Facebook users to allot idle computer processing power to work on projects researching diseases or climate change. — Bloomberg News

**I**NTEL unveiled a software program that lets Facebook users devote spare computer processing power to researching diseases or climate change.

The world's largest computer chip company teamed with nonprofit group GridRepublic to create a *Progress Thru Processors* application based on the popular online social networking service's operating platform.

The application enables Facebook users to allot idle computing power to work on projects for Rosetta@home, Climateprediction.net or Africa@home.

Rosetta@home uses donated computing power to seek cures for cancer, HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer's and other diseases.

Climateprediction.net seeks to enhance understanding of climate change by predicting and testing weather models.

Africa@home is focused on finding effective ways to combat malaria by studying simulation models of disease transmission and the potential impact of new drugs and vaccines.

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"The social and scientific utility of volunteer computing is a function of the number of participants; the more people we sign up, the greater the good we can collectively do," said GridRepublic executive director Matt Blumberg.

In July, Facebook reported that it passed the 250 million member mark.

Volunteers taking part in *Progress Thru Processors* essentially provide

researchers with an online pool of computing power that can be used to work on complex tasks that would be daunting for a single machine.

A beta, or test, version of the application was launched online at **facebook.com/progressthruprocessors**.

The application is designed to run unnoticed as a background process on computers, according to Intel.

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