

Altova wins Visual Studio Magazine's Readers' Choice Award for Best XML .NET Tool

Readership of leading technical publication on Microsoft technologies honors Altova's XMLSPY for the second year in a row

Beverly, Mass -- February 14, 2003 – Altova, Inc. (<http://www.altova.com>), the industry leader in XML editing tools software, announced today that their XML Development Environment, XMLSPY 5 has won the prestigious Visual Studio Readers' Choice Award. XMLSPY has been recognized for its excellent quality and value in the XML .NET Tools category.

Fawcette Technical Publications' (FTP) Visual Studio Magazine readers choose the winners out of 23 categories and in three award types. The Readers' Choice Award is the most prominent type honoring products receiving the most readers' votes. This is the second year in a row that Altova has won – having won the 2002 Readers' Choice Award for Best XML and Best XSLT Editor for XML SPY 4.2. Visual Studio Magazine currently has an international readership of 107,000.

The awards were issued during VSLive! San Francisco, the largest, independent international conference for Windows developers, held at the San Francisco Hilton from February 9-14. Microsoft CEO, Bill Gates officially launched Visual Studio .NET in an exclusive keynote a year ago at VSLive! San Francisco.

"Once again XMLSPY is shown to be the number one XML editing tool among Visual Studio and Microsoft .NET developers – we thank our customers for their continued support and are committed to rolling out new features to support XML programming in the .NET environment", said Alexander Falk, President & CEO of Altova Inc.

Said Jeff Hadfield, FTP's group publisher, "FTP has supported and evangelized the Visual Studio components market...and we believe this year's crop of winners reflects the diversity and maturity of today's tools."

About Altova

Altova, Inc. is a leading provider of XML software solutions with offices in Beverly, MA and Vienna, Austria. The privately held company was founded in 1992 and has been actively involved in the XML market from the early conception of Extensible Markup Language. Altova's XMLSPY 5 is the leading choice of Fortune 500 and Global 1000 companies. Altova's XMLSPY 5 product line is the world's best-selling XML tool and has won the leading industry awards including PC Magazine's Editor's Choice Award and Best Product of 2002. Altova is a technology partner with the world's leading software companies including Microsoft, Oracle, BEA, IONA, and Software AG. Altova is a member of the W3C and WS-I. Visit Altova on the web at <http://www.altova.com>.

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