

## **Altova's Industry Leading XML Development Environment, XMLSPY 5 Wins Windows & .NET Magazine Best of Show Award at Microsoft Tech Ed 2003**

BEVERLY, Mass., June 6, 2003 – Altova Inc. (<http://www.altova.com>), today announced that their leading XML Development Environment, XMLSPY 5, was awarded the Windows & .NET Magazine Network Best of Show Award for Microsoft Tech Ed 2003 in the developer tools category. Michele Crockett, Windows & .NET Magazine editor, presented awards to Windows technology vendors in seven categories and announced an overall Best of Show winner. The field included more than 211 entries, and the judges evaluated products based on their strategic importance in the market, competitive advantage, and value to the customer.

"It is a great honor to receive the Best of Show Award for the Developer Tools category at such an important show as Tech Ed 2003, billed by Microsoft as being the 'Definitive Conference for Building, Deploying and Managing connected solutions'", said Alexander Falk, CEO & President of Altova, Inc., who received the award on behalf of Altova at an awards reception at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dallas, Texas.

"This product does everything you would ever want to do with XML and then some," said Michael Otey, senior technical editor for Windows & .NET Magazine. "The product offers tight integration with SQL Server, plus SOAP debugging. It's an essential tool if you're developing applications that use XML."

Altova will also be exhibiting the sneak preview of XMLSPY integrated with Microsoft Visual Studio.NET at Microsoft TechEd Barcelona, at Fira de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain, June 30-July 4, booth # B23.

Windows & .NET Magazine helps Windows IT professionals do their jobs by providing problem-solving information about Windows OSs and the Microsoft .NET Framework, and is owned by Penton Media, a leading, global business-to-business media company that produces market-focused magazines, trade shows and conferences, and Web sites.

### **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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