

Altova XMLSPY Wins Visual Studio Magazine Readers Choice Award

THE READERS OF VISUAL STUDIO MAGAZINE NAME XMLSPY AS THE BEST XML .NET TOOL FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

BEVERLY, Mass., April 6, 2004 – Altova® Inc. (www.altova.com) today announced that XMLSPY® has won the Visual Studio Magazine Readers Choice Award in the XML .Net Tool category for the second consecutive year. For a full list of winners visit: http://www.fawcette.com/reports/vslivesf/2004/awards/default_pf.asp.

"We'd like to thank the readers of Visual Studio Magazine for once again honoring XMLSPY as the industry's best XML .NET tool," said Altova's Director of Marketing, Tim Hale. "While Altova has won a number of prominent awards recently, as a company of software developers, it's particularly satisfying to win an award that comes from our peers in the professional developer community."

The Readers Choice Awards are presented by Visual Studio Magazine, which promotes itself as a leading independent source of technical information for professional Microsoft developers. The awards were chosen by the magazine's readers to honor outstanding software in 21 distinctive development categories.

About XMLSPY 2004

XMLSPY 2004 is optionally available completely integrated within Microsoft Visual Studio .NET. This deep integration enables developers to seamlessly access XMLSPY from within the Visual Studio .NET development environment. For more information regarding the XMLSPY integration with Visual Studio .NET visit: http://www.altova.com/features_visualstudio.html.

XMLSPY 2004 is available in three distinct editions: Enterprise Edition, Professional Edition, and Home Edition and is available for purchase from the Altova Online Shop at <http://www.altova.com/order>. A free 30-day trial download is available from <http://www.altova.com/download>.

About Altova

Altova is a leading provider of XML software tools, components, and professional service solutions, including XMLSPY 2004, the industry standard XML Development Environment. Altova, with offices in Beverly, Mass., and Vienna, Austria, was founded in 1992 and has been actively involved in the XML market from the early conception of Extensible Markup Language. Altova's 2004 product line of XML development tools and components is the leading choice of Fortune 500 and Global 1000 companies. Altova's XMLSPY is the world's best-selling XML tool and has won the leading industry awards. Altova is a member of the W3C. Visit Altova on the Web at <http://www.altova.com>.

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