



Altova XMLSpy Named Best Selling XML Tool for Third Consecutive Year

INDUSTRY LEADING XML DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT RECEIVES PROGRAMMER'S PARADISE RIDING THE CREST AWARD 2004

BEVERLY, Mass., April 7, 2005 – Altova® (www.altova.com), creator of XMLSpy®, MapForce®, and other leading software development and data integration tools, today announced that Altova XMLSpy has won the Programmer's Paradise Riding the Crest Award 2004 in the XML Tool category. This is the third consecutive year that XMLSpy has been named the best-selling XML product.

Programmer's Paradise, Inc. is an award-winning marketer of technical software and hardware, and offers thousands of products that enhance programmer productivity. Each year, the company recognizes the products that its customers have selected most often and "ride high on the wave" above all others. The annual Riding the Crest Awards are determined by total sales in each category and the category must have at least three competitive products.

"The Riding the Crest Award is a significant symbol of success in publishing commercial software. Products earn sales dominance in a category through superior performance, value, reputation, and reliability," said Jeff Largiader, Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Programmer's Paradise. "By winning this award, Altova has received the ultimate compliment from software developers by being the XML tool that they purchase most often."

"Receiving this prestigious award again from Programmer's Paradise is a tremendous mark of distinction," said Tim Hale, Director of Marketing, Altova. "We take pride in knowing that XMLSpy is the most popular XML development environment in the market and the trusted choice of developers all over the world."

A complete list of this year's Riding the Crest Award winners can be viewed on the Programmer's Paradise website at: www.programmersparadise.com/ridingthecrest

About Altova

Altova accelerates development and integration projects with software, services, and solutions that enhance productivity and maximize results. As an innovative, customer-focused company and the creator of XMLSpy, MapForce, and other leading software development and data integration tools, Altova is the choice of over 1.5 million clients worldwide and virtually every Fortune 500 company. With customers ranging from vast development teams in the world's largest organizations to progressive one-person shops, Altova's line of software applications and custom-tailored professional and educational services fulfills a broad spectrum of business needs. Altova is an active member of the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) and is committed to delivering standards-based platform-independent solutions that are powerful, affordable, and easy to use. Altova was founded in 1992 and has headquarters in Beverly, Massachusetts and Vienna, Austria. Visit Altova on the Web at www.altova.com.

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