

GrapeCity Releases Version 5 of FarPoint Spread for Windows Forms. Introduces Site License.

Latest version of the award-winning Excel-compatible spreadsheet component for Microsoft Visual Studio includes charts and over 30 new features

MORRISVILLE, NC — December 17, 2009 – [GrapeCity](#), the world's largest component vendor, today announced the availability of [FarPoint Spread for Windows Forms 5](#). It has also introduced for the very first time, a Site License purchase option for FarPoint Spread. The latest release includes an integrated, full-featured chart capable of presenting data using 85 different chart types. In addition, a new Chart Designer provides codeless creation of both two- and three-dimensional charts.

FarPoint Spread for Windows Forms combines spreadsheet functionality, grid capabilities, and charting presentation, all within one programmable, embedded component. Spread supports the current version of the Microsoft .NET Framework and provides design-time support for the current version of Visual Studio. It will also fully support the upcoming release of Visual Studio 2010, scheduled for early next year.

In addition to the new chart capabilities, Version 5 includes:

- Lossless editing of Microsoft Excel files with macros and scripts.
- Spreadsheet Designer with ribbon bar interface similar to Microsoft Office Excel 2007.
- Designer usability enhancements, including a new Quick Start Wizard.
- Spreadsheet cell type and editing enhancements, such as Tooltips for hyperlinks.
- Additional statistical functions, such as conditional Sums, Averages and Counts.

Commenting on the release, Rick Williamson, GrapeCity's General Manager of Developer Tools, said, "Spread for Windows Forms Version 5 features were based on extensive customer feedback and fully address the spreadsheet development needs of .NET Framework-based developers. In addition, our ActiveReports line of products enables our Spread customers to use the Microsoft .NET environment to open up their data for advanced reporting and business intelligence."

"FarPoint Spread is another example of how easy it is for our customers and partners to use Visual Studio and the .NET Framework to build powerful data processing and analysis solutions," said Cyrill Glockner, director of Business Development at Microsoft Corp. "Microsoft is pleased to be working with partners like GrapeCity to deliver world-class developer tools to our customers."

About GrapeCity

Founded in 1980, GrapeCity is a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner, a premier Visual Studio Industry Partner program partner, an international award-winning software firm, and the world's largest provider of developer components. The company has more than 850 employees and tens of thousands of customers worldwide. For over 25 years, GrapeCity has provided enterprises around the world with state-of-the-art developer tools, software services and solutions. For more information, visit <http://www.farpointspread.com> and <http://us.grapecity.com>.

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