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FarPoint Technologies Releases Spread for Windows Forms™ 2.5

*Significant upgrade of professional .NET spreadsheet/grid product
adds support for Visual Studio 2005.*

MORRISVILLE, NC — February 21, 2006 — FarPoint Technologies, Inc., a leading developer of professional components, announces the immediate availability of a significant upgrade of its Spread for Windows Forms product. FarPoint continues its lead in the market of advanced .NET components by providing several new features and support for Microsoft Visual Studio 2005. With new formula functions, display customizations, Designer operation, and support for Tablet PCs, FarPoint is taking the lead in spreadsheet technology innovation.

This latest version of FarPoint Spread for Windows Forms continues to expand the display customizations possible with tool tips, cell note colors, tab strip placement, and custom focus indicators. Developers can add frozen rows and columns at the bottom and right of the spreadsheet. A special text renderer assembly allows GDI backward compatibility. For those requiring more database control, Spread for Windows Forms now offers a full set of database management formula functions. Also, functions with multiple parameters now can have as many as 255 parameters. Several new cell type enhancements, including a pop-up calculator for currency cells, adds to the list of features. "As a leader in spreadsheet innovation, FarPoint is committed to supporting development in Visual Studio 2005 and the .NET Framework 2.0 so that our customers are able to do more than simply meet deadlines," says Richard Williamson, FarPoint founder and CEO. "We know developers that buy our Spread component because they see our unending striving for innovation and quality and make full use of Spread's extensibility." hints Williamson. Now with a stand-alone Spread Designer operation, developers can work on interfaces and presentation issues apart from the data and develop templates and prototypes with ease. More events

have been added to allow developers to catch a range of user interactions with the spreadsheet. For those with Tablet PCs, Spread for Windows Forms 2.5 supports inking notation requiring only the Microsoft Tablet PC SDK. Spread for Windows Forms is available together with its ASP.NET version as a package for multiple-platform customers creating enterprise applications. Enhanced support and subscriptions for updates give serious customers the comprehensive support they need.

Leading corporations, software companies, and independent consultants around the world use FarPoint's award-winning tools as a cost-effective solution for building distributed enterprise-wide applications for commercial or in-house use. When you need high-performance, fully-customizable spreadsheet/grid components for Windows Forms or ASP.NET development, join the professional developers who continually turn to the leader in feature-rich component technology. See more at the FarPoint web site at www.fpoint.com. Demonstration of the product will be available at the Microsoft DevConnections show in Orlando, Florida, in April.

Availability

Spread for Windows Forms is available from FarPoint Technologies at (800) 645-5913 or (919) 460-4551. It is distributed in North America by Programmer's Paradise, Software Spectrum, VBxtras, and Component Source, as well as through selected local resellers. Internationally, customers can contact our European office, or any of our supported international resellers, such as ComponentSource, Contemporary plc, GrapeCity, and Ravenholm. It has a suggested retail price of \$799. Upgrades from previous versions of Spread begin at \$199.

About FarPoint Technologies

FarPoint Technologies, Inc. is a leading publisher of professional components for enterprise-wide development in Microsoft Visual Studio .NET and Microsoft Visual Studio 6.0. Founded in 1991, FarPoint set the standard for grid/spreadsheet components with Spread, and continues to set high standards in component architecture, offering products across a full range of platforms.

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