

## FarPoint Technologies News Release

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### **FarPoint Technologies Releases Spread for Web Forms 2.5**

*Significant upgrade of professional ASP.NET spreadsheet product  
includes AJAX support.*

**MORRISVILLE, NC — January 20, 2006** — FarPoint Technologies, Inc., a leading developer of professional components, announces the immediate availability of a significant upgrade of its Spread for Web Forms product.

Spread for Web Forms version 2.5 adds native support for AJAX including real-time updating of formula results, searching and filtering of data, freezing any number of rows and columns from scrolling in Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.5+, client-side scripting for Mozilla Firefox, enhanced printing features, more built-in calculation functions, and a range of other new features to further customize the user interface and user interaction. This new version delivers important data management and display features to keep application development competitive.

“We knew with the adoption of .NET, developers would be demanding more features and we’re keeping up with that demand”, remarks European sales manager, Neil Slater of FarPoint. “The Spread for Web Forms version 2.5 product demonstrates our leadership by offering AJAX support and other features that developers need in this quickly changing world of Web development. This is not just another point release.” The Web Forms product now allows searching functionality and row filtering that customers expect of a high-end spreadsheet component like Spread. This version also now adds support for the database management functions in its calculation engine, as well as expanding the number of arguments to 255 for functions that contain a variable number of arguments. Now with over 300 built-in functions, over a dozen customizable cell types, and the ability to create your own custom cell types and functions, there is no limit to the use of this spreadsheet component in application development.

"Spread for Web Forms 2.5 has allowed me to remove over 1,000 lines of client-scripting code using the new AJAX support", confides Ed Staffin of EmeraldKey Technologies. For their Web-enabled integrated package of time and expenses, project management, real-time reporting and billing, Spread for Web Forms 2.5 handles all the required spreadsheet calculations, cell type customization, and database binding. "It's such a powerful product that it has simplified my application development considerably."

With the release of version 2.5 FarPoint expands its lead in the market of advanced ASP.NET controls by providing many features that customers have requested including more client-side capability. Spread for Web Forms version 2.5 allows developers to easily present, edit, and update their ASP.NET data. It is part of the overall .NET support available at FarPoint, which also includes a Spread for Windows Forms product. Both products are available separately or together as a package for multiple-platform customers creating enterprise applications. Enhanced support and subscriptions for updates give serious customers the comprehensive support they need. For more details, see the feature list on the Web site where a downloadable demonstration version is available.

## **Availability**

Spread for Web Forms 2.5 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 Rexsoft, Component Source, Ravenholm, and GrapeCity. The product has a suggested retail price of US\$899. Upgrades from previous versions of Spread begin at US\$199. Learn more or download a trial version today from our web site at [www.fpoint.com](http://www.fpoint.com).

## **About FarPoint Technologies**

Founded in 1991, FarPoint Technologies, Inc. is a leading developer and publisher of professional components for Microsoft Visual Studio 6 and Microsoft Visual Studio .NET. Our award-winning tools benefit the leading corporations, software companies, and independent consultants around the world as a cost-effective solution for building distributed enterprise-wide applications for commercial or in-house use.

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