

## FarPoint Technologies News Release

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### **FarPoint Technologies Releases Spread for BizTalk®**

*Pipeline component for Microsoft BizTalk Server 2006 streamlines XLS data in business processes.*

**MORRISVILLE, NC — August 24, 2006 —** FarPoint Technologies, Inc., a world leader in enterprise spreadsheet solutions, announces the immediate availability of Spread for BizTalk®, a pipeline disassembler for Microsoft BizTalk Server 2006 that parses Microsoft Excel® data into an XLS data stream. Customers looking to automate more of the business process can now achieve control over Excel spreadsheet data by using Spread for BizTalk to convert Microsoft Excel® XLS data into XML for easy integration in business process orchestration.

"In response to increasing demand for automating the integration of XLS data into critical business solutions, Spread for BizTalk provides the essential tool." said Neil Slater, Managing Director, FarPoint Europe. "Spreadsheet files have been a missing piece of the automated puzzle, until today."

Spread for BizTalk works with Microsoft BizTalk Server 2006 and Microsoft Visual Studio® 2005. The schema that determines the mapping of the resulting XML messages can be created using the built-in FarPoint Spreadsheet Schema Wizard that integrates with Microsoft Visual Studio® 2005. The wizard loads the source XLS file and supports multiple headers and empty rows. As well as specifying the data portion of the XLS file separate from the header and trailer information in the XLS file, it is also possible to stipulate which columns are record elements and which are record attributes in the generated schema. The schema created via the wizard can be set into the Spreadsheet Disassembler in the Disassemble stage of the BizTalk Pipeline process.

"Since the beta testing began, there has been a growing anticipation for the release of Spread for BizTalk", said Spread for BizTalk Software Architect Robby Powell. "Developers can streamline the business process and automate the handling of XLS file with Spread for BizTalk."

FarPoint will be demonstrating Spread for BizTalk at the Microsoft Business Process Management and Integration Conference on the Redmond campus in early October and at the Microsoft DevConnections show in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA in November.

## Availability

Spread for BizTalk is available from FarPoint Technologies at (800) 645-5913 or (919) 460-4551. It is available directly in North America from FarPoint and in Europe from FarPoint Europe. You can also find it through our resellers, such as Programmer's Paradise, Software Spectrum, and Software House, or any of our international resellers, such as ComponentSource, GrapeCity, and RexSoft. It has a suggested retail price of \$2999 for the Standard Edition and \$4999 for the Enterprise Edition.

## About FarPoint Technologies

FarPoint Technologies, Inc. is a leading provider of professional components for enterprise-wide spreadsheet development in Microsoft BizTalk Server 2006 and Microsoft Visual Studio .NET. FarPoint set the standard for spreadsheet components with the world's first spreadsheet component, Spread, and continues to set the standard in spreadsheet component architecture.

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