



## INFORMANT SPOTLIGHT

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# Decision 2001

## Delphi Informant Magazine Readers Choice Awards

No chads. No dimples. No butterfly ballots. You voted, we tallied. There were no lawsuits, no recounts. We even eschewed the hand count in favor of our automated system. Go figure — a system that works, in this day and age.

A benefit to all involved, this year marks the first time we've conducted the *Delphi Informant Magazine* readers choice balloting completely online. There were no physical ballot boxes to "mis-place" or stuff (not that some of you didn't try — you know who you are). With the ease of voting quickly and conveniently on the Web, there was no electoral dysfunction, no premature congratulations from any of the runners-up. Put simply, we know who won without the

aid of the Supreme Court, lobbyists, or manual recounts.

Reflecting the spirit of its audience, the Delphi third-party market is ever changing, reacting to myriad influences in the industry. This year's ballot reflects those changes with new products and new categories. The result is an interesting mix of old and new, and exhibits an exciting dynamic that we've come to expect in the Delphi community.

### Best Accounting Package

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What better way to kick off tallying the *Delphi Informant Magazine* Readers Choice Awards than with your choice for best accounting package? After tying for second place last year, Accounting for Delphi by ColumbuSoft is the first winner in this year's balloting, garnering 39 percent of the popular vote. A very respectable second place went to newcomer BS/1 Professional by Davis Business Systems, which received 21 percent of the votes.

#### BEST ACCOUNTING PACKAGE

PRODUCT	COMPANY	%
Accounting for Delphi	ColumbuSoft	39
BS/1 Professional	Davis Business Systems	21
Bravo	Bravosoftware	19
AdaptAccounts	Adapta Software	17
Other		4

Source: www.DelphiZInfo.com

### Best Add-in

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Replicating last year's results, CodeRush from Eagle Software attained top honors with 52 percent of the votes, while Multi-Edit from American Cybernetics took second with 17 percent. There seems to be a trend here.

#### BEST ADD-IN

PRODUCT	COMPANY	%
CodeRush	Eagle Software	52
Multi-Edit	American Cybernetics	17
Other		31

Source: www.DelphiZInfo.com

## Best Reporting Tool

Overwhelming the competition (again!) with 57 percent of the votes, ReportBuilder from Digital Metaphors is your choice as best reporting tool. But the results were too close to call for — an albeit distant — second place. ReportPrinter Pro from Nevrona Designs repeats its second place finish of last year, joined by FastReport courtesy of Russia's Alexander Tzyganenko, each with 12 percent of the vote.

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#### BEST REPORTING TOOL

PRODUCT	COMPANY	%
ReportBuilder	Digital Metaphors	57
ReportPrinter Pro	Nevrona Designs	12
FastReport	Alexander Tzyganenko	12
Other		19

Source: www.DelphiZone.com

## Best Testing/Debugging Tool

It's always best if you find your mistakes before your users do. This is the second year on the ballot for this category, and nothing much has changed. Sleuth QA Suite from TurboPower and CodeSite from Raize Software finished one-two, with 45 and 23 percent of the votes, respectively. Shall we go for three in a row?

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#### BEST TESTING/DEBUGGING TOOL

PRODUCT	COMPANY	%
Sleuth QA Suite	TurboPower Software	45
CodeSite	Raize Software	23
QTime	AutomatedQA	10
Other		22

Source: www.DelphiZone.com

## Best Training

In one of the closest finishes on this year's ballot, InfoCan Management's 22 percent of the popular vote narrowly edged Database Programmers Retreat's 20 percent. This is a repeat performance for InfoCan being voted as your favorite training company. In fact, they've won this category an unprecedented four times. Database Programmers Retreat should be proud as well; they improved on their third-place finish of a year ago.

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#### BEST TRAINING

COMPANY	%
InfoCan Management	22
Database Programmers Retreat	20
Delphi Development Seminars	13
Keystone Learning Systems	11
Other	34

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