

# Sparx Systems enters Magic Quadrant

**Creswick, Australia (September 2006)** – Sparx Systems today announced its inclusion in Gartner Inc.'s 2006 annual Magic Quadrant report on Object Oriented Analysis and Design tools.

The Gartner report, *Magic Quadrant for OOA&D Tools, 2H06 to 1H07*, reviews the software market sector and profiles several vendors in the software industry. Sparx Systems was added to the Magic Quadrant this year with its flagship product, Enterprise Architect.

Sparx Systems' CEO and founder, Geoffrey Sparks, said inclusion in Gartner's Magic Quadrant comes during a strong year of growth for the company, which recently won a Jolt Productivity Award. "We continue to experience tremendous uptake across the industry," said Sparks. "And the inclusion of Sparx into this year's Gartner report makes it easier for the marketplace to get information about our software products."

Sparks said the company is building on its recent success with the release of Enterprise Architect version 6.5.

"Version 6.5 is an exciting milestone for us," he said. "We've made significant enhancements to the core product; with support for the latest UML and XMI 2.1 specifications, we're pushing the boundaries to keep EA at the very forefront of the modeling domain."

Sparx plans to follow the new release of their core tool with a series of Model Driven Generation (MDG) products, to be unveiled later in the year. These add-ons will enhance Enterprise Architect by providing updated links and integrating its modeling capacity with a number of key architectural frameworks, starting with the release of an MDG technology for SysML.

Another release will provide Java developers with updated MDG Integration for Eclipse – giving the Java community a degree of integration into the IDE already enjoyed by their .Net counterparts, as a result of Sparx Systems' existing MDG Integration for Microsoft's Visual Studio 2005.

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## About the Magic Quadrant

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## About Sparx Systems

Founded in 1996 by Geoffrey Sparks, Sparx Systems is a privately held company based in Creswick, Australia. Sparx Systems has become a leading developer of UML based modeling tools with its flagship product, Enterprise Architect, being the first to support all 13 UML 2.0 diagrams. Used in over 60 countries world-wide and experiencing four straight years of 50 percent growth, Enterprise Architect is one of the fastest-growing UML modeling tools in the world.

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