

## Sandpiper Software® Inc. Announces Visual Ontology Modeler™ for Semantic Modeling

**Los Altos, CA, December 2, 2005** – Sandpiper Software, Inc. today announces the availability of the Visual Ontology Modeler that is compliant with emerging standards of the Object Management Group™ (OMG™). The Visual Ontology Modeler is a tool that enables construction of component-based ontologies allowing businesses to unlock new capabilities and functions in current information stores.

The Visual Ontology Modeler (VOM) implements the standards of the OMG Ontology Definition Metamodel. OMG standards provide industry definitions for interoperable enterprise applications. The OMG, through the Ontology Definition Metamodel, is guiding the industry development of next generation semantic and knowledge-based information exchange.

The VOM visually and programmatically supports knowledge representation enabling the capture and expression of finely granulated knowledge in an unambiguous way. Information can be shared and acted on by diverse groups of people. Concepts, resources and processes can be described in multiple ways, depending on point of view, organizational heritage, or role of the individual describing them.

The VOM supports IBM Rational Rose® Enterprise Edition on Microsoft® Windows® 98 SE, Windows® 2000, Windows NT® and Windows® XP Systems.

Key features include:

- A multi-user, network-based environment for ontology development in a rich, graphical notation
- Automated import/export facilities in XML schema, RDF, OWL, UML and MOF formats
- A feature-rich set of ontology authoring wizards which create and maintain the required UML model elements for the user, saving time and substantially reducing construction errors and inconsistencies
- Ability to utilize and leverage existing UML and MOF accessible business information

“Ontology modeling will give businesses the ability to capture, share and retrieve information in completely new ways,” according to Elisa Kendall, CEO of Sandpiper Software. “Knowledge representation has been appearing organically in key software applications through large R&D environments. Now with the introduction of our new modeling tool, we are providing an entry point for companies to begin to reap the rewards of this powerful new technology.”

Sandpiper Software is the leading provider of ontology tools, technology and services for enterprise companies. For more information please visit [www.sandsoft.com](http://www.sandsoft.com).

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