



## **DATAPOWER WINS NETWORK COMPUTING WELL-CONNECTED INFRASTRUCTURE PRODUCT OF THE YEAR**

*DataPower XA35 XML Accelerator Tops Overall Infrastructure Category Due to Rare Combination of Performance & Intelligence*

**CAMBRIDGE, Mass.--April 30th, 2003--** DataPower Technology, Inc., the leading provider of intelligent XML-Aware network infrastructure today announced that its XA35 XML Accelerator™ has won the highly competitive and prestigious Network Computing Magazine Well-Connected Product of the Year award for the overall category of Infrastructure. Of the 109 companies considered only 7 were named best in their respective categories.

In a previously published Network Computing test evaluation that served as the basis for judging, the XA35 was lauded as a "mean, green XSLT machine that leaves other XML processors in the dust", processing XML over 60 times faster than software-based products. The review is available online at <http://www.nwc.com/1322/1322sp2.html>

"This award is great validation of the performance and intelligence delivered by the XG3 XML processing engine that powers both the XA35 and the XS40 XML Security Gateway," said Eugene Kuznetsov, founder, chairman and CTO at DataPower Technology. "Unlike other industry awards, the Well-Connected award is based on hands-on testing, making it especially meaningful to us. Our idea of intelligent XML-aware network devices securing or accelerating enterprise applications, of wirespeed XML processing in the network infrastructure, was once radical but is now broadly accepted as indicated by our growing customer base. Winning the overall category of Infrastructure is a testament both to the past four years of great engineering work and the XML-Aware Networking vision DataPower pioneered in 1999."

Powered by DataPower's patent-pending XG3 technology, the XA35 is the only true network device capable of offloading XML processing from servers and delivering order-of-magnitude improvements in application performance. This XML offloading is different from simple XML switching designed only to redirect e-business documents to a specific server for processing. With support for integrated SSL acceleration, XML compression and Gigabit Ethernet, DataPower's XA35 is an intelligent, self-learning appliance that does not require any application code changes. As a result, customers can install the XA35 in hours and get immediate performance benefits.. For more information on the XA35, please visit <http://www.datapower.com/products/xa35.html>

Network Computing's Infrastructure category is a large field and includes switched and routed LAN, WAN, and MAN products along with operating systems, directory and naming services, load balancing, physical-layer connectivity solutions, power management, and facilities design and operation. DataPower won the sub-category of Acceleration and went on to win the overall Infrastructure category, beating out winners in the categories of Content Switching, 10 Gigabit Switching and DNS Server

Appliances. "When you combine raw power with intelligence, you get the DataPower XA35 XML Accelerator, which impressed us so much we named it this year's Infrastructure product of the year." said Peter Morrissey, full-time faculty member of Syracuse University's School of Information Studies, and a contributing editor and columnist for Network Computing.

"The Well-Connected Awards are the only industry awards given by technologists based on real-world product testing and evaluation. We view all products, technologies and services from the same perspective as our readers -our peers-do," said Fritz Nelson, VP and Publisher of Network Computing." This is an important distinction from any other award program - the products selected in the Well-Connected Awards are unique because they have been tested over an enterprise by our editors themselves. They are truly innovative solutions that work."

A complete list of all winners, finalists, categories and products will be highlighted in the May 1st issue of Network Computing, on the Network Computing website <http://www.networkcomputing.com/> and on <http://www.nwewellconnected.com>

### **Availability and Pricing**

The DataPower XA35 XML Accelerator is available for purchase immediately for \$35,000. For more information please visit <http://www.datapower.com>

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**About DataPower**

DataPower provides enterprises with intelligent XML-Aware network infrastructure to ensure unparalleled performance, security and manageability of next-generation applications and XML Web Services. DataPower's patented XML Generation Three (XG3™) technology powers the industry's first wire-speed XML-aware networking devices that provide immediate return on technology investments while streamlining application deployments. Founded in 1999, DataPower is privately held and based in Cambridge, MA. For more information about DataPower Technology, please contact 617-864-0455 or visit [www.datapower.com](http://www.datapower.com)

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