



## **xThink Help is “Excellent”**

**Houston – 6 February, 2004** – The help system for xThink Calculator received an “Excellence” award from the Society for Technical Communications (STC). Teresa Shu, Communications Specialist for xThink, accepted the award at a banquet held in Houston, Texas to recognize excellence and creativity in technical communication.

The Society judged over 130 publications in this year’s round of the annual competition for the Houston chapter of the organization. All publications are judged against fixed standards of excellence. Documents that meet those standards receive a “Merit” award. Documents that exceed those standards receive an “Excellence” award. Documents that show special distinction receive a “Distinguished” award and are promoted to the STC’s International Competition. About 16 percent of award-winners joined Online Help for xThink Calculator in the “Excellence” category. About 6 percent received a “Distinguished” award.

Help for xThink Calculator was one of only two documents dedicated to the Tablet PC platform that received awards. And it was the only document dedicated to Tablet PC software.

The fast-growing Tablet PC market suffers from a shortage of compelling software. xThink Calculator is even more of a rarity in the marketplace because it offers Level 3 type of software technology. In other words, the software is completely centered around pen-based input. The help document captured some of the “magic” of intelligent recognition software that is embedded in xThink Calculator. One judge stated, “We really like the morphing animation! (Big Wow factor.)” The animations in the help document reveal both the power and simplicity of the product.

xThink Calculator is a problem-solving tool for Tablet PCs that uses Microsoft Windows XP. This powerful combination of recognition software and mathematical algorithms transforms the Tablet PC into intelligent paper. The product recognizes the formulas that the user writes. And the calculator automatically solves the recognized problem. Users can edit their work as they go; copying portions of previous problems and reusing them in new calculations. xThink Calculator uses the Ink data type, the universal standard for Windows Tablet PCs. So users can draw and annotate in xThink Calculator and copy and paste work to any other Ink-enabled application, such as Windows Journal.

### **Pricing and Availability**

xThink Calculator is available at [www.xthink.com](http://www.xthink.com) for \$44.95. Volume discounts and educational licensing agreements are also available. Contact [info@xthink.com](mailto:info@xthink.com).

### **About the Company**

xThink Inc. was founded in Round Rock, Texas in 2003. The primary goal of the company is to develop intelligent problem solving environments, the first of which is xThink Calculator.

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