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Altova and Oracle Announce Tighter Integration of the Industry-Leading XML Tool with the World's Most Scalable XML Database

New XMLSPY 5 Simplifies Application Development For Oracle9i XML DB Users

Beverly, Massachusetts and Redwood Shores, California January 22, 2002 - Altova (www.altova.com), the industry leader in XML editing tools software, and Oracle Corporation (www.oracle.com), the leading enterprise software company, have announced enhanced integration between Altova's groundbreaking XML tool, XMLSPY 5, with the most scalable XML Database on the market, Oracle9i with its unique XML DB feature.

Altova's XMLSPY is the industry-standard XML Development environment for modeling, editing, and testing advanced XML applications. The new features are part of the new XMLSPY 5 Release 3, which is available immediately for free download. Oracle XML DB is a high-performance, native XML storage and retrieval technology first introduced with Oracle9i Release 2.

"Two of the biggest challenges of dealing with XML is visualizing XML document structures and creating a back-end that can natively manage significant volumes of XML data" said Alexander Falk, President & CEO of Altova Inc. "Through our intuitive graphical user interface and enhanced integration with Oracle9i, XMLSPY enables Oracle DBAs and developers to easily create and manage powerful enterprise applications with Oracle XML DB".

XMLSPY's new features enable developers to easily perform common operations on data managed by XML DB including:

- List XML Schemas
- Load a Schema from a list.
- Save New or Delete XML Schema to Oracle XML DB.
- Register an XML Schema with Oracle XML DB
- Execute Query using Oracle9i's DBURI
- Browse, Open, Edit and Save XML documents stored in Oracle XML DB via WebDAV

"The availability of visionary development tools like Altova's XMLSPY 5 and a hugely scalable XML repository like Oracle's XML DB means that XML can now function as a true mainstream enterprise technology" said Andrew Mendelsohn, Senior Vice President, Database and Application Server Technologies for Oracle Corporation. "The combination of Oracle XML DB and XMLSPY 5 provides unrivaled ease-of-use and power in dealing with XML data, making XMLSPY 5 the must-have tool for Oracle developers."

Pricing and Availability

XMLSPY 5 is available immediately for download and purchase from the Altova website at www.altova.com. See website for complete price-list including special upgrade pricing for current customers, as well as multi-user or concurrent-user licenses or corporate support & maintenance contracts; or contact sales@altova.com. For more information about Oracle XML DB, visit <http://otn.oracle.com/tech/xml/xmlldb/content.html>.

A sample web-based demonstration application showcasing Oracle XML DB can be viewed at <http://www.altova.com/nanocatalog.html>. The application is a web-based product catalog, developed using XMLSPY 5, and uses the AUTHENTIC 5 browser edition in to enable business users to easily edit XML content for storage in Oracle XML DB. The AUTHENTIC 5 Document Editor Browser Plug-in will automatically install itself onto your browser upon visiting the website (requires Internet Explorer 5.5 or 6.0)

About Oracle

Oracle is the world's largest enterprise software company. For more information about Oracle, visit our Web site at www.oracle.com.

About Altova

Altova, Inc. is a leading provider of XML software including solutions for XML content creation and digital publishing, with offices in Beverly, MA and Vienna, Austria. The privately held company was founded in 1992 and has been actively involved in the XML market from the early conception of Extensible Markup Language. Altova's products, XMLSPY 5, AUTHENTIC 5, and STYLEVISION 5 are the leading choice of Fortune 500 and Global 1000 companies. Altova's XMLSPY 5 product line is the world's best-selling XML tool, with over a million registered users, and has won the leading industry awards including PC Magazine's Best Product of the Year 2002 Award. Altova is a member of the W3C and WS-I. Visit Altova on the web at <http://www.altova.com>.

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