

Altova Simplifies XML Development Through Enhanced Support for Microsoft .NET, Oracle XML DB, Web Services and Document Publishing in XMLSPY 5 Release 3

New features further demonstrate XMLSPY 5 is the most comprehensive XML development environment for any XML-enabled software project.

Beverly, MA, January 22, 2003. – Altova Inc., producer of XMLSPY, the world's leading XML development tool with over a million registered users, today announced the availability of XMLSPY 5 Release 3. Presently, XML technologies today are being applied to solve a wide spectrum of enterprise computing challenges, including electronic commerce, document publishing, database integration, and web services applications. To maximize software developer productivity in implementing any XML-enabled solution, Altova has added enhanced developer support for various widely used enterprise technologies, thereby accelerating and simplifying XML development. The new version of XMLSPY is available immediately for free trial download.

To meet the needs of enterprise developers, XMLSPY 5 builds on the success of previous award winning versions through the addition of several key new features:

- * Improved Support for building Microsoft .NET applications – The XMLSPY 5 Code Generator now supports Microsoft C# code generation to accelerate application development on the Microsoft .NET platform. Use XMLSPY to Model data elements in XML Schema, then XMLSPY can auto-generate C# class (data bindings) corresponding to elements defined in the data model. The generated code uses System.XML, the new Microsoft .NET Application Program Interface (API) for programmatically accessing XML documents.

- * Enhanced support for Oracle XML DB – XMLSPY 5 now includes numerous new data editing and server administration features for Oracle XML DB, the World's Most Scalable XML Database. 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 new features make XMLSPY 5 powerful must-have utility for Oracle DBA's and database developers.

- * Additional Web Services Support – A new Web Service Description Language (WSDL) Documentation generation utility makes it easier for a Web service developer to document and publish a Web service's interface to business partners, other developers, or to the public. Any WSDL file can be easily annotated, then published into a Microsoft Word or HTML output file.

- * PDF support for Document Publishing – XMLSPY's stylesheet designer now supports visual editing and generation of eXtensible Stylesheet Language Formatting Object (XSL:FO) code, which enables XML content to be rendered into a PDF file. Now, with a single stylesheet design, developers can preview the output of a stylesheet transformation in either PDF or HTML.

- * Usability Enhancements for Stylesheet Designer: Improved drag/drop functionality in Stylesheet Designer.

- * New Java Integration Support - A new Java API enables easier customization and integration of the XMLSPY development environment for system integrators or Java-based product companies wanting to extend the functionality of XMLSPY. Now, programmers can control and use XMLSPY functionality from their Java-based programs. XMLSPY already supports integration via a COM based interface.

Pricing and Availability

XMLSPY 5 Release 3 is available immediately for free trial download and purchase from the Altova Online Shop, www.altova.com/order. Existing XMLSPY 5 customers who have purchased a support and maintenance plan are eligible for a free upgrade. 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.

Visit the Altova booth and see a live demonstration of the new Altova product line at an upcoming software tradeshow this spring 2003:

- Wall Street on Java, New York, New York, February 4-5

- Web Services Edge East, Boston, Massachusetts, March 19-20

About Altova

Altova, Inc. is a leading provider of XML software solutions 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 XMLSPY 5 is the leading choice of Fortune 500 and Global 1000 companies. Altova's XMLSPY 5 product line is the world's best-selling XML tool and has won the leading industry awards including PC Magazine's Editor's Choice Award and Best Product of 2002. Altova is a technology partner with the world's leading software companies including Microsoft, Oracle, IONA, and Software AG. Altova is a member of the W3C and WS-I. Visit Altova on the web at <http://www.altova.com>.

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