

Altova Offers Free XML Document Editor

Altova's AUTHENTIC 5 Now Available for Use in XML Content Editing Application - for Free.

Beverly, MA, February 18, 2003 – Altova Inc. (<http://www.altova.com>), producer of XMLSPY, the world's leading XML development tool, today announced that their XML document editor product, AUTHENTIC 5, will now be offered to the public through a free software license.

Business content is the lifeblood of today's knowledge companies, yet content authors still find themselves spending a disproportionate amount of time in simply locating and formatting content, instead of doing what they do best - creating new content. Business content creation efforts are often duplicated due to content fragmentation across individual company workstations and different proprietary file formats. This fragmentation results in non-reusable information assets, and is a major source of inefficiency across all corporations today.

XML technologies can solve the problems associated with content fragmentation because the XML file format naturally lends itself to more efficient indexing, retrieval, reuse, and transformation of data. Unfortunately, the high price tags associated with all current XML content editor product offerings becomes a significant barrier for companies wanting to develop XML content editing solutions, especially given the current restraints on Corporate IT spending. Altova believes that the high costs of XML content editors shouldn't deter people from adopting and ultimately benefiting from corporate-wide XML content applications, and has therefore made AUTHENTIC 5 publicly available under a free license.

AUTHENTIC 5 is a customizable, light-weight, and easy-to-use XML document editor, that allows business users to create and edit content through a web-enabled interface that resembles a word processor. AUTHENTIC 5 features full support for standard internet protocols and file transfer interfaces, including WebDAV, HTTP; a browser plug-in that enables a business user to access and edit XML content on the Web, spell checking capabilities in 14 languages including a medical & legal dictionary, real-time document validation, built-in templates for over 15 industry standard XML content formats including NewsML, NITF, DocBook, and many more. AUTHENTIC 5 can be used in conjunction with the leading

XML content repositories, including Oracle XML DB, Microsoft CMS 2002 via the AUTHENTIC Content Management Server Placeholder Control Edition, Microsoft SQL Server 2000, Software AG Tamino Server, IXIASOFT TextML Server, XML Global GoXML DB, Lightspeed Interactive Astoria, X-Hive/DB, iLevel Software Insite Server, NeoCore XMS, and many others. In addition, AUTHENTIC 5 can easily be deployed in custom XML editing applications as a custom control for ASP.NET.

In addition to XML document editing, AUTHENTIC 5's dynamic forms are ideally suited for web-based information-gathering applications which fully take advantage of the rich editing and validation possibilities of XML and XSLT which are not possible using simple HTML forms. AUTHENTIC templates, which are user-friendly interfaces and layouts for editing XML documents, can be visually created with the Stylesheet Designer product, included with XMLSPY 5 and STYLEVISION 5. The Stylesheet Designer supports transformation of XML to both HTML and PDF output formats.

"Offering AUTHENTIC 5 under a free license means that corporate IT departments, even those under tight spending constraints, can implement XML content editing applications today and start realizing the benefits and cost-savings associated with reusing information assets", said Alexander Falk, President & CEO of Altova Inc. "Once XML content is captured into XML using AUTHENTIC 5, content can be transformed, saved to a repository, or accessed via a Web Service – for these operations, Altova's developer tool, XMLSPY 5 can further accelerate the implementation of XML content editing applications."

To see a live demonstration of AUTHENTIC 5 in various XML content editing scenarios, please visit our online examples at (<http://www.nanonull.com>).

Pricing and Availability

AUTHENTIC 5 is now offered to the public under a free software license, it can be downloaded immediately <http://www.altova.com/download>. For more information on AUTHENTIC 5, visit: <http://www.altova.com/authentic>. To accelerate the adoption of XML content applications, Altova will be offering paid technical support for AUTHENTIC 5 – for more information, consult the Altova corporate sales representative listed below.

Visit the Altova booth and see a live demonstration of AUTHENTIC 5 and other Altova products line at an upcoming software tradeshow this spring 2003:

- Web Services Edge East, Boston, Massachusetts, March 19-20, 2003
- BEA EWorld, Orlando, Florida, March 2-5, 2003
- AIIM Content Management Solutions Seminar, April 7-9, 2003

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, BEA, 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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