

Altova's AUTHENTIC 5 Simplifies Authoring of IBM's DITA XML Format for Technical Documents.

AUTHENTIC 5 is First XML Document Editor to include Integrated Support for IBM's Darwin Information Typing Architecture

Beverly, Massachusetts February 20, 2003 - Altova (www.altova.com), the industry leader in XML editing tools software today announced new visual document authoring support for IBM's Darwin Information Typing Architecture (DITA) in Altova's free XML Document Editor, AUTHENTIC 5. The new support for DITA, including example files and AUTHENTIC 5 templates to enable visual WYSIWYG editing of DITA documents by business users, is included in AUTHENTIC 5 Release 3 – available immediately under a free product license.

DITA is an XML-based, end-to-end architecture for authoring, producing, and delivering technical information, such as online help and product support portals on the Web. Prior to Altova having developed editing support for DITA, editing of any DITA file was limited to people with a technical understanding of XML syntax. Now, any business user can author DITA-compliant documents through AUTHENTIC 5's intuitive, user-friendly interface, at no cost to the user.

"One of the biggest challenges of realizing the benefits of XML technologies today is providing an easy means for business users to get their documents into an XML format. The new visual templates included with AUTHENTIC 5 provide an easy interface for to creating XML-based DITA documents, without requiring any prior knowledge of XML technologies", said Alexander Falk, President & CEO of Altova Inc. "The DITA document type is an ideal information storage format because it preserves technical content in a reusable format – when used in conjunction with Altova's AUTHENTIC 5, it provides the technological foundation for a solution that will enable organizations to better re-use their technical documentation."

Pricing and Availability

AUTHENTIC 5, is available immediately for free download at http://www.altova.com/download_authentic.html and is offered under a free software license. Altova's AUTHENTIC 5 templates for DITA templates can be separately downloaded from http://www.altova.com/features_standards_a.html.

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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