

Altova's AUTHENTIC 5 To Support Visual XML Editing of RIXML Documents

New AUTHENTIC 5 templates enable easy editing and exchange of XML-based financial industry research

Beverly, Mass., February 21, 2002 - Altova Inc. (www.altova.com), producer of XMLSPY, the world's leading XML development tool, today announced the availability of ready-to-use templates for the Research Information eXchange Markup Language (RIXML). The new RIXML templates, in conjunction with AUTHENTIC 5's recently announced free software licensing model (see separate release entitled "Altova Offers Free XML Document Editor") will enable faster adoption of XML content editing for the financial community based on the RIXML standard.

"RIXML is the catalyst fueling a new generation of research tools and portal services in response to the needs of today's investment professionals," said Richard Simon, President, Acclivity Development (www.acclivitydev.com), an expert on RIXML, Content Management and XML technologies. "Inclusion of RIXML templates in Altova's AUTHENTIC 5 will make it easier for financial research producers to standardize the creation of financial content, which in turn enables research content search tools that are much more effective."

The RIXML standard was developed by RIXML.org (www.rixml.org), a consortium of buy and sell-side global market leaders committed the development and implementation of the first open standard for investment research. RIXML provides a structure for breaking down and classifying investment research so that users can access investment research in a customizable format through standard filtering criteria. Currently, financial services firms that publish research are using their own proprietary solutions. Therefore, this industry-wide standard facilitates a smoother exchange of information from producer to consumer, whether the information flows directly or via a third-party aggregator or vendor.

"We are pleased to see the inclusion of the RIXML schema in Altova's product," said David Lord, co-chair of the RIXML.org Technical Committee. "Including the RIXML schema with the free licensing of the AUTHENTIC 5 XML content editor will bring the RIXML standard to a broader audience."

About Acclivity Development Corp.

Acclivity Development (www.acclivitydev.com) is an XML applications and web service solutions provider for the financial, educational, and healthcare related industries. Its founders have extensive software engineering experience with a wide range of business, content management, and eCommerce applications.

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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