

Altova Enhances Industry Leading XML Development in XMLSPY 5 Release 4

New features designed to simplify development of customized XML content and data editing applications.

Beverly, MA, April 8, 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 4. Presently, organizations are engaging in the development of customized XML content editing and data-entry applications which help increase the reusability of corporate information assets, resulting in greater productivity and cost savings in creating business content. Altova has enhanced numerous key features in its XML Development Environment, XMLSPY 5, which are commonly required in creating customized XML content and data editing applications. 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:

* Enhanced WebDAV Support - Web-based Distributed Authoring and Versioning (WebDAV) is a standardized set of extensions to the HTTP (web) protocol, which allows users to collaboratively edit and manage XML files located on remote web-servers. XMLSPY 5 and AUTHENTIC 5 now support DeltaV (<http://www.webdav.org/deltav/>), an extension to the WebDAV protocol which enables check-in/check-out functionality when used in conjunction with a WebDAV server, thus supporting XML content editing in a truly collaborative, distributed environment, such as the Web.

* Stylesheet Designer Enhancements – Business users creating and editing XML content don't edit raw XML files, rather they are presented with a user-friendly template layout which hides the complexities of the underlying XML technologies. Customized templates used in any XML content editing application are created visually through the use of a Stylesheet Designer which is included in XMLSPY 5 (Enterprise and Professional Edition) and STYLEVISION 5. The Stylesheet Designer now includes support for direct usage of global templates, support for

conditional statements in Stylesheet Designer, as well as support for PDF Header/Footer/Cover pages, thus allowing for more customized template layouts and content outputs.

* Enhanced Code Generation – Building any customized XML content editing application requires coding of an XML Binding, which is a mapping of XML content to a set of related software objects, allowing for programmatic access to XML documents from within a customized software application. This is a tedious and error prone task. The XMLSPY code generator now supports output code which uses Xerces (a popular XML parser), Standard Template Library (STL), and additional support of XML Schema simple types in Java/C# code generation.

XMLSPY 5 is the ultimate tool for rapid development of customized XML content and data editing applications which use Altova's free XML document editor AUTHENTIC 5.

Pricing and Availability

XMLSPY 5 Release 4 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. Altova's AUTHENTIC 5 is available under a free software license.

Visit the Altova booth at the and see a live demonstration of the new Altova product line at the AIIM Conference & Expo, New York, New York, 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, IONA, and

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