

Altova XMLSPY Certification Exam Now Available in Beta

XML GURUS, XMLSPY ENTHUSIASTS, AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SIGN-UP IMMEDIATELY FOR THE BETA EXAM; SUCCESSFUL BETA PARTICIPANTS WILL BECOME ALTOVA CERTIFIED XMLSPY ENGINEERS

BEVERLY, Mass., February 4, 2004 - Altova Inc. (www.altova.com) producers of XMLSPY®, the world's leading XML (eXtensible Mark-up Language) development environment, today announced the immediate availability of an open-to-the-public beta of the "Altova XMLSPY Certification" exam. The exam tests both an individual's knowledge of important XML-related specifications as well as proficiency with the market-leading XML development environment, XMLSPY. To register for the beta exam, visit Altova's Web site at <http://www.altova.com/certificationbeta>.

The exam is available in beta form to the general public, and will be delivered in a proctored environment through any of Prometric's hundreds of United States and Canadian testing facilities. Beta testers will save approximately 50 percent off the regular exam fee, and will be eligible to receive full certification, making them among the first ever Altova Certified XMLSPY Engineers (ACXE). Certified engineers will be given rights to use the ACXE logo for business cards, Web sites and resumes.

As XML becomes more pervasive, practical use and certified knowledge of XML is becoming increasingly important to engineers and organizations as a whole. To this end, Altova created the ACXE designation, which is intended to communicate a level of knowledge and practical expertise that will inspire confidence and can serve as a key differentiator, highlighting the value of ACXE designees to current or prospective employers.

"The rapid growth of XML-related technologies has intensified the need for competent XML engineers," said Alexander Falk, Altova's President and CEO. "The Altova XMLSPY Certification communicates an important combination of XML knowledge and practical competence with XMLSPY, the industry-standard development tool."

The Altova XMLSPY Certification test is created for information architects, enterprise developers, schema designers, Web site developers, IT engineers and database administrators that possess a solid working knowledge of XML standards and XMLSPY. The certification exam tests a candidate's knowledge of XML, XML Schema, XSLT, XPath, WSDL and SOAP as well as skills with the industry-leading XML development environment, XMLSPY. For more information on the certification exam, including a testing coverage map, visit Altova's Web site at <http://www.altova.com/examprep>.

About Altova

Altova is a leading provider of XML software tools, components, and professional service solutions, including XMLSPY 2004, the industry standard XML Development Environment. Altova, with offices in Beverly, Mass., and Vienna, Austria, was founded in 1992 and has been actively involved in the XML market from the early conception of Extensible Markup Language. Altova's 2004 product line of XML development tools and components is the leading choice of Fortune

500 and Global 1000 companies. Altova's XMLSPY is the world's best-selling XML tool and has won the leading industry awards. Altova is a member of the W3C and WS-I. Visit Altova on the Web at <http://www.altova.com>.

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