

Altova Educational Services Launches Web-based Training

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THREE NEW INSTRUCTOR-LED INTRODUCTORY-LEVEL COURSES

BEVERLY, Mass., February 9, 2004 - Altova Inc. (www.altova.com) producers of XMLSPY®, the world's leading XML (eXtensible Mark-up Language) development environment, today has announced that its Educational Services department is now accepting registrations for its first set of Web-based training courses. The three highly focused introductory-level classes will address the most critical areas facing today's XML-enabled enterprises, including XML transformation, data modeling and validation, and systems integration. For more information on these Web-based training offerings, including prerequisites and technical requirements, please visit Altova Educational Services on the Web at: <http://www.altova.com/services/wbt> or contact Altova Educational Services sales at wbt@altova.com.

Altova Educational Services has created three instructor-led Web-based classes to provide expert training on the most essential aspects of XML implementation, in a cost effective and convenient setting. In order to maintain a supportive atmosphere and to enable individual questions to be addressed in-depth, class size will be limited. The three announced classes are; Introduction to XSL, Introduction to XML Schema, and Introduction to MAPFORCE™. Each class is three hours long and will take place from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. EST. The cost per student is \$300 for each class.

"Interactive on-line courses provide busy professionals with an efficient way to access specialized training in a focused, cost-effective and convenient package," said Altova's Educational Services Manager, David Kershaw. "These new classes, coupled with our other recently announced service offerings, are designed to help accelerate the productivity gains that users of XML technology expect."

Class Offerings

- Introduction to XSL is scheduled for February 25, 2004 and will focus on XPath and XSLT. In addition, the class will prepare students to use Altova's Stylesheet Designer and XMLSPY to ease the challenges of XSLT and XSL-FO development.
- Introduction to XML Schema and DTD is scheduled for March 10, 2004 and will concentrate on the concept of modeling and validation for XML documents and XML applications. The primary focus is on XML Schema as the W3C's primary validation language.
- Introduction to MAPFORCE is scheduled for March 24, 2004 and will provide a tutorial of Altova's new XML data transformation and system integration tool that maps relational and XML data. The course will focus on XML Schema mapping and the generation of mapping libraries in popular enterprise development programming languages. Students will learn about federating data stores, creating custom functions, and modifying code generation behavior by editing templates.

To participate in these Web-based courses, students will need access to a computer with a Web-browser, a fast Internet connection (DSL, Cable, Broadband, etc.) and a telephone line to call into

a toll-free number. (NOTE TO PARTICIPANTS: Additional international telephone charges may apply to calls from outside the United States or Canada)

An upgrade to the 2004 version of XMLSPY is not a requirement, but is recommended. Installation of MAPFORCE 2004 is a requirement for the "Introduction to MAPFORCE" class. For upgrade information or for a free 30-day evaluation download, students should visit: <http://www.altova.com>.

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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