

## Altova Launches XMLSPY Certification Exam

*NEW CERTIFICATION OFFERED TO MEET GROWING MARKET NEED FOR EXPERTISE IN XML TECHNOLOGIES*

**BEVERLY, Mass., August 10, 2004** – Altova® ([www.altova.com](http://www.altova.com)), producers of Altova XMLSPY®, the world's leading XML development environment, today announced availability of its XMLSPY Certification Exam. The expert-level, 50 question exam tests both an individual's knowledge of important XML-related specifications as well as proficiency with XMLSPY 2004. Successful participants will become Altova Certified XMLSPY Engineers (ACXE), communicating a level of knowledge and practical expertise that will inspire confidence and can serve as a key differentiator for IT professionals.

As XML (eXtensible Mark-up Language) becomes more pervasive, practical use and certified expertise with the standard is becoming increasingly important for engineers and organizations as a whole. The Altova XMLSPY Certification Exam has been created for information architects and enterprise developers that possess a solid working knowledge of XML standards and XMLSPY 2004. The certification exam tests a candidate's knowledge of XML, XML Schema, XSLT, XPath, WSDL, and SOAP, as well as proficiency in using XMLSPY 2004 to create standards-compliant XML documents, schemas, and stylesheets.

"With the rapid growth of XML-related technologies, it's critical that companies utilize the most skilled professionals to implement their XML development strategies," said David Kershaw, Manager of Professional and Educational Services for Altova. "Our goal is to ensure that Altova-certified engineers have the expertise to integrate their technical knowledge with real-world development skills. Altova customers will benefit greatly by including an ACXE on their deployment team."

The Altova XMLSPY Certification Exam is delivered in a proctored environment and is available at hundreds of United States and Canadian testing facilities managed by Thomson Prometric, the global leader in technology-enabled knowledge testing and assessment services.

For more information on the certification exam, including testing coverage, and example questions, visit Altova's Web site at: [http://www.altova.com/certification\\_overview.html](http://www.altova.com/certification_overview.html)

### **About Altova**

Altova is a leading provider of XML software tools, components, and professional service solutions, and the creator of XMLSPY, 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 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. Visit Altova on the Web at <http://www.altova.com>.

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