



Altova DiffDog 2005 Helps Developers Track Down File and Directory Differences

NEW DEDICATED DIFFERENCING UTILITY ENHANCES DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION PROJECTS WITH POWERFUL COMPARISON AND MERGING CAPABILITIES

BEVERLY, Mass., January 18, 2005 – Altova® (www.altova.com), creator of XMLSpy®, MapForce™, and other leading software development and data integration tools, today announced that a new dedicated differencing utility has been added to its award-winning product line. Altova DiffDog™ 2005 is an easy-to-use synchronization tool that facilitates the comparison and merging of files, folders, and directories for application developers and power users. DiffDog 2005 is available in both Standard and Professional editions.

Managing multiple file versions can be taxing and time-consuming, especially in a team environment. DiffDog 2005 simplifies the reconciliation process via its straightforward visual interface, thereby increasing workgroup productivity and maximizing results. DiffDog 2005 Standard and Professional editions allow users to quickly compare source code files, HTML files, or any text-based files then merge changes with a click of the mouse. Both editions deliver versatile comparison and merging options for all file directories as well. Uniquely, DiffDog 2005 Professional Edition also provides advanced XML-aware differencing and editing capabilities based on those popularized in Altova XMLSpy.

“As you might expect, our development team has already standardized on DiffDog for file and directory differencing” said Tim Hale, Director of Marketing at Altova. “What’s noteworthy is how eagerly DiffDog has been adopted. It’s just such a cool and capable tool that everyone enjoys working with it. I even use it to update my laptop PC and synch up my photo collections and play lists before I go on the road.”

DiffDog 2005 integrates with any version control system that supports external differencing applications. Intelligent syntax-coloring, line numbering, indentation guides, folding margins, and other innovative features are provided to assist in comparing source code and XML files. Special XML differencing capabilities in DiffDog 2005 Professional Edition include DTD/schema-based validation, well-formedness checking, intelligent entry helpers, optional entity resolution, and attention to attribute and child element ordering. Developers can compare XML files in either an advanced text view or enhanced grid view.

For optimal efficiency, developers can edit documents directly within the DiffDog 2005 differencing interface, merge changes, and instantly re-compare the edited files. Similarly, for directory comparisons, DiffDog 2005 allows users to compare and merge directories, and open and edit file pairs directly from within the directory comparison display. They can instantly identify the differences in two versions of a large directory, open and edit files side-by-side, then move what they want into target directories.

More information on all the features of Altova DiffDog 2005 can be found at: http://www.altova.com/products_diffdog.html.

Availability and Pricing

Altova DiffDog 2005 is immediately available for purchase in both Standard and Professional Editions with (USD) prices for a single-user license starting at \$69 and \$129 respectively. Purchases can be made via the Altova Online Shop at: <http://www.altova.com/order>. A 30-day free trial may be downloaded from: <http://www.altova.com/download.html>.

The Altova Support and Maintenance Package (SMP) for DiffDog 2005 can be purchased for 25% of the product price for a one-year period or 20% of the product price per year for a two-year period. Altova SMP provides free major software updates, maintenance releases, and priority technical support for the duration of the support period. SMP renewals are available beginning 90 days prior to expiration.

About Altova

Altova accelerates development and integration projects with software, services, and solutions that enhance productivity and maximize results. As an innovative, customer-focused company and the creator of XMLSpy, MapForce, and other leading software development and data integration tools, Altova is the choice of over 1.5 million clients worldwide and virtually every Fortune 500 company. With customers ranging from vast development teams in the world's largest organizations to progressive one-person shops, Altova's line of software applications and custom-tailored professional and educational services fulfills a broad spectrum of business needs. Altova is an active member of the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) and is committed to delivering standards-based platform-independent development solutions that are powerful, affordable, and easy to use. Altova was founded in 1992 and has headquarters in Beverly, Massachusetts and Vienna, Austria. Visit Altova on the Web at www.altova.com.

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