



Altova Announces Support for Microsoft Visual Studio 2005 Within XMLSpy 2006

NEW VERSION OF LEADING XML DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT OFFERS SEAMLESS INTEGRATION WITH LATEST MICROSOFT APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT PLATFORM

BEVERLY, Mass., November 7, 2005 – Altova® (www.altova.com), creator of XMLSpy® and other leading XML, data management, UML, and Web services tools, today announced that Altova XMLSpy 2006 includes full support for the newly released Microsoft Visual Studio 2005. From directly within the Visual Studio 2005 development environment, developers can easily access the advanced functionality of XMLSpy 2006 to build powerful XML-based applications.

Altova XMLSpy is the industry standard XML development environment for modeling, editing, debugging and transforming all XML-related technologies, then automatically generating runtime code from schemas in multiple programming languages. In addition to Visual Studio 2005 integration, the new 2006 version contains updated XSLT 2.0, XPath 2.0, and XQuery support in compliance with the latest World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) Working Drafts released on September 15, 2005, as well as schema-awareness in its XSLT 2.0 and XQuery engines.

Similar to its support for Microsoft Visual Studio .NET 2003, XMLSpy 2006 provides “deep” integration with Visual Studio 2005. This gives Microsoft developers seamless access to the editing views and development tools of XMLSpy 2006 in the same environment where they develop .NET Framework-based applications.

“Altova XMLSpy is widely recognized as a leader in XML development tools, and we’re pleased to see the level of integration with Visual Studio 2005 that it provides,” said Christopher Flores, group product manager of the .NET Developer Product Marketing Group at Microsoft Corp. “As developers continue to take advantage of XML and XML-related technologies, it is important that they have immediate access to proven tools that will make their work easier and more productive.”

“Microsoft Visual Studio is one of the most popular multi-purpose development environments on the market today, and Altova XMLSpy is the tool that most developers turn to for working with XML and related technologies,” said Tim Hale, Director of Marketing for Altova. “By providing direct access to XMLSpy 2006 from Visual Studio 2005, we are unifying the best of both worlds and giving developers a real productivity enhancing solution.”

Availability and Pricing

Altova XMLSpy 2006 is currently available for purchase in both Professional and Enterprise Editions with (USD) prices for a single-user license starting at \$499 and \$999 respectively. Purchases can be made via the Altova Online Shop at: <https://shop.altova.com>. Customers with a valid Altova Support and Maintenance Package (SMP) are eligible to update to XMLSpy 2006 software free of charge. A 30-day free trial may be downloaded from: <http://www.altova.com/download.html>.

The new XMLSpy 2006 Integration Package for Microsoft Visual Studio 2005 is available for both Professional and Enterprise Editions, and can be downloaded free of charge by licensed customers at: http://www.altova.com/components_microsoft.html.

About Altova

Altova accelerates application development and data management projects with software, services, and solutions that enhance productivity and maximize results. As an innovative, customer-focused company and the creator of XMLSpy and other leading XML, data administration, UML, and Web services tools, Altova is the choice of over 2 million clients worldwide, including 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 Object Management Group (OMG) and is committed to delivering standards-based platform-independent 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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