



Altova UModel Named Finalist in Jolt Product Excellence & Productivity Awards

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT MAGAZINE RECOGNIZES UMODEL IN THE DESIGN TOOLS AND MODELING CATEGORY

BEVERLY, Mass., February 13, 2006 – Altova® (www.altova.com), creator of XMLSpy® and other leading XML, data management, UML, and Web services tools, today announced that *Software Development* magazine has selected Altova UModel® 2005 as a finalist for the 16th annual Jolt Product Excellence and Productivity Awards in the Design Tools and Modeling category. Sponsored by Jolt Cola, the soft drink that has sustained many a developer, the awards are presented annually to products that have “jolted” the industry with their significance and made the task of creating software faster, easier, and more efficient.

“The number of nominations we received this year was unprecedented, and the process of narrowing down the finalists was a massive, albeit exciting, task, with many more products contending in each category,” said *Software Development* Technical Editor Rosalyn Lum. “Being named a finalist is a significant achievement and we commend Altova UModel for distinguishing itself within the Design Tools and Modeling category.”

Altova UModel 2005 is a straightforward and affordable Unified Modeling Language (UML) 2.0 design tool that makes visual software design practical for programmers and project managers everywhere. It simplifies software modeling by providing helpful design aids and concentrating on the UML diagrams that are most useful early on in the development process and that yield immediate benefits to project team members. Over and above its powerful diagramming capabilities, UModel also provides advanced Java code generation, reverse engineering, and round-tripping functionality. With the price for a single-user license starting at only \$129, UModel is truly the simple, cost-effective way to draw on UML.

“Since its introduction last year, UModel has generated a lot of interest in the developer community because it debunked the myth that visual software design is an elitist and expensive activity,” said Tim Hale, Director of Marketing for Altova. “UModel makes software modeling easy and fun with its intuitive graphical interface, and it includes advanced features found in much more expensive UML tools at just a fraction of their cost. We are very pleased that *Software Development* magazine has recognized the impact that UModel is making in the industry.”

A 30-day free trial of Altova UModel may be downloaded from: <http://www.altova.com/download.html>.

About Altova

Altova accelerates application development and data management projects with software and solutions that enhance productivity and maximize results. As an innovative, customer-focused company and the creator of XMLSpy and other leading XML, data management, UML, and Web services tools, Altova is the choice of over 2 million clients worldwide, including virtually every Fortune 500 company. Enabling customers ranging from vast development teams in the world’s largest organizations to progressive one-person shops, Altova’s line of software tools 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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