



Altova Introduces Release 3 of its Industry-leading v2006 XML Tools Product Line

ALTOVA XML SUITE VERSION 2006 RELEASE 3 INCLUDES ALL NEW STYLEVISION 2006 PLUS KEY FEATURE ENHANCEMENTS TO XMLSPY 2006 AND MAPFORCE 2006

BEVERLY, Mass., June 1, 2006 – Altova® (www.altova.com), creator of XMLSpy® and other leading XML, data management, UML, and Web services tools, today announced general availability of version 2006 release 3 (v2006r3) of its XML tools product line, which includes the totally revised Altova StyleVision® 2006 visual stylesheet designer. In addition to numerous usability enhancements, StyleVision now includes cascading stylesheet (CSS) and JavaScript support. V2006r3 also delivers many valuable new features to its other top-selling XML products, including powerful new XML validation and error tracking capabilities for XMLSpy 2006, the industry-standard XML development environment, and seamless integration with Microsoft® Visual Studio® .NET and Eclipse for MapForce®, its graphical data integration and Web services implementation tool.

“The improvements in v2006r3 of the Altova XML product line are a real boon to our customers,” said Tim Hale, Director of Marketing for Altova. “The new features, like CSS support in StyleVision, hyperlinked error messaging in XMLSpy, and Visual Studio and Eclipse integration for MapForce, increase XML development capabilities to the point that this release is a must for progressive developers.”

New in StyleVision 2006

Altova StyleVision (http://www.altova.com/products_xsl.html) features a unique visual design interface for creating stylesheets to transform XML and database data into multiple output formats, such as HTML pages, PDF reports, RTF documents, and Altova Authentic® electronic forms. What’s more, it can create all of these output types from a single design. StyleVision 2006 represents a significant upgrade from its previous 2005 version. The complete set of new features includes:

- **User Interface Enhancements** – Offers numerous usability improvements including windows that can be customized, floated, and docked as required; support for working with multiple designs at one time; and a new Design Tree window for viewing and expanding all the specifics of a design in one place. Also includes a new Style Repository window that makes it easy to organize and apply styles including those from external CSS files, and a Local Properties window for viewing and editing the properties for each element and output format as a design is created.
- **CSS Support** – Provides support for cascading stylesheets, enabling users to specify more precise visual styling rules to transform XML and database content into HTML pages. Users can import existing CSS files into the new Style Repository Entry Helper and apply the CSS styles easily using drag-and-drop functionality.
- **Multiple Source Stylesheet Design** – Enables the design of stylesheets that use multiple sources, such as two or more XML files, an XML file and a database, etc. Allows users to combine data from multiple sources and output it simultaneously in HTML, RTF, and PDF formats.
- **JavaScript Support** – Adds interactivity to HTML pages with a built-in JavaScript editor for composing JavaScript code that StyleVision can automatically insert into the corresponding XSLT 1.0 or 2.0 stylesheet.

New in Authentic 2006

Altova Authentic 2006 is a free XML and database content editor that allows business users to directly access and edit XML documents and databases through a WYSIWYG interface. Available in Desktop and Browser editions, Authentic presents non-technical users with electronic forms that enable them to enter

and view valid XML and/or database data without being exposed to the underlying technology. These Authentic forms are created by designers using Altova StyleVision 2006, and all of the usability enhancements to StyleVision, described above, will result in easier electronic forms design and richer Authentic forms for end users.

New in Altova XMLSpy 2006

Altova XMLSpy (http://www.altova.com/products_ide.html) is the world's best-selling XML editor and integrated development environment (IDE) for modeling, editing, transforming, and debugging XML-related technologies. In addition to its advanced XML, XML Schema, DTD, XSLT 1.0/2.0, XPath 1.0/2.0, XQuery, WSDL, SOAP, and code generation capabilities, new features included within XMLSpy 2006 release 3 include:

- **New XSLT 2.0 and XQuery Profilers** – Monitor XSLT 2.0 or XQuery code as it runs and records how long each process takes. Developers can promptly see which parts of the code take the longest time to process and optimize it more easily by focusing on problem areas. Helps create more efficient and robust code quickly.
- **Enhanced Error Handling** – Presents detailed messages about each error in a new validation window, including hyperlinks to errors and relevant troubleshooting information. Makes project management and problem resolution considerably faster and more effective.
- **Tracepoints in XSLT debugger** – Allows you to trace the output of any instruction node to verify that your XSLT code is producing the desired output. This feature helps developers perfect their XSLT code more efficiently than ever before.
- **Improved Restriction Handling for XML Schema Development** – Simplifies the process of deriving by restriction to create new complex types. The XMLSpy graphical schema editor makes the process easier and prevents users from creating illegal or invalid restrictions.

New in MapForce 2006

Altova MapForce 2006 (http://www.altova.com/products_mapforce.html) is a powerful data integration and Web services implementation tool that can convert between XML, database, flat file, and EDI formats and to map data to WSDL operations. It converts data on-the-fly and also auto-generates data integration code in XSLT 1.0/2.0, XQuery, Java, C++, and C# for royalty-free use in custom data management and Web services applications. With release 3, MapForce 2006 has been enhanced even further with the following new features:

- **Integration with Microsoft Visual Studio .NET and Eclipse** – Integrates seamlessly with the popular multi-purpose IDEs, Microsoft Visual Studio .NET and Eclipse, allowing developers to directly harness all the data mapping, content conversion, Web services implementation, and code generation capabilities of MapForce from within their favorite platforms.
- **Enhanced EDI Transaction Set Editing** – Allows users to easily modify and extend existing standard EDI transaction sets (i.e. EDIFACT and ANSI X12 messages) to meet business requirements.
- **More Versatile Visual Function Builder** – Enables visual creation of data processing functions that can operate on entire XML tree fragments, allowing for better modularization and scalability of mapping projects.
- **Options for Handling Empty Flat File Values** – Provides ability for developers to choose whether empty fields in flat files are rendered as empty elements or not rendered at all in the data results of the mapping target.

New in AltovaXML

AltovaXML 2006 (<http://www.altova.com/altovaxml.html>) is an XML standards processor that includes the same engines that drive Altova's award-winning XMLSpy, MapForce, and StyleVision development tools. Developers can use the very engines that have helped make Altova software the industry's leading XML development toolset in their own applications royalty-free. AltovaXML 2006 includes the Altova XML validating parser, XSLT 1.0 engine, schema-aware XSLT 2.0 engine, and schema-aware XQuery 1.0 engine, as well as COM, Java, and .NET interfaces so that it can be used within a variety of different applications.

V2006r3 brings significant performance and memory optimizations to the AltovaXML engines, including an average speed increase of 75% in XSLT 2.0 processing. This increase was determined in Altova's internal tests where a large number of XML files of various sizes and levels of complexity were processed. User results may vary depending on these and other factors.

For additional information on what's new in the Altova product line, please visit: <http://www.altova.com/whatsnew.html>.

Availability

Altova XMLSpy 2006, MapForce 2006, and StyleVision 2006 are available individually or together as part of the Altova XML Suite 2006, which also includes SemanticWorks™ 2006, a visual RDF/OWL editor for the Semantic Web, and SchemaAgent™, a unique XML Schema Management tool. The products are all immediately available for purchase from the Altova Online Shop at: <https://shop.altova.com>. The products may be downloaded for 30-day free trials from <http://www.altova.com/download.html>.

Altova Authentic 2006 Desktop and Browser editions and the AltovaXML standards processor are also immediately available. They are offered under free software licenses and can be downloaded and used for no charge from: <http://www.altova.com/download.html>.

Pricing

Existing Altova customers with a valid Support and Maintenance Package (SMP) are eligible to update their Altova XML Suite or individual covered products to v2006r3 free of charge. Current software license key codes for SMP covered products will unlock the new software versions.

Customers who purchased StyleVision 2005r4 or the Altova XML Suite on or after October 3, 2005 are able to update to the new StyleVision 2006 at no additional cost. The StyleVision license key codes that customers received when they purchased StyleVision 2005r4 or the XML Suite 2006 will unlock StyleVision 2006.

- Altova XMLSpy 2006 is available for purchase in two editions: Professional and Enterprise, with (USD) prices for a single-user license starting at \$499 and \$999 respectively.
- Altova MapForce 2006 is available in three editions: Standard, Professional, and Enterprise, with (USD) prices for a single-user license starting at \$249, \$499, and \$999 respectively.
- Altova StyleVision 2006 is available in two editions: Professional and Enterprise, with (USD) prices for a single-user license starting at \$499 and \$999 respectively.
- Altova Authentic 2006 is available in two editions: Desktop and Browser, under a free software license.
- AltovaXML is offered under a free software license with no key code required for activation.
- Altova XML Suite 2006 is available in two Editions: Professional and Enterprise, with (USD) prices for a single-user license starting at \$990 and \$1,740 respectively. By purchasing an XML

Suite, customers get the corresponding editions of XMLSpy 2006, MapForce 2006, and StyleVision 2006, plus SemanticWorks 2006 and SchemaAgent 2006 – all at a 50% savings off the price of the five products purchased individually.*

- The Altova Support and Maintenance Package (SMP) 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 upgrades, 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 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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Note to Editors

**The Altova XML Suite 50% savings is based on the price of purchasing all five products separately. The 50% price comparison and price calculation are edition specific and relate to the purchase of either Professional Edition or Enterprise Edition software and not a combination of individual Enterprise or Professional Edition products. Prices displayed on the Altova Online Shop pages already take this discount into account – it is not in addition to the quoted prices, but already reflected in the prices listed on the site.*

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