



Altova Announces Release 2 of UModel 2006

SUPPORT FOR THREE ADDITIONAL UML2 DIAGRAM TYPES ADDED TO ALTOVA'S COMPELLING AND AFFORDABLE SOFTWARE MODELING TOOL

BEVERLY, Mass., July 18, 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 2 of UModel®, the company's Unified Modeling Language™ (UML®) software development tool. The latest release of UModel adds support for three new UML 2 diagram types — activity diagrams, state machine diagrams, and composite structure diagrams — as well as a number of usability enhancements.

As the starting point for successful software development, Altova UModel 2006 allows developers to visually design application models and generate Java or C# code. Developers can also reverse-engineer existing programs into UML 2.1 diagrams, then amend and fine-tune the designs and complete the round trip by regenerating code. Not just for elite software architects, UModel makes visual software design accessible and practical for code-writing developers everywhere.

“With the addition of these new capabilities, UModel has evolved to become a well-rounded and highly competitive UML tool,” said Tim Hale, Director of Marketing for Altova. “But the real advantages lie in UModel's usability and cost-effectiveness when compared to other products on the market. We offer an advanced, feature-rich, and interoperable UML tool that developers find easy and enjoyable to use, at a fraction of the cost of legacy UML applications.”

New in Altova UModel 2006

UModel 2006 release 2 adds dozens of additional UML 2 element icons – many available in multiple orientations at a single click, new diagram-specific toolbars, more context menus, extended properties window direct-entry fields, expanded example files, tutorials, and help features, and the following three additional diagram types:

- Activity diagrams – Chart the flow of actions and illustrate trigger mechanisms and decision points as well as sequential, parallel, and alternate flows based on internal or external conditions
- State machine diagrams – Identify various states and transitional conditions of an object as it proceeds through its life cycle
- Composite structure diagrams – Document the design or runtime architecture of a system or an architectural pattern, or represent a class graphically as opposed to simply listing its properties as in a class diagram

In addition, numerous usability refinements throughout UModel 2006 release 2 enhance auto-creation of association connectors, reverse-engineering functionality, copy/paste operations, and lots more.

Detailed information on all the powerful features of Altova UModel 2006 release 2 can be found at: http://www.altova.com/products_umodel.html

Availability and Pricing

Altova UModel 2006 release 2 is immediately available for download and purchase with the (USD) list price for a single-user license starting at \$129.00. The software may be downloaded and tried free for 30 days from: <http://www.altova.com/download.html>. Purchases can be made via the Altova Online Shop at: <https://shop.altova.com>.

Current UModel customers who purchased an Altova Support and Maintenance Package (SMP) and are within their plan's support period can upgrade to UModel 2006 release 2 at no charge. UModel 2005 users without SMP can purchase an upgrade to UModel 2006 release 2 at 40% off list price.

Altova encourages the purchase of SMP, which provides free software version upgrades, maintenance releases, and priority technical support for the duration of the support period. SMP can be purchased for 25% of the product license price for a one-year period, or 20% per year for a two-year 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 2.5 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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