



Altova Supports New Worldwide Web Consortium Standards

LINE OF INDUSTRY LEADING XML DEVELOPMENT SOFTWARE TOOLS AMONG FIRST TO CONFORM WITH OFFICIAL W3C STANDARDS FOR XSLT 2.0, XPATH 2.0, AND XQUERY 1.0

BEVERLY, Mass., February 7, 2007 – Altova® (<http://www.altova.com>), creator of XMLSpy® and other leading XML, data management, UML, and Web services tools, today announced compliance with the new Worldwide Web Consortium (W3C) standards specifying Extensible Stylesheet Language Transformations (XSLT), the XML Path Language (XPath), and the XML Query Language (XQuery). Support for the official W3C versions of XSLT 2.0, XPath 2.0, and XQuery 1.0 will provide numerous advanced capabilities to users of Altova XMLSpy 2007, MapForce® 2007, StyleVision® 2007, and the AltovaXML™ processor and enable them to transform, access, and query XML data in a standardized and interoperable manner. Altova previously supported draft versions of the specifications.

The W3C announced its official adoption of the new standards on January 23, 2007. One week later, Altova released Software Version 2007 Service Pack 2 (v2007 SP2) with up to date, compliant support for these important industry standards.

“Altova moves fast,” said Tim Hale, Director of Marketing for Altova. “Our ability to come to market quickly with the latest standards and most innovative technologies has earned Altova its leadership position and helps keep our products the world’s best selling XML development tools.”

Pertinent Altova Product Information:

With v2007 SP2, the following Altova products now support the official versions of the relevant new W3C standards:

- Altova XMLSpy is the world’s best-selling XML editor and the industry standard XML development environment for modeling, editing, transforming, and debugging XML-related technologies. Related capabilities include an XPath analyzer as well as XSLT 2.0 and XQuery profilers and debuggers. Detailed information on XMLSpy 2007 is provided here: http://www.altova.com/products/xmlspy/xml_editor.html.
- Altova MapForce is the premier data integration and Web services implementation tool that maps between any combination of XML, database, flat file, EDI, and/or Web service, then converts data on-the-fly or auto-generates XSLT, XQuery, or program code for royalty-free use in data integration or Web services applications. Detailed information on MapForce 2007 is provided here: http://www.altova.com/products/mapforce/data_mapping.html.
- Altova StyleVision is the ultimate visual stylesheet designer for transforming XML and database content into eye-catching HTML pages, PDF reports, Word/RTF documents, and Altova Authentic® electronic forms. StyleVision creates standards-conformant XSLT stylesheets based on the user’s visual design. It is optimized for single source publishing and allows multiple output styles from a single stylesheet design. Detailed information on StyleVision 2007 is provided here: http://www.altova.com/products/stylevision/xslt_stylesheet_designer.html.
- AltovaXML is the XML standards processor used by the majority of XML developers to build XML-based applications. This same processing engine that drives Altova XMLSpy, MapForce, and StyleVision is also available for royalty-free use by developers within their own applications to access, transform, query, and validate XML data. Detailed information on AltovaXML 2007 is provided here: <http://www.altova.com/altovaxml.html>.

More information on the W3C’s new XSLT 2.0, XPath 2.0, and XQuery 1.0 standards and Altova’s support for them is provided on the Altova Developer Portal at: http://www.altova.com/dev_portal.html.

Availability and Pricing:

Altova XMLSpy 2007, MapForce 2007, and StyleVision 2007 are all immediately available for download and purchase with the (USD) list price for single-user licenses starting at \$499.00, \$249.00, and \$499.00 respectively. All three products are also included in the new Altova MissionKit™ 2007, which bundles Altova's intelligent application development, data management, and modeling tools at 50% off their regular prices.* The Altova MissionKit is available in a variety of configurations tailored to the needs of XML developers and software architects with (USD) list prices for single-user licenses starting at \$740.00.

The software may be downloaded and tried free for 30 days from: <http://www.altova.com/download>. Purchases can be made from Altova's secure online shop at: <https://shop.altova.com>.

Altova encourages the purchase of a Support and Maintenance Package (SMP) with all software purchases. Altova SMP provides free software version updates, 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. More information on Altova SMP is provided at: <http://www.altova.com/smp>.

All customers who have purchased licenses for Altova software v2007 can download and use the updated software free of charge. Additionally, customers of the previous Altova software versions with a valid Support and Maintenance Package (SMP) can also update to v2007 SP2 for free. Current software license key codes will unlock the new software version.

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 <http://www.altova.com>.

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