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The University of Wisconsin Signs On With Altium Altium Designer to deliver next generation design experiences for engineering students

SYDNEY, Australia – Feb. 1, 2009 – Altium has entered a partnership with the University of Wisconsin’s College of Engineering to provide Altium Designer as a resource to further educate its undergraduate students with real-world development tools.

Altium Designer will be used in select engineering classes to help students develop strong foundations in modeling, characterization and application of semiconductor devices, among other key engineering fundamentals. Altium Designer will provide students with a single view of both the board level and the programmable elements of electronic designs, important for the rapidly emerging programmable hardware seen in today’s electronics systems. This unified electronics design approach provides a smooth experience for first time ECAD users in an academic environment.

“Altium Designer will be used in a number of engineering classes throughout the College of Engineering,” said Erick L. Oberstar, P.E., University of Wisconsin Associate Faculty and Mechatronics Lab Manager/Engineer. “Altium was chosen for its integrated tutorials, better backward and forward annotation support, and for its ability to handle PCB layout, schematic capture and programmable design functionality, all in a single design architecture.”

“We are excited to add the University of Wisconsin, a widely recognized program that consistently ranks among the top engineering schools, to the growing list of universities

who have adopted our design platform in their classrooms,” said Gerry Gaffney, Regional CEO for the Americas at Altium. “Academia is where tomorrow’s electronics designers are to be found. The next generation of electronic products beckons. What we hope to do is help inflame the passion for design in Wisconsin’s students that they will then carry with them into their careers. The economic future is a very different one, and it’s our joint responsibility to give them every possible advantage and to provide them with new ways to do electronics design.”

Altium plays an important role in the development of the next generation of electronics engineers, with a particularly strong presence in university engineering programs. Universities such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Toronto, Aachen University and Tokyo Institute of Technology all use Altium Designer to create the next generation of space system engineers, while more than 900 universities in total employ Altium as their software tool of choice.

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About The University of Wisconsin

The University of Wisconsin, Madison offers instruction in more than 100 fields, with more than 4,200 course listings. The College of Engineering is recognized for excellence in research, instruction, and service to the profession. It ranks among top electrical and computer engineering departments in national surveys, consistently producing talented graduates whose skills are respected throughout the nation and the world. Its distinguished faculty of over 50 members leads exciting research efforts that span both traditional and emerging areas in electrical and computer engineering. Many have been recognized for their research contributions with awards from national and international organizations; among the faculty are 17 IEEE Fellows and 13 NSF

Presidential Young Investigator or Faculty Early Career Development Award (CAREER) recipients.