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The world's next generation of electronics designers to use the world's next generation electronics design solution

Altium sponsors the World Skills Competition 2009

SYDNEY, Australia – August 25, 2009 – Altium Designer has been chosen as the electronics design solution for the WorldSkills Competition's electronics category.

The WorldSkills Competition is an event held every two years that brings together more than 900 of the best young professionals from around the world. The electronics design category is one of 45 in which competitors compete for gold at this prestigious event. The competition takes place 1-7 September, 2009 in Calgary, Canada. For more information, visit www.worldskills2009.com

Altium supported the same category at the WorldSkills Competition in Shizuoka, Japan, in 2007. Before Altium's involvement, schematic capture and PCB design were tested individually. Now, using Altium Designer, finalists can be tested on both domains in a single competition event.

"Altium's support in the electronics category is extremely valuable to the WorldSkills Competition", says Richard Walker, President and CEO of WorldSkills Calgary 2009. "We are pleased to continue our relationship with Altium and enhance electronics design throughout the 40th WorldSkills Competition."

Competitors will be using the latest release of Altium Designer, Altium's unified electronics design solution. New features include custom FPGA logic development for board-level designers, with no HDL skills required; a doubling of mechanical layers; high-level software development using C++; and USB device support.

These build on features such as real-time 3D PCB design and clearance checking, real-time links between the ECAD and MCAD worlds, and one-click document management.

Altium Designer brings together schematic capture, board layout and FPGA design into a single application. This unified environment lets designers experiment with intelligent devices, test ideas and deploy complete and working electronics in days or weeks, instead of months.

“The next generation of designers will be the drivers of the change. And by using Altium Designer in the WorldSkills competition, a solution that makes use of the latest technology trends, these students will be better equipped to design intelligent and connected electronics that challenge the status quo,” said Nick Martin, CEO and Founder of Altium. “By sponsoring the WorldSkills competition, we hope to foster their talent early and provide greater opportunities for each of them in their future careers as the next generation of designers.”

Pricing and availability

Information on [Altium Designer](#), the latest [new features](#), and those added over the past [12 months](#), is on Altium’s [web site](#). More detailed information on Altium Designer is at the [Altium Wiki](#).

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About Altium

Altium Limited (ASX:ALU) provides next generation electronics design software. Altium’s unified electronics design environment links all aspects of electronics product design into one process, in a single application. This helps electronics designers harness the latest devices and technologies, manage their projects across broad design ‘ecosystems’, and create connected, intelligent designs. For more information, visit www.altium.com.

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