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Altium and Premier Farnell announce distribution agreement

Premier Farnell to sell Altium's new NanoBoard 3000 series of FPGA-based development boards

SYDNEY, Australia – September 14, 2009 – Altium has appointed Premier Farnell as the web distributor for its new [NanoBoard 3000](#) FPGA-based development board. The agreement extends to Premier Farnell's family of global marketing and distribution services.

Altium has launched the [NanoBoard 3000](#) to make FPGA design easier. The supplied Altium Designer software is loaded with a large library of high-quality, royalty-free, ready-to-use IP that lets engineers use every aspect of the NanoBoard 3000 without having to create any low-level logic hardware or driver software. Engineers can graphically connect the IP blocks they want to use and the system takes care of the low level tasks automatically. They can also add processors, memory controllers, peripheral blocks, software stacks – everything they need to create next-generation, FPGA-hosted embedded systems with off-the-shelf components.

The [NanoBoard 3000](#) provides a fixed user FPGA on a motherboard, and a range of peripherals so that designers can experiment with IP as they require. For designers new to using FPGAs, it provides the ideal learning environment to embrace FPGA-based 'soft' design because it allows board designers to experiment with FPGAs using all their existing embedded and board level skills. It makes FPGA design more accessible to more designers, and this distribution agreement makes this logistically possible.

"Premier Farnell is pleased to stock Altium's new [NanoBoard 3000](#) FPGA-based development boards for immediate shipment to customers worldwide. The NanoBoard 3000 offers designers an opportunity to begin prototyping almost immediately on a target platform that can be used in production," said Randall Restle, Director of Global Technical Marketing, Premier Farnell.

"The [NanoBoard 3000](#) smart development board lets engineers harness their existing skills to design with FPGAs very quickly," said Nick Martin, CEO and Founder of Altium.

"With the [NanoBoard 3000](#), engineers with no FPGA experience can start building electronic products using Altium's intuitive graphical interface that eliminates the need to develop in HDL or create low-level code. Engineers can simply drag-and-drop all the IP they need to develop the next generation of electronic products."

The NanoBoard 3000 smart FPGA development board sells for a RRP of US\$395. For more information or to purchase a NanoBoard 3000 from Premier Farnell, visit www.newark.com/altium. For more information on Altium's NanoBoard 3000 series, go to www.altium.com/products/nb3000. For more information on Altium Designer, go to [Altium's web site](#).

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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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