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Altium at electronica: extensive publishing outputs, new version control for graphical files, new automatic document previews – all out of the box

Sydney, Australia – electronica 2008, Munich, Germany – November 11, 2008 – Altium is demonstrating new project management and design data publishing capabilities at electronica, that significantly help electronics designers manage the complexity of today's multi-faceted design projects.

Altium Designer's unified design environment, that brings together hardware, software and programmable hardware design within a single design application, allows effective collaboration within design teams and across organizations. Design data can be managed and published from within a single, unified design interface, providing an 'out of the box' solution to electronic design data management and collaboration, without the need for a company to deploy and integrate third-party, add-on management applications.

Browse designs across an entire project

The latest release of Altium Designer incorporates 'Design Insight' features targeted at helping designers browse documents and design information across an entire project. Intelligent and interactive pop-up document previews provide a fast and easy way to find and navigate to specific documents within a project, and to trace connectivity through multiple source files.

Version control across both electrical and graphical files

Altium pioneered the effective use of version control for electronics design. Altium Designer has native support for standard version control systems and lets designers compare both electrical and spatial differences between graphical design files such as schematics and PCB layouts. In the latest release of Altium Designer, enhanced and streamlined version control support allows common operations such as file comparisons and updates to happen in the background, providing minimal disruption to work flows.

Publishing that is easier and quicker

Altium Designer lets electronics designers consolidate selected documents into a single set targeted at a particular media type such as print or PDF. This makes it easier for designers to manage the propagation of design information to manufacturers, procurement, documentation and other teams that require specific input. Using this new feature, designers can easily publish the required information for each group in the most suitable form: electronic, web-based or hard copy. The definition of media output is saved as part of the design project, so information can be easily republished at any time.

As more functionality is moved from discrete components and consolidated within the 'soft' environment of programmable devices, unifying the various design processes involved becomes crucial. Altium Designer lets electronics designers manage the increasingly complex design data and documents required to bring a product successfully to market.

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About Altium

Altium Limited (ASX: ALU) provides world-leading unified design solutions that break down the barriers to innovation, and help organizations easily harness the latest devices and technologies, to create their next generation of electronic products.

Altium's solutions are unique because they unify the separate processes of electronics design, all within a single electronics design environment, working off a single data model, which links all the aspects of electronics product design into one process.

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