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Altium announces support for Infineon's new TC1130 microcontroller

Altium's TASKING tools now support all Infineon microcontrollers

EMBEDDED WORLD 2004, NÜRNBERG, Germany – February 19, 2004 – Altium Limited (ASX: ALU), a leading developer of Windows-based electronics design software, is pleased to announce its support for Infineon Technologies' newest microcontroller, the TC1130, in the TASKING TriCore VX-toolset. Announced by Infineon Technologies at Embedded World, the latest addition to Infineon's TriCore microcontroller line is a high-performance 32-bit RISC microcontroller specifically developed for industrial control and automotive applications. Altium is now the only embedded software development tool vendor to support all microcontrollers from Infineon Technologies.

"We are pleased to have Altium as a partner to support the TriCore TC1130 right from its introduction to the market," says Dónal Ó Donnabháin, Tool Line Manager from Infineon Technologies, Automotive & Industrial. *"The TASKING compiler provides the level of execution speed, code density and stability critical for high-performance industrial applications, and the CrossView Pro debugger offers an easy and accessible platform to facilitate testing code on a TC1130 evaluation board."*

Since Infineon Technologies was formed, Altium has been committed to supplying high-quality development tools for its entire range of 8-, 16-, 32-bit and DSP architectures. As a result of this relationship, Altium is now the only vendor to support all microcontrollers from Infineon – including the new TC1130. The support for the TC1130 in the TASKING TriCore VX-toolset includes the availability of Special Function Register files, debugger connectivity to evaluation boards, and quick-and-easy selection and configuration of the new device from within the development suite. The automatic customization of the control panel of the Embedded Development Environment (EDE) makes it easier to navigate and remember all of the correct settings required for the TC1130 as only the relevant controls for this derivative are shown. When edits and settings are made, the EDE automatically updates the application's startup code, allowing the developer to focus on developing software rather than remembering settings.

By working closely with chip manufacturers to support new architectures, Altium continues to break down the barriers to innovation and technological advancement, and provide every electronic engineer and embedded system developer with easy access to the best possible design tools.

Pricing and availability

The TASKING TriCore VX-toolset is a complete, integrated embedded software development toolset consisting of the TASKING EDE, C/C++/EC++ compiler, assembler, linker / locator and CrossView Pro OCDS and simulator debugger.

The product is available for PC/Windows and SUN/Solaris platforms. Prices start at US\$4,290 for the C/C++/EC++ compiler and simulator debugger package for PC/Windows.

For more product information, or for a trial version please visit www.altium.com/tasking/products/tricore or contact your local Altium Sales and Support Center.

About TASKING

TASKING, Altium's industry-leading range of tools for embedded software development, offers an integrated software development environment that enables developers to take advantage of the complete range of Infineon microcontrollers by providing all the capabilities needed for application development from project management, editing, and program building to compiling, optimizing, and debugging. Its software development toolsets consist of the award winning TASKING Embedded Development Environment (EDE), highly optimizing C and C++/EC++ compilers, assembler, linker/locator, and the CrossView Pro debugger.

About Altium Limited

Altium Limited (ASX: ALU) is a global developer and supplier of electronics design software for the Microsoft Windows environment. Founded in 1985, Altium released the world's first Microsoft Windows-based printed circuit board design tool in 1991 and continues to provide advanced, easy-to-use and affordable software design tools to electronics engineers, designers, and developers worldwide. Altium's products offer tailored solutions covering a range of hardware and software design processes including the well-known Protel, P-CAD and TASKING brands. Altium is headquartered in Sydney, Australia and has sales and support offices in Australia, the United States, Japan and Europe. More information is available at www.altium.com.

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