Alchemy CATALYST 3.1 - Free Enhancement Pack Released

Alchemy Software Development announced a free enhancement pack release for Alchemy CATALYST 3.0 and Corel CATALYST™ 3.0. Alchemy CATALYST 3.1 now offers a variety of new functionality enhancements and productivity features. For instance, Alchemy CATALYST 3.1 now has a unique runtime validation expert that accurately validates software products for cosmetic errors creating a detailed report in a matter of seconds. An Engineer can view and select errors from this report and Alchemy CATALYST will load the relevant file and position the cursor at the error location for immediate fixing. This feature, unique to Alchemy CATALYST, significantly reduces the time to fix cosmetic bugs helping to speed up product delivery and improve quality.

Alchemy also announces enhancements to its generic text parser technology. It now supports over 17 different file types (including JavaScript, PerlScript, Java code files and Microsoft VisualBasic forms). This means that most product ancillary files can be included within one translation toolkit and translated, engineered and validated within one tools environment. Other enhancements include extensive support for TMX, enabling translation memories and glossaries to be interchanged with other industry leading tools vendors like Trados and extensions to the command line interface to facilitate build automation and batch updates. "This is a free enhancement pack update to our customers", said Tony O’Dowd, CEO and President of Alchemy Software Development, "that delivers greater translation and engineering productivity. Our runtime validation expert will dramatically reduce the time to resolve localization bugs while the ability to share translation memories and glossaries between different tool vendors will improve translation quality and consistency." 

Alchemy Software appoints chairman

Alchemy Software Development appointed David MacDonald as chairman of the board. Previously MacDonald was CEO of ITP from April 1998 to May 2000, when the business was successfully sold to SDL International. Prior to joining ITP, he spent 5 years as Managing Director of ICL in Ireland. ICL is a $4 billion European based systems integration company, owned by Fujitsu. MacDonald started in the localisation industry with Lotus Development where he worked as general manager from 1983 to 1994.

He was responsible for the establishment of the Lotus manufacturing and localisation activities in Ireland. Subsequently, he held various director level roles in Lotus International headquarters in the UK. David previously worked in the US for Trilogy Systems Corporation, in Ireland for Amdahl Ireland, and in Belgium and Ireland for Technicon. Aged 50, David has a BA (Mod) degree in Chemistry, and an MSc(Mgmt), both from Trinity College Dublin. His Masters thesis, which is widely acclaimed in Ireland, dealt with the global management of multinational business.

According to Tony O’Dowd, ceo and president of Alchemy Software “David has an indepth knowledge of developing innovative technologies, and in particular, experience of the localisation industry worldwide.”