**Altair Technology Now Available to More Than 3,500 Teams in the FIRST**® **Robotics Competition Kit of Parts**

*All competing teams now have free access to Altair technology, including leading tools like Altair® RapidMiner® and Altair® Inspire™*

**TROY, Mich., December 5, 2023 –** [Altair](https://www.altair.com/) (Nasdaq: ALTR), a global leader in computational science and artificial intelligence (AI), has expanded its relationship with [*FIRST*](https://www.firstinspires.org/)® (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) and Altair technology is now available to all teams in *FIRST*® Robotics Competition [Kit of Parts](https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/frc/kit-of-parts). More than 3,500 high school teams competing in the 2024 season of [*FIRST* Robotics Competition](https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/frc) will have free access to Altair’s leading technology, including premier solutions like [Altair® RapidMiner®](https://altair.com/altair-rapidminer) and [Altair® Inspire™](https://altair.com/inspire). Altair’s collaboration with *FIRST* will bolster students’ technical skills and support a diverse community of students by building citizenship, self-esteem, and leadership through hands-on experiences and project-based learning.

“Furthering our collaboration with *FIRST* is a perfect example of Altair’s commitment to students and the role they have on technology, both today and in the future,” said James R. Scapa, founder and chief executive officer, Altair. “Altair and *FIRST* share the same core values, and we are incredibly proud to team up with an organization that has such a lasting positive impact on tens of thousands of students around the world every year.”

“The *FIRST* community is excited to extend its relationship with Altair, and we know their tools, technology, and support will help *FIRST* deliver on its organizational vision,” said Chris Moore, *FIRST* chief executive officer. “Our goal is for all students to have the STEAM skills they need to succeed.”

Access to Altair’s technology will give students the chance to become Altair Real-World Ready™ with best-in-class industry-grade tools before they start their professional career. Students can utilize Altair’s design, simulation, and data solutions to build better robots faster. By using Altair technologies, students will understand why the coming together – or convergence – of simulation, data, and digital twins in engineering, including principles like rapid prototyping, AI, topology optimization, will be critical to their future and professional development.

*FIRST* is a global non-profit public charity corporation founded in 1989 with the goal of preparing young people for the future through a suite of inclusive, team-based robotics programs for ages 4-18. The *FIRST* Robotics Competition program debuted in 1992 and operates in more than 26 countries and regions worldwide with participants in grades 8 - 12. Overall, *FIRST* has reached more than 2.5 million student participants around the world since its inception.

To learn more about Altair’s collaboration with *FIRST* and the technology now available to all *FIRST* teams, visit <https://web.altair.com/first-robotics>. To learn more about *FIRST* and the *FIRST* Robotics Competition, visit <https://www.firstinspires.org/>.

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