News

Wise Supports BDE 5.0

Wise Solutions now support installation of version 5.0 of the Borland Database Engine (as shipped with Delphi 4), with version 6.01 of their Wise Installation System. Also supported is ODBC 3.0. The Installation Expert Wizard creates simple installations and the enhanced Script Editor provides for fully customized installations.

The new version is available as a standalone product or as part of Wise Installation System Enterprise Edition. The Enterprise Edition includes options for patching, web deployment, copying existing installs and debugging. For more details and demos visit www.wisesolutions.com or talk to your favourite local dealer.

ZieglerCollection For Delphi 4

The ZieglerCollection one component suite now supports Delphi 4 in its new version 1.40 (as well as Delphi 1, 2 and 3 and C++Builder 1 and 3). A number of other updates have also been made.

Over 60 components plus many functions and procedures are included in the suite. Highlights are a panel which can be moved at runtime, custom shape buttons, controls to mimic oscilloscope and panel meter displays, easy handling of TApplication and more. You can download a demo or purchase the suite (for $52) online from www.zieglersoft.com

InfoPower 4

Woll2Woll Software are now shipping version 4 of their popular component suite for Delphi and C++Builder, aimed especially at those developing database applications. Support is included for Delphi 3 and 4 (C++Builder users need to purchase the professional version).

The `RichEdit` control is now based upon Microsoft's RichEdit 2 and supports the embedding of bitmaps and OLE objects, display and automatic opening of internet URL links, multi-level undo and redo, and database filtering on richedit fields.

New date and time controls include a data-bound `DateTime` picker and a `MonthCalendar`. Year 2000 compliance is built-in.

The grid control (see the screenshot below) supports images in both the title and data cells, plus a footer section to display column summary information, and animated column dragging.

A new extendable `DBNavigator` component now supports user-definable images and actions, plus integration with InfoPower dialogs, flexible control over the

➤ *Some features of InfoPower 4's enhanced data-aware grid control.*

layout, and support for multiple rows of icons.

A new RecordViewPanel component provides a convenient way to embed a panel into your form containing an edit control for each field in the table, constructed on the fly.

For local pricing check with your dealer; demo and trial versions of InfoPower are available at www.woll2woll.com

STB Graphics Cards And Delphi 4

Users of STB graphics cards and Delphi 4 may find some display problems. The result is that all the toolbar glyphs in the Delphi 4 IDE are messed up. Moreover, the same problem will arise with any Delphi 4 application running on a PC with an STB board. It appears that Inprise were aware of this problem before Delphi 4 shipped...

Internet Mapping Tools

UK company Graticule are shipping webMapServer, a toolkit for creating internet-based mapping applications. The software is provided as a DLL, which can be used with a variety of development tools, including Delphi.

Both vector and raster maps can be displayed (the server transfers the maps to the client browsers). Functions include zoom, pan and layer selection. Used with Graticule's RouteFinda application, the kit can provide shortest route calculations, for example.

Visit www.webmapmaster.com to view a demo of webMapServer in action. A developer's licence starts at £3,300 plus VAT and

annual licence fees per application apply. Graticule can also provide digital mapping data from a number of publishers, for the UK, Europe and the world.

For more information visit www.graticule. com or call +44 (0)113 234 400.

Pascal Life Outside Delphi

Delphi isn't the only development tool based on Pascal! Prospero have been supplying Pascal compilers for a number of years and their latest version of Extended Pascal for Windows is 3.1, which is a 32-bit product. For more details visit www.prosperosoftware.com or call Prospero on +44 (0)181 785 1414.

ASIA/Pacific ICon98

The Asia/Pacific ICon98 (Inprise Conference) will be held in Australia from 11-13 October. This will be the biggest Inprise Borland Conference for developers from the entire Asia/Pacific region.

Visit the conference website at www.inprise.com.au/BorCon for more details.

Midas Newsgroup

Inprise has just opened a MIDAS-specific newsgroup at inprise.public.midas for the use of their MIDAS customers.

Socket Server
And Socket Service

A new version of the Socket Server and Socket Service for Delphi 4 (for the Client/Server Edition only) is now available from

www.inprise.com/devsupport/ delphi/download_files/ scktsrvr.zip

You can now have multiple ports listening for connections and can now specify a timeout period for client connections.

Dr.Bob's Delphi 4
MasterClasses

Our very own 'Dr.Bob' Swart and Bolesian are organising a monthly Delphi 4 MasterClass in Helmond, Netherlands.

The first, on 15th October, will be on new Delphi 4 features. Other topics to be covered in future months include database systems, n-tier development and knowledge

based solutions. For more information visit www.bolesian.nl or email Bob at bob@bolesian.nl

Delphi 4 Compatibility Issues

For information on compatibility issues you may encounter when upgrading to Delphi 4, visit

www.inprise.com/techpubs/ delphi/compat.html.

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