News

ObjectSight Purchase TopGrid Component

ObjectSight has purchased the TopGrid grid component from TopSupport and now includes the component in its own product range.

The ObjectSight suite allows developers to automatically generate code and object definitions to read, modify, insert and delete records within a relational database. Visit www.objectsight.com for more information and to download trial versions.

WPTools

From Julian Ziersch Software, this collection of Delphi and C++Builder components focuses on text formatting and layout. It allows you to use tables, paragraph frames, headers and footers, page numbers, bulleted and numbered lists, justified text and decimal tabs, as well as special text attributes such as hyperlinks or hidden text.

Text is formatted for WYSIWYG display, including page breaks that are shown in the editor. Text can be imported and exported in RTF, HTML and ANSI, or you can implement your own formats. Versatile mail-merge features are included too.

Also available is WPDF, an add-on DLL for WPTools which allows developers to create Adobe Acrobat files (.PDF) directly from the `TWPRichText` memo control: just set the required properties and call `Execute` to create the Acrobat file. Finally, the WPForm add-on provides the programmer with a tool for e-forms.

These products are available in the UK from QBS Software, visit www.qbssoftware.com or call +44 (0)20 8956 8028.

COM Express

Object River's COM Express for Delphi is a component-based n-tier internet and intranet application development tool. It provides an easy way to design business objects with a claim of 'no gap between model and implementation'.

COM Express costs £1,750 plus VAT from QBS Software, visit www.qbssoftware.com or call +44 (0)20 8956 8028.

BorCon 2001 In Long Beach, California

The 12th Annual Borland Conference will be held from July 21st to 25th, 2001, in Long Beach, California. Visit www.borland.com/conf2001 for more details.

But don't forget some other very important dates: **DCon 2001**, the even bigger and better Delphi Developers Conference organised by *The Delphi Magazine* and the UK Borland User Group, will be held on June 17th to 19th, 2000, at Wokefield Park, Reading, UK. Planning is going very well, so keep watching this space for more information.

Internet Pro And Async Pro Updates

TurboPower Software have updated Internet Professional to 1.02 and Async Pro to 3.04; both are available free from www.turbopower.com/updates to existing users of the products.

Stop Press, Late News...

As we go to press, a late news item has reached us from Will Watts, who writes the Snobol column in our sister magazine Developers Review. Will notes:

"Borland has just announced that it is to change its name to Borland. Originally called 'Borland', Borland decided a couple of years ago that it was not to be called Borland, although its products could still be called Borland. However, in the event everybody continued to call all aspects of Borland 'Borland', despite money spent on publicising the new name, which was not Borland. Later on, Borland flirted with the idea of pretending to be an internet company by appending the usual suffix, but then decided not to after all. A Borland spokesman said: 'This is a big day for Borland. Now that we have made our real name coincide with the name everybody calls us by anyway, what can possibly hold us back?'

"The people of Scotts Valley are all loopy."

Thanks, Will!

IBExpert

From HK-Software in Oldenburg, Germany, this is a Windows development tool for InterBase databases. It supports InterBase 4, 5 and 6, and you can work with different databases at the same time.

With IBExpert you can edit all types of database objects: domains, tables, views, stored procedures, triggers, generators, exceptions and UDFs. It provides hyperlinks and a search facility for database metadata.

Comprehensive data export is supported, to Excel, RTF, HTML, CSV, SYLK, DIF, TXT and LaTeX. Both a grant manager and user manager are provided, plus a test data generator. There's a stored procedure debugger, performance analysis features with graphical output, a backup and restore assistant, a visual query builder, an SQL monitor and much more too.

If that doesn't do what you need, IBExpert has an open API so you can develop your own plugins, along with Delphi source code samples.

IBExpert is available from www.ibexpert.com for download as a 30-day fully functional trial version. The purchase price for one computer is $149, for 2-9 machines $99 each, and an unlimited company licence costs $1,050. HK-Software are at www.h-k.de, email info@h-k.de or call +49 441 218 4770.

InterBase DataPump v1.2.4

This freeware program from Alex Poloziouk was designed to help InterBase users migrate data from InterBase 5.xx and older database formats to the new InterBase 6.0 format. You can also use it to pump data from one InterBase database to another of the same version.

InterBase DataPump calculates the proper tables order and resolves all kinds of links between tables. This means, says the developer, that tables will be processed in the order in which they are dependent on each other (which is important if you have a database with more than 50 tables which have a lot of referential constraints).

You can switch triggers on and off, empty tables and control transaction frequency. The product has a wide range of settings and claims to give full control over the whole process. You can also set your own relations between the source and destination tables, fields and generators, for added flexibility.

A detailed report is provided, as well as progress indication. This new version 1.2.4 adds an advanced tables analyser. Promised for the next version (which may even be available by the time you read this) is the ability to import data from Borland Database Engine sources, plus an update wizard (to allow updating of one database with data from another database).

Visit www.geocities.com/poloziouk/IBDataPump.html to download your very own copy of InterBase DataPump and to find more information about the program.