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Welcome to NWLib - the first native Netware-aware VCL component for Borland's great new Delphi programming environment.

NWLib is a component which conveniently "wraps up" extremely complex Novell API calls and integrates them directly into the Delphi environment. While NWLib publishes nearly 100 Netware specific functions, it actually contains over 300 Netware API calls, and dozens of internal structures. By digesting and combining the API calls and structures into more comprehensible objects, NWLib makes it much easier to integrate full Netware functionality into your applications - the Delphi way!

Sure, NWLib contains plenty of Novell Netware Bindery/NDS and connection information routines to make your network applications kick butt and take names. But even more, NWLib is the most compatible choice you can make in creating Netware functionality for your Delphi applications. Since NWLib makes calls directly to the latest version of DLLs supplied by Novell, you are assured maximum functionality and compatibility across all Netware platforms. Top that off with the fact that NWLib is pure optimized Delphi code, and you've got yourself a potent combination for speed, compatibility, ease of use and hard-to-beat functionality .

By simply dropping an icon onto a form, you instantly have access to familiar Netware commands such as WhoAmI, Map, Login, GetMemberList, Detach, SList, Salvage, etc. You get six separate component units in which to include in your applications: User Information, Object/Property Functions, File Server I/O, Print Environment, Connection/Bindery/NDS and a general-purpose string manipulation toolkit. NWLib lets you concentrate what's really important : your data and the flow of your application.

So, what'll all this great convenience cost you? Amazingly, less than a buck for each Netware function, and we throw in the general purpose toolkit free! Just think of how much time you'll save since you'll never have to crack the half-a-foot-thick Netware API manual set or try to decipher just what those guys up there in Utah burned into that goofy dynaText CD. NWLib sets you back 75 bucks, and you can create as many applications as you want with it. One programmer, one license. Additional programmer licenses and source code is also available to you.

Believe me, the Novell API spec is no cake walk - it's something you definitely want to avoid if you can. It's awesomely rich, complex, and above all else, huge. When you really think about it, you'd be crazy NOT to let someone else who specializes in Netware take this burden from you. For about the cost of an hour's worth of your time, you get peace of mind and all your applications get a rich new set of tools.

What about updates? One of the good things about dealing with a small shop is that we don't mess around when it comes to fixes, updates and suggestions. You'll find a newer, registered version on our 24 hour BBS that you can download free for 90 days or more. We only charge for an upgrade when a significant version changes with new features and capabilities that warrant a cost, and at such a price that you're willing and pleased to pay. You'll never be charged for bug fixes or patches that are certain to occur in any complex software product.

So what if you use NWLib and don't send any money? The bad thing about that is that if you don't send in any money, you'll be using a version that displays an annoying little banner each time an instance of the library is created. At least your apps run without Delphi running....after all, you're writing network software that needs to be tested on multiple workstations, and Delphi is probably not installed on each of your network workstations. Your customers will see this banner if you distribute apps with NWLib demo code, and they'll think you're a cheapskate. Don't do that!

Above all else, enjoy yourself and have fun. If you're not having fun programming with Delphi, you're in the wrong business!

Anyhow, If you want the live version, with the opening banner removed, choose one of the following payment methods (order form at the end of this document):

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Installation

The installation of NWLib is easy. You need only to copy the supplied files to a new directory on your hard disk drive, then add the unit to your component palette. To do this, complete the following steps:

1. Make a backup copy of your COMPLIB.DCL file, usually found in the \DELPHI\BIN directory.

2. Make a new directory on your hard disk drive, and copy the contents of the supplied NWLIB files into this new directory. A good place to put this is in a directory such as DELPHI\NETWARE.

3. In Delphi, close all windows, projects, units, etc.

4. In Delphi, select the 'Options|Install Components' menu item. On the displayed dialog box, use the 'Add' button to specify the NETWORK.DCU file as a new component to add to your palette. Use the 'Browse' button to locate and specify the name of the component using the location specified in step 2.

5. When complete, Delphi rebuilds the component library, and adds a new tab to your selection

    list. Drop the 'N' icon into a project, or include NETWORK in a uses clause and you're cooking.

NWLib Source Code

For a little more, you can purchase the complete source code to the NWLib library. You get everything we use to create the library, including the SDK interfaces, the library source code, include files, demo source, etc.

To purchase NWLib source code, you must already be a registered user of the compiled version of the NWLib library (of course, you can purchase library and source at the same time). You can purchase a source code library for as many compiled library licenses you own.

NWLib source code is a concurrent license. Simply put, only a single programmer or other human can read, include, alter or otherwise benefit from the NWLib library source code at the same time. If you need multiple programmers to use the source code at the same time, you need to purchase additional licenses. Your first source code license is $100.00. Additional programmer licenses are available for only $40.00 each, so be sure to stock up and ensure you entire team can learn from the source code at the same time.
The Demo Project

We've included a complete demonstration project to help you get started using NWLib. Simply open the project in Delphi, then select the 'Run' button to build the executable and run the program. Pretty cool, eh? All really high-level functions that just about anyone can use with a little imagination.

Then, you can use Delphi to take apart the demo and see how easy it is to add exciting Netware features to your own Delphi applications.

Note the demo project makes an assumption you are running Netware 2.x or Netware 3.x. If you are running Netware 4.x, you'll need to make some changes to the group names used in the program. For example, one list is built using the EVERYONE group. If this group does not exist in your NDS tree, you'll need to change the name in the source code before anything will appear in the list.

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