

On The Disk...

A run-down of what's included on the free disk with this issue

Subscribers to The Delphi Magazine receive a free disk with each copy, packed with goodies. This includes the source code and example files for all the articles in the current issue.

But, there's much more too! We've sifted through a great many tools, components and other Delphi add-ons to bring you some of the best shareware and freeware material available, as outlined below. The headings are the directory names where you will find the files on the floppy disk.

➤ DBEXTEND

This amazing package provides many useful additional features for your database applications with no extra code!

The TDBNavigator control extends Delphi's TDBNavigator to include: search on any field (indexed or not), incremental search, bookmarks, easy and high-performance filtering, table view dialog (with a built-in extended navigator control), memo view (which views and edits memo fields and views bitmap fields), duplicate field from the previous record when adding a new record, duplicate the entire previous record when adding a new record (these last two save lots of operator time in repetitive data entry applications), automatic table lookup, edit / read only toggle and a user-definable button.

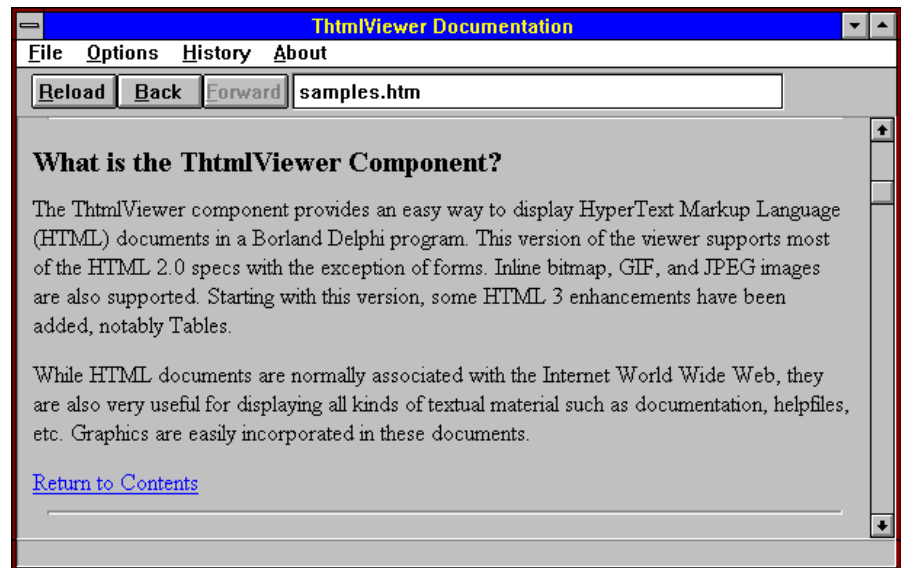
Plus, the associated TDBExtender component gives control over hotkeys, status and message panels and more too. From Gfi mbH in Germany.

➤ DIALER20

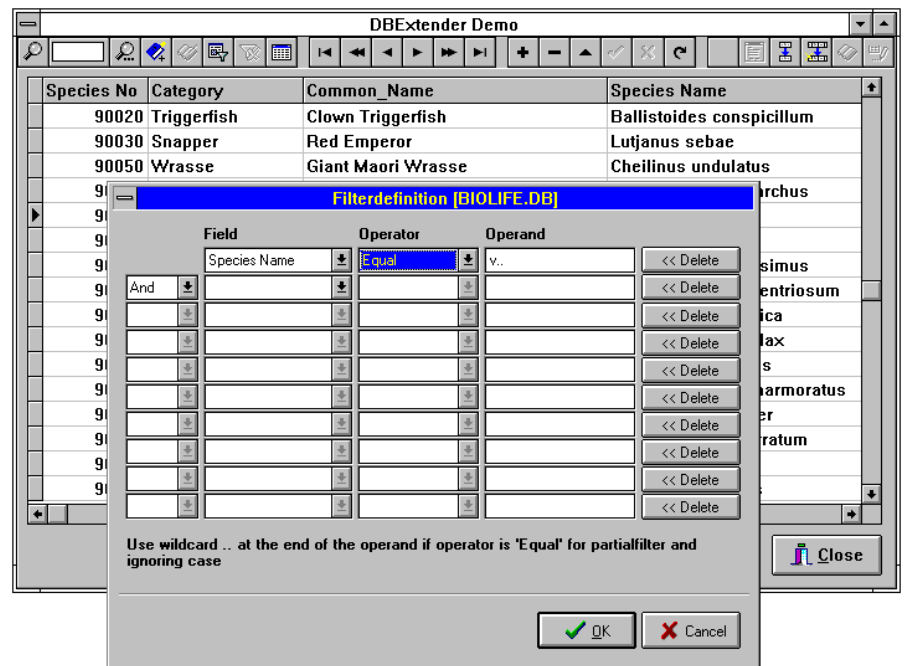
A freeware component from Artchil Gogava which allows you to include phone dialling facilities in your applications simply and quickly.

➤ HTMLVIEW

The ThtmlViewer component allows you to build viewing capabilities for the World Wide Web's HTML



➤ Demo of Dave Baldwin's HTML viewer component in action



➤ Demo of DBExtend, showing the extended navigator at the top of the form, with the built-in filter definition dialog popped up; no lines of code whatsoever were written for this demo application!

language into your application, to use as on-line documentation, for example, or whatever your fertile imagination can dream up! A good range of HTML features are supported, including lists, tables and viewing of inline bitmap images (courtesy of the ImageLib library,

which we plan to review in the April issue). From Dave Baldwin.

➤ INTERNET

Listing of Delphi-related World Wide Web and ftp sites.

➤ ODSHPU10

The TODSHelp component allows you to add context-sensitive



➤ *DBExtend again, this time showing the built-in field search dialog*

pop-up help for the controls in your applications, using the F1 key or right mouse click. From Oakley Data Services.

➤ **POLYCREd**

The Polygon Credits Box from John Ayres is a simple and quick way to build snazzy scrolling credits

boxes, with the added option of bouncing coloured polygons behind the text!

➤ **SHAPEBUT**

ShapeButton, from Martin Filkron, is a component which allows you to have 3-dimensional bitmap buttons of any weird and wonderful shape you like. Optionally, areas of the button can also be given a semi-transparent look. The screen shot on the cover shows examples.

➤ **USERGPS**

List and contact information for Delphi User Groups. If you know of a group which is not listed, why not send in the information?

➤ **VRMETA**

VR Meta is a descendant of TMetafile which provides a Canvas property to draw on, supporting most Delphi and Windows API drawing functions. It's very easy to get started. Note that this trial component is time-limited to 1st April 1996!

Important Note!

Always, but *always* make a backup copy of your COMPLIB.DCL file (located in directory delphi\bin) *before* installing *any* new component into Delphi!

Sometimes component installation can trash your COMPLIB.DCL and you will then be left with an inoperative Delphi and (after copying the default file over from the distribution CD-ROM or floppies) will have to re-add *all* your favourite extra components. You have been warned!

Send In Your Code...

If you have some carefully crafted routines which you think may be of use to others, why not send them in by mail or (zipped) by CompuServe email (to 70630,717) so we can consider them for a future free disk?