

News

Automated Software Testing

Software quality is increasingly becoming a key issue in the development of large applications. Manual testing becomes more difficult as the application size and complexity grows.

Mercury Interactive have now validated their WinRunner testing tool against Delphi. They also offer a test management tool called TestDirector, and a stress/load testing tool, LoadRunner. All the tools are aimed at large software houses or corporate development teams (licences start at £3,000 per copy for WinRunner for example).

Contact Mercury Interactive on Tel: +44 (0)1634, 262525 Fax: +44 (0)1634 262828.

BTree Filer For Delphi

TurboPower Software, of Colorado USA, are working on a Delphi version of their popular BTree Filer database library. The current version of Filer is now compatible with Delphi and includes a Fileblock Browser component for Delphi. At present, the remainder of the application must still be hand-coded. TurboPower are, however, working on a more 'Delphi-Friendly' version, with the aim of having full integration with the data-aware components.

Contact TurboPower Software on Tel (free): 0800 333 4160, International: +1 719 260 9136 Fax: +1 719 260 7151

Wise Installer

The Wise Installation System creates install programs for Windows 3.1 and Windows NT applications. Taking a different approach to other installers, it combines all the files to be installed into a single self-installing executable, which is simply run on the target machine to complete the installation. No external un-archive program is needed and the executable is a true Windows program.

This is an ideal approach for applications which are to be

downloaded from a BBS, for example. The overhead added by Wise is less than 55Kb compared to the compressed application files.

Of especial interest to Delphi users is the built-in support for the Borland Database Engine and for ODBC installations. Both ODBC drivers and sources may be added.

The Professional Version costs £99 and includes hard copy documentation and sample install scripts.

The Developers Version costs £137 and adds a support for the custom dialog editor, 256 colour bitmaps, long filenames for Windows 95 and NT, an uninstaller and passworded installations.

Wise is available from QBS Software, Tel: +44 (0)181 994 4842, Fax: +44 (0)181 994 3441. You can also download a demo from the QBS BBS on +44 (0)181 747 1979 as file WISESW.EXE in the WINDEMO section.

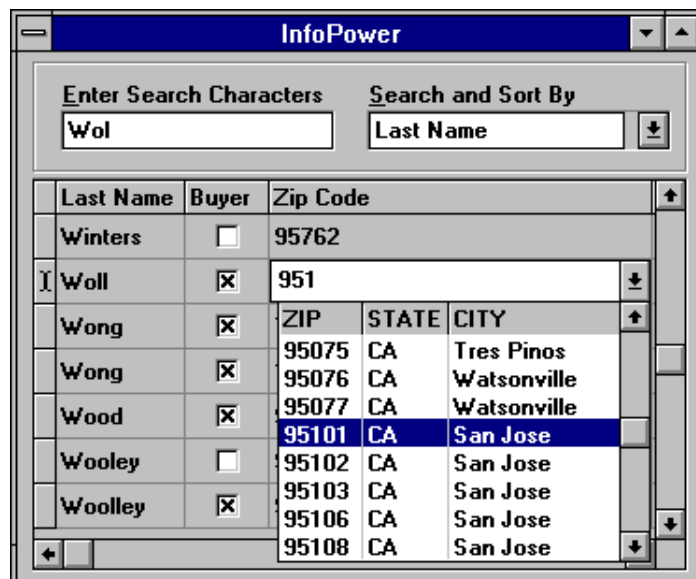
InfoPower Upgrade

Woll2Woll Software have upgraded their InfoPower suite of Delphi database components to version 1.1. The new version (see the screenshot below) includes more than thirty new properties, events and methods, mostly based on user requests.

Delphi World Tour

The Delphi World Tour seminars, organised jointly by Borland, Softbite International and Delphi Informant, are coming to Europe!

➤ Demo of InfoPower 1.1 from Woll2Woll Software



Locations and dates are: Copenhagen (9-10 October), London (12-13 October) and Amsterdam (16-17 October).

Delegates can choose from either a one-day 'Main Event' overview of using Delphi or the full two days, which adds extended Delphi topics and Client/Server coverage on the second day. All delegates receive a free copy of Delphi and other goodies.

For more information contact: Delphi World Tour, c/o Softbite International, 2 Earldom Road, London SW15 1AF, United Kingdom. Tel: +44 (0)181 788 0057, Fax: +44 (0)181 780 0791.

Delphi Training

A number of companies are now offering Delphi training. Here's a run-down of some we know about in the United Kingdom:

- > Buchanan International (see advertisement on page 45).
- > Database Programmers Retreat (see advertisement on page 50).
- > The Delphi Developers' Group organise training and seminars. Call Joanna Pooley for details on +44 (0)1980 630032 for further details. Members get a substantial discount!
- > FMI Limited in London do a 5-day Application Development Course and a 2-day Advanced Delphi Course (with an emphasis on Object Pascal and Component Design). Call them on +44 (0)171 432 3281 or Fax: +44 (0)171 432 3282.

Delphi On The Internet

Thanks to Giovanni Zanetti for this list of interesting Delphi sites.

World Wide Web Sites:

<http://loki.borland.com:8080/>
Delphi Tech Support Home Page

<http://loki.borland.com:8080/delphi\delphi.htm>
Delphi Q&A

<http://www-bprc.mps.ohio-state.edu/cgi-bin/hpp/delphi.html>
The Borland Delphi Page

<http://www.iscinc.com/nydug.html>
New York Delphi User Group

<http://www.mhn.org/delphi.faq>
The Delphi FAQ

<http://www.iscinc.com/dugbib.html>
Bibliography of Delphi Books & Articles

<http://www.iii.net/rexkp/ppp>
The Perkins Pascal Page

<http://linux.rz.fh-hannover.de/~holthoefel/delphi.html>
Michael's Delphi Home-Page

<http://www.pennant.com/delphi.html>
The Delphi Connection

<http://super.sonic.net/delphisig/index.html>
Delphi Northbay SIG

<http://super.sonic.net/delphisig/ti2767.html>
Delphi Fact Sheet

<http://super.sonic.net/ann/delphi>
SynchroniciTech: Delphi-Related Services

<http://super.sonic.net/delphisig/seq3faq.html>
Delphi FAQ

<http://super.sonic.net/ann/delphi/cgicomp>
Delphi CGI Components

<http://www.pennant.com/cgi-bin/HyperNews/nget/dconn.html>
The Delphi Connection WWW Forum

Plus also try:

<http://www.teleport.com/~grump/delphi.htm>
<http://www.neosoft.com/~startech/delphi/download.htm>
<http://www.teleport.com/~cwhite/wilddelphi.html>
<http://getnet.com/~thurrott/language.html>
<http://vislab-www.nps.navy.mil/~drmcderm/delphi.html>
<http://www.xmission.com/~uldata/delphi.html>
<http://www.teleport.com/~sig/dol.html>

ftp sites:

<ftp://ftp.borland.com/pub/ftpmenu.htm>
<ftp://ftp.borland.com/pub/techinfo/techdocs/docmenu.htm>
<ftp://ftp.surfnet.nl/??/mirrors/borland/>

The best ftp site (Giovanni says):

<ftp://sunsite.icm.edu.pl/pub1/delphi>

- > Focus Training & Development (see their advertisement on page 33).
- > Kibworth Computer Training (see advertisement on page 46). Note the price for the 4-day courses is **£1,050** not £1,500 as previously reported.
- > Rhino Training (see their advertisement opposite) specialise in Delphi training (with both scheduled courses and one-to-one options) and are a Premier Borland Connections Partner. Most courses are held in Doncaster and include 3 and 5 day durations.

Pluimers Software Ontwikkeling is also giving Delphi classes in The Netherlands. For details contact course leader Jeroen Pluimers Tel: +31 20 659 2449, Email: jeroenp@dragons.nest.nl or via CompuServe 100013,1443

If your company offers Delphi training do let us know, so we can pass on the information to our readers.

Information Please!

If you have products or services relevant to Delphi developers we want to hear about them! Send your information to us at the address on page 54 (or by fax or email), marked for the attention of the Editor.