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## News

### **GeoPoint Mapping Component**

Visual Components' new GeoPoint is now available in the UK from Grey Matter Ltd. GeoPoint is a 32-bit component that displays data of all kinds by thematically shading the polygons of MapInfo and AutoCAD drawings. GeoPoint is used in visual development environments that support 32-bit ActiveX controls (OCXs), and it allows application developers to add the power of standalone geographic information systems in their custom applications with ease and flexibility.

GeoPoint comprises two 32-bit ActiveX controls: a map shader and a legend. When linked to a data source, the map shader control employs an intelligent binning algorithm to sort and divide the data into categories. Shading of polygons in a specified MapInfo or AutoCAD file is performed by the map shader control based on the results of the binning algorithm. The legend control identifies the categories or "bins" created by the algorithm and helps the user interpret the map shading.

For example, an application that uses GeoPoint could graphically present the sales of a company in the UK by painting each county a shade of a particular colour that correlates to a level of sales. A developer might also use GeoPoint with an AutoCAD drawing of a sta-

dium or arena to show seating availability or ticket prices.

GeoPoint is available now from Grey Matter at £180 plus VAT. Applications built with GeoPoint can be distributed royalty-free, including the supplied maps.

For further information call Grey Matter on 01364 654100 or Fax: 01364 654200 or email John Cross at johnc@greymatter.co.uk

### **Zip And Setup Toolkits**

Hexanet of Paris, France, have announced the availability of Zip Studio Developer Edition, a development kit for creating files in ZIP format, and Visual Setup Studio which allows the creation of installation programs without any programming. Both come with complete source code.

Zip Studio comes as Delphi 1 and 2 components, 16- and 32-bit DLLs, a 32-bit OCX and 16-bit VBX. Sample projects are included.

Visual Setup Studio is suitable for creating install programs for both Windows 3.1 and Windows 95.

For more details call or fax Hexanet on +33 1 45 22 36 91 or send email to CompuServe 100333,27.

### **IntraBuilder Pricing**

Borland have firmed up the pricing and configurations for its new Intranet creation product (see News, August 1996).

There will be three different configurations of the shipping version. The base product will be designed for workgroup and low-volume requirements. It will include

Netscape Navigator Gold and Borland's Personal Web Server, along with local data access to MS Access, MS FoxPro, dBase and Paradox data. The estimated price is £69 plus VAT.

Next up is the Professional version, which adds the Netscape Fast track Web server plus remote data access to SQL Server and IntraBuilder database servers. Support for a range of Web server APIs will also be included (NSAPI, ISAPI, CGI etc). New customers can buy it for £349 plus VAT, existing Delphi and Borland C++ customers can buy a crossgrade £299 plus VAT.

The Client/Server version adds native drivers for Oracle, Sybase, Informix and DB2 database servers plus ODBC. It allows developers to build multi-tier applications with Remote IntraBuilder Agents which distribute incoming requests amongst several machines. This version will cost £1279 plus VAT.

The IntraBuilder pre-release version has apparently notched up over 30,000 downloads from Borland's web site at <http://www.borland.com/intrabuilder/>.

### **AFD Postcode Updates**

Major upgrades to AFD's line of UK postcode management software are now complete. The data engine has been improved, giving reduced data footprint (5Mb less) but with new data added, including: large or small user, unknown postcodes, multiple streets, county abbreviations and county data not supplied by the Royal Mail. Searching has been improved too.

Developer support is provided by 16- and 32-bit DLLs, with sample source in Delphi (and other mainstream languages). The cost is £181 plus VAT.

For details call AFD Software on +44 (0)1294 823221, or Fax: +44 (0)1294 822905 or to get a free trial version visit <http://www.afd.co.uk>

### **LightLib Update**

DFL Software of Toronto, Canada, has announced version 1.41 of its LightLib range: Images (for bitmap manipulation, adding TWAIN support and compression), Business (charts, with added fly-over sup-

port to display chart data at the cursor as the user moves the mouse over the chart), Magic Menus (obvious!) and Multimedia (ditto). Visit <http://www.dfl.com> for details.

### Sax Webster 2.0

Sax's latest internet application development control is now available from Contemporary Software in the UK. It's a distributable Web browser in a 32-bit ActiveX control which can be used with Delphi 2, (as well as Visual C++ and VB4 if you must).

HTML 3.0 is supported (read from local files, a LAN, CD-ROM, database records or the web itself), there is full printer support, table support, a security filter to check pages for undesirable material, automated sessions, keyword searching, server communication and more.

The UK price is £110 plus VAT for the 32-bit version (suitable for Delphi 2) or £175 plus VAT for both the 16- and 32-bit versions.

For details call Contemporary Software on 01344 873434, or Fax: 01344 872228.

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### Information Please!

If your company has products or services which are relevant to Delphi developers rest assured we want to hear about them! Our deadline for news is the 8th day of the month preceding the cover date. Send your information for the attention of the Editor, by email if possible, to:

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or failing that by fax to:

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or by snail mail if you really must!

## Delphi Masterclass With Konopka And Kaster

On November 8th the UK Delphi Developers' Group will be holding a one-day Masterclass featuring as special guest speakers both Ray Konopka, author of the definitive book *Creating Custom Delphi Components* and *Raise Components* software package, and John Kaster, co-author of the book *Delphi Database Development* and developer of the *Xphiles* package.

These renowned international experts will be sharing their extensive knowledge of the following topics:

- > Data-aware business components in Delphi,
- > Migrating xBase applications to Delphi,
- > The Borland Database Engine.

This is intended to be an intensive, low cost event for Delphi professionals. Come prepared for hard work but an extremely valuable day!

The Masterclass will be held at the Polish Social and Cultural Institute (POSK) in Hammersmith, West London – it's easy to get to by tube or car and there is even limited free parking in the area.

The cost is just £170 plus VAT (half price for Delphi Developers' Group members so you may as well join up too...). It's first come first served and space is very limited, so get on the dog-and-bone (phone) pronto to Joanna Pooley to get your booking in, on +44 (0)1980 630032, or Fax: +44 (0)1980 630602, or email 100016.355@compuserve.com