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News

And There Goes ReportSmith

Borland have finally done the decent thing and licensed off every Delphi user's favourite lean and mean reporting tool, ReportSmith (sarcastic, moi?), to Massachusetts firm Strategic Reporting Systems.

Strategic Reporting have taken over service, maintenance, support and sales. As specialists in reporting tools, hopefully they will be able to inject some much needed zazz into the product.

C++ Builder Released

The much talked about "Delphi for C++" has finally hit the streets. You can get the low-down from Brian Long's extensive overview starting on page 8.

OnGuard

New from TurboPower Software, this product allows you to create 'try before you buy' versions of your Delphi software.

Aimed especially at the internet, the idea is that users can download your software, try it out in protected form and then contact you to purchase a key code to 'unlock' the application. The protection can include time limitations, locking certain features (eg file saving), limiting the number of executions and so on.

It also allows you to add network metering to your applications to

make sure that your 5-user licence program really is only used by 5 users!

Support for both 16-bit and 32-bit Delphi is included, plus full source code, for the princely sum of \$199 (ask your friendly dealer for local pricing).

For details call TurboPower on +1 719 260 9639 or visit their web site at <http://www.tpower.com>

ProtoView INTERACT

ProtoView's new InterAct lets you take static information and present it to the user in an interactive diagram. The user can also modify the diagram in your app.

Suggested uses include Tree Charts, real time status diagrams, manufacturing floor plans, process flows, network diagrams and hierarchy charts. ProtoView includes online help, a Diagramming Assistant and sample code in Delphi, C/C++ and VB.

For more details and pricing call Grey Matter on +44 (0)1364 654100.

List & Label 4.0

This new release provides WYSIWYG reports, labels, forms and barcodes for your programs with just a few lines of code. It's suitable for Delphi as well as most other development environments.

A Designer module is included for end users and a programmer module for you. You decide whether to allow end users to design their own reports, lists and labels, adapt existing ones or just print those you have created. The

object types provided include text, tables, rectangles, lines, graphics, barcodes, callback and form templates.

The interface has also been given a thorough overhaul, so if you looked at an earlier version it's maybe time to re-evaluate.

List & Label is available from most software tools retailers, including Grey Matter (Tel: +44 (0)1364 654100) and QBS (Tel: +44 (0)181 956 8000) in the UK.

TComponentCollector 2.0

If you use more than a few non visual components in your applications, it can sometimes be difficult to see your forms underneath all the component icons! I must confess I thought this was one of the few weaknesses of Delphi when it was originally release.

LingScape of Sweden released a Delphi 1 version of a component which collected all your non visual components together some time ago. Now they've brought out a new version, which supports both Delphi 1 and 2.

This new version not only lets you see your forms at design time, it will also help you to find your components quickly. It works in a way very similar to the Windows 95 auto hide taskbar. The developers claim it is now more intuitive.

Trial versions can be downloaded from LingScape's web site at <http://www.lingscape.com/delphi/compcoll/> as well as from CompuServe in the DELPHI and BDELPHI32 fora. For more information call LingScape on +46 8 449 6772, fax: +46 8 449 6773 or send an email to Info@Lingscape.com

NitroSort High Speed Sort

From Opnek Research, Kentucky, USA, this royalty-free utility DLL is claimed to give the kind of sort performance usually associated with mainframes (up to 70 times faster than the leading sort competitor for Windows 95 they say). Introductory pricing is \$199 per developer, or \$129 for a competitive upgrade.

For more details, visit Opnek's site at www.nitrosort.com, or call them on +1 908 852 3277.

Job Opportunity

Delphi 2 developers are sought by Lexology Ltd, based in the North East of England. Windows 95, SQL databases and client/server are the key skills required. Call Lexology on 01642 489800 for more details or email off your CV to recruitment@lexology.co.uk

LifeTime Project Assistant

LifeTime Project Assistant from London-based PierSoft is a new set of Delphi experts designed to make development easier and more productive, as well as keeping the bean counters happy:

- Logging problems, bugs and enhancement requests during application development and enabling easy monitoring of their status.
- Automatically assign Help Context ID numbers and generate Help or documentation within Delphi, as the project is built.
- Track time spent on each phase of development in order to accurately bill clients and provide data that can be used to cost out future projects.

LifeTime works under Delphi 1 and Delphi 2 and costs just £50. Call PierSoft on +44 (0)171 278 9958 or

get an evaluation copy from www.piersoft.demon.co.uk

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