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software distribution much easier. This doesn't mean any lack of performance or capability, though: FlashFiler is fine for client/server applications as well as standalone programs.

FlashFiler uses its own native file format, with a large number of field types, including BLOB types, plus routines to aid the transfer of data from existing tables in other formats. The best news is that the new product is BDE-compatible so works with all Delphi's data-aware controls as well as third party controls. Support is built in for both 16-bit and 32-bit versions of Delphi. Watch out for our review!

Pricing is \$199 from TurboPower or check with your local tools retailer. There are no royalties. For details call TurboPower on +1 719 260 9639 or point your browser to <http://www.turbopower.com>

DbCAD: CAD, GIS And Maps

New from ABACO of Italy, DbCAD allows your application to manage an integrated graphic window to display various vector and raster formats including AutoCAD DWG and DXF, ESRI Shapefile, WMF, TIF, BMP, RLE and RLC, making it ideal for CAD and mapping applications.

Available as a DLL for 16-bit use or an OCX and DLL for 32-bits, the product supports zoom, pan, overlay, transparency, import, export, plus image creation and editing using all the familiar vector objects such as lines, polylines, arcs, blocks, text (including TrueType fonts) and so on.

News

Delphi 3 Update

As we go to press, Delphi 3 is in manufacturing and should ship at the end of April. Check with your local Borland office or software tools retailer for upgrade pricing (see the ads in this issue) and of course don't forget to read the second installment of Brian Long's in-depth preview, which starts on page 8.

Codewright Professional 5.0

The latest version of Premia's powerful editor has a host of new features, including full integration with Delphi, name completion, faster searching, Java and HTML support, automatic brace alignment and multi level selective display. It's available on CD-ROM and diskette, in the UK from Grey Matter on 01364 654100 and other tools retailers.

PixelPortal

New from Ryle Design, PixelPortal is a native VCL interface to both OpenGL and SGI's new CosmoGL, which is an optimized version of OpenGL for Win95 and NT, the premier cross-platform 3D visualization graphics API.

Ryle's Thomas Leathley said "PixelPortal will make doing OpenGL development under Delphi and C++ Builder as easy as dropping a PixelPortal canvas onto a form." It also provides an API

backwards compatible with DOS BGI, so all the world's DOS BGI graphics code can be ported quickly to 32-bit Windows using Delphi and BCB. Finally, PixelPortal provides a complete set of high resolution hardcopy services, so whatever you create visually can be printed and saved for posterity.

Full source to PixelPortal and a royalty-free distribution license is included. Release is planned for the second quarter of 1997. For more details and a demo version visit <http://www.sojourn.com/~ryle>

FlashFiler Engine Ships

TurboPower's latest baby, the new FlashFiler database engine, is now shipping. Designed as a drop-in replacement for the Borland Database Engine (BDE), it requires no separate DLLs or support files and can be compiled right into your application's EXE file, making

Borland User Group Special Masterclasses With Dan Ehrmann

Dan Ehrmann is founder and president of Kallista, Inc. of Chicago, a member of Team-B on CompuServe, an author, trainer and speaker on Delphi, InterBase and Paradox, and an internationally renowned database expert. The Borland User Group have managed to grab two days of his time for two very special one-day Masterclasses at POSK in Hammersmith, London:

- > **InterBase Day** on Tuesday June 3rd, 10am till 6pm,
- > **Delphi Database Day** on Wednesday June 4th, 10am till 6pm.

For Delphi Developers Group or Delphi InterBase Developers Group members the price is £115 for one day, £190 for both days. For non members the cost is £230 for one day, £380 for both days (so why not join up too and save ££!). All prices include lunch but exclude VAT.

Spaces are very limited so get your booking in early. Call the User Group on +44 (0)1980 630032, or Fax +44 (0)1980 630602.

For more information on DbCAD ask your local tools retailer, visit <http://www.dbcad.it>, or call ABACO on +39 376 222181, Fax: +39 376 222182 or send email to abaco@dbcad.it

InstallFromTheWeb

Joining the fray in this popular new market area are long time install program specialists InstallShield. Their new product is a Wizard-driven tool for Web-enabling existing installations for Windows applications. The Wizard generates an HTML page which includes the code needed to launch a Web-based installation complete with download, decompression and installation onto your customers' computers.

You can download an evaluation version from either of these sites:

- > <http://www.installshield-europe.com>
- > <http://www.installshield.com>

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or failing that by fax to:
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or by snail mail if you really must!

> UK software tools retailer Grey Matter's **huge** new web site features its extensive product catalogue, at <http://www.greymatter.co.uk>

