News

Delphi 3
Maintenance Release 2
The Delphi 3.02 update (or Maintenance Release 2 as it is also known) has just been made available for download from Borland's website at www.borland.com.

Note that the Delphi 3.01 update (Maintenance Release 1) must be installed before you can use this 3.02 patch, since it doesn't work on the original Delphi 3. There are different update patches for the Standard, Professional and Client/ Server editions of Delphi 3.

BorCon98 In Denver
In 1998 will see the biggest ever Borland Conference, to be held in the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, Colorado in the week of August 8th to 12th.

Dr.Bob says "Trust me: You don't want to miss this event..." *[Now that couldn't have anything to do with the fact you've submitted a whole raft of papers, could it, Bob? Editor]*

InterBob v1.01:
Dr.Bob's Broken Link Detector
InterBob, Dr.Bob's Broken Link Detector (as described by Bob Swart in Issue 27), can check local or remote websites for broken links. Version 1.01 fixes some minor bugs, has the ability to disable the checking of external links (to speed up remote website checking) and includes guesses for local URLs ending with a slash such as index.htm(l), default.htm(l), index.asp, home.htm, etc. Download the new version from www.drbob42.com

CodeRush (Raptor)
The 3.01Q beta of CodeRush (previously known as Raptor) is available at www.eagle-software.com.

This version has MouseWheel support, Instant Variable Declaration, a fully-functional toolbar, a vastly-enhanced API and numerous other enhancements and bug fixes. This is intended to be the final beta: the shipping product is expected any time now.

IB*Doc Interbase
Documentation Tool
UK consultancy Dunstan Thomas has just released a new freeware InterBase database documentation tool called IB*Doc. It is able to produce reports on domains, exceptions, generators, stored procedures (both list and detail, including source), tables (list and details, including indices, triggers, user access, etc), triggers (list and detail, including trigger source), views (list and detail, including view source), UDFs and users (who has access to what).

IB*Doc runs on Windows 95 and NT and requires the BDE (32-bit). The file is 264Kb and you can download it free from www.interbase. dthomas.co.uk/ibdownloads.htm

Delphi Enterprise
Borland has announced a new version of your favourite development environment: Delphi Enterprise, an integrated development and middleware solution for corporations building secure, fault-tolerant, distributed software applications.

"Delphi Enterprise represents a significant step in our company's emergence as an enterprise software vendor," said Del Yocam, Borland's Chairman and CEO. "Last quarter, over half of Borland's revenues came from our enterprise, client/server and Internet products."

Delphi Enterprise pricing starts at $45,000 and depends on "developer seats and server configuration" *[No problem, just have 80% of the guys sit on the floor and save some $$... Editor]*.

Self-Extracting Zips
New from Inner Media (manufacturers of the DynaZIP compression library) is Active Delivery, a toolkit which allows you to create self-extracting Zip files from within your applications.

The product is supplied as a DLL, callable from an included Delphi component or ActiveX. Active Delivery produces true Windows executables with customised messages, the ability to call external programs, extract, decrypt, register libraries, display text files and more.

The suggested retail price is $249 in the USA. For details call Inner Media on +1 603 465 3216, Fax: +1 603 465 7195 or visit www.innermedia.com.

NetLib 32-Bit Encryption
This toolkit from Communications Horizons supports Delphi 2 and 3, along with the usual clutch of 32-bit development platforms, and

allows you to add encryption and decryption capabilities to your applications.

Rather than produce a separate decrypted file which is then used by your application (and thereby having its security compromised), NetLib dynamically encrypts and decrypts the data dynamically, so the files themselves remain encrypted at all times. Only encrypted data then flows across your network. Neat, eh?

NetLib is available in the UK from QBS, call +44 (0)181 956 8000, Fax: +44 (0)181 956 8010 or visit their newly revamped website at www.qbss.com.

BUG Delphi
Technical Support Service
The UK Borland User Group now offer a new Support Service, snappily entitled BUGSS, available to members at just £159 plus VAT for an annual contract of 15 units. A unit comprises telephone advice (with any necessary offline research) on a particular topic for up to 10 minutes.

The service covers Delphi, where necessary in conjunction with Paradox, Access, InterBase and Oracle. Call UK-BUG on +44 (0)1980 630032 for details.

GP-Version
Source Code Management
This source code management tool for Delphi and C++Builder developers has been updated. The new version includes user-defined file groupings and multiple configurations, plus the 32-bit version now comes as a single DLL. Consultants working for several companies can now define a configuration for each client, including only the projects for that client. There is also an API which allows developers to tap into GP-Version to add version control functionality to any file-based application.

The 16-bit version of GP-Version is free and the 32-bit version costs $125 per user license, with discounts for quantities. To purchase, contact Quality Software Components Ltd at 3 Bellgrove Street, Glasgow, G31 1AF, United Kingdom (yes, the price is in US$ not £!).

Download an evaluation copy from www.qsc.u-net.com.

DNotes
From Vsoft Technologies this is a suite of components and a DLL which encapsulate the functionality to access and manipulate Lotus Notes 4.x Databases and Documents. You can create true Windows clients to Lotus Notes applications.

DNotes is available in the UK from Grey Matter (Tel: 01364 654100) and costs £110, or £179 with source, both plus VAT.

SDL: Components
For Science and Engineering
This set of Delphi and C++Builder components from Austrian company SDL includes mathematical, statistical and chemistry-related components.

Also included is the award-winning RChart charting component, which, say SDL, provides a flicke-rfree display of animated scientific charts.

More information and shareware copies of the software can be obtained from www.lohninger. com, or email helpdesk@lohninger.com, or Fax: +43 1 581 1915.

TWebCompress
And SPIS WebQueue
New Zealand software house South Pacific Information Services Ltd have announced the release of a website remote management component and offline utility which are compatible with the WebHub application framework for Delphi from HREF Tools Corporation (www.href.com).

TWebCompress is a component designed to automate the uploading and deploying of compressed site updates. It can also "gather" files such as logs from the site into an archive ready for downloading. The component can be remotely controlled from HTML, via FTP or by direct user or program control on the server itself.

Details and a free download are at www.spis.co.nz/webcentr/web-comp.htm. TWebCompress itself is freeware, but requires a registered version of TCompLHA.

The SPIS WebQueue offline site management utility handles the off-site end of TWebCompress operations, preparing archives of updated files and communicating with the site (and TWebCompress) by FTP.

SPIS have also updated their TCompress and TCompLHA compression components for Delphi 3.01 and added new file management features. See

www.spis.co.nz/compress.htm and

ww.spis.co.nz/compLHA.htm respectively for downloadable trial versions.

Developer
Information Library
This is a new CD-ROM from the UK Borland User Group aimed especially at users of Borland development products.

The CD-ROM includes technical information, hints and tips, lots and lots of shareware, freeware or trial components, beans and tools, plus developer contact information and more.

The Library will be issued quarterly and is available by annual subscription at £50 plus VAT to UK-BUG members, or £100 plus VAT to non-members. You can also purchase advertising space on the CD, or have your details appear in the developer section. Call UK-BUG on +44 (0)1980 630032 for details.

Send Us Your News!
If you have news of Delphi-related products or services, email the Editor at chrisf@itecuk.com with your press release.

Thanks to Bob Swart for his help in chasing out some of this month's news items.