News

AsyncPro 2.5

TurboPower have been working hard on their flagship comms library for Delphi and C++Builder, adding support for ISDN, RS-845 ports and DTMF touch-tone pads, enhanced fax capabilities, better documentation and more. They have tightened the low-level code to improve performance.

The new version costs $279 direct from TurboPower (www.turbopower.com or call +1 719 260 9136), with a discounted price of $199 up to 15 March, or contact your favourite retailer.

TableBob: Table To Source/HTML Wizard

Bob Swart has just released this new Wizard to generate Delphi source code which will regenerate a Paradox table and optionally copy one or more fields from all the records in another table (which can be Access, Paradox, dBASE, etc) to the newly generated Paradox table. TableBob 1.02 is also able to convert a table to HTML. Check www.drbob42.com for a free download!

Entera News

Borland has recently released the latest Entera News (check www.borland.com) and also opened a new newsgroup for Entera discussions, at Borland. Public.Entera (or access it via their website).

NWLib

Devont Software is shipping a new collection of Netware-Aware components for Delphi and C++Builder which allow developers to integrate Netware services into their applications.

In addition to the dozen visual controls which integrate facilities such as user lists, print queue and job management, NDS object browsing and Bindery object management, NWLib also offers over 200 high-level functions which turn complex operations into a single line of code.

The entire Netware API is covered, from obtaining user connection information, all the way up to creating NDS objects and extending the NDS Schema.

NWLib Standard Edition costs $95 in the USA for Delphi or C++Builder versions. The Enterprise Edition costs $225 and contains both the Delphi and C++Builder versions plus complete source code, unlimited updates and email technical support. Free evaluation versions and secure online ordering are available at www.devont.com.

Piparti 3.0

Piparti 3.0 has been redesigned from the ground up to provide an extensible platform for tackling advanced reporting requirements in four key areas: report layout and design, data access, output device support, and dialog customization.

New features allow the design of complex reports without writing code. Free-form subreports provide a simple, powerful solution for handling multiple master/detail relationships, multiple section reports and side-by-side presentation of data. Precise positioning is available in various units. Both data access and report output are open and extensible. Reports can be previewed, printed and exported. Also included is a forms API which enables the developer to replace any of Piparti's built-in dialogs without changing the source.

Piparti 3.0 and Piparti Pro 3.0 include versions for Delphi 1, 2, and 3, and include full source code. The US price is $249 for Piparti and $495 for Piparti Pro (check with your retailer for local pricing). You can download a trial version from www.digital-metaphors.com or call +1 214 800 8760, Fax: +1 214 800 8762 for more information.

Torry's Delphi Pages On CD

This CD-ROM, now in its second release, contains more than 1300 freeware and shareware components for Delphi and C++ Builder, plus code samples, tools, applications and more. Plus, there's the *Delphi Knowledge Base* by Marko Tietz, *Delphi-News* by N Hartkamp and *The Unofficial Newsletter of Delphi Users*. For details on obtaining the CD visit www.deltacom.ru/torry/cd/cd.htm.

UK-BUG Developers Information Library

The UK Borland User Group is about to release the Feb 98 edition of their quarterly "knowledge-base" CD-ROM for users of Borland development tools. Use it to look up technical information, solutions to programming problems, frequently asked questions, people and companies and many other things you may need to know as a developer. There are also over 700 trial and freeware components, beans and tools. This issue will contain expanded information on JBuilder, plus Interbase and Delphi. The CD-ROM is being distributed by the Borland User Group in the UK, Tel: +44 (0)1980 63003, Email: bug@richplum.co.uk, as well as by many Borland product user groups worldwide.

Free Delphi Client/Server Seminar

UK Training company RTD Ltd have limited free places on a half-day seminar on 16th February, in Rotheram. Speakers are Borland's Jon Harrison (on multi-tier development with MIDAS) and RTD's Geoff Lawrence (on using Delphi 3's Decision Cubes). For details call +44 (0)1709 843029 or visit www.runtime.co.uk.

Delphi And Java Workouts

These two one-day seminars feature "Dr.Bob" Swart (on Delphi) and Hubert Klein Ikkink (on Java). Both seminars take place on 19th March in Manchester and 20th March in London. The cost is £199.95 for the Java event and £149.95 for the Delphi one, both plus VAT, with discounts for early bookers.

For more information call organisers Multizone on 0800 833022 (UK only), Fax: +44 (0)118 954 6978 or visit www.multizone.com.

Borland Developer Days

This event takes place from April 14 to 17 at the QEII Conference Centre in London and covers Delphi and JBuilder.

The first two days will feature 20 technical sessions, and the last two days will be in-depth training on Delphi and JBuilder by Bill Todd and Cary Jensen. Every delegate attending the first two days can choose a free copy of Delphi 3 Professional or JBuilder Professional.

For more information contact Desktop Associates Ltd on Tel: +44 (0)171 381 9995, Fax: +44 (0) 171 381 9777 or visit www.dsktop.co.uk

Instruments And Acquisition

If you are in the business of interfacing software to instruments (data acquisition, logging, call it what you will) then National Instruments' latest catalogue may well interest you. As well as the hardware, the 864 page tome also details software tools and components. For a free copy call National Instruments on +44 (0)1635 523545, Fax: +44 (0)1635 523154 or email info.uk@natinst.com, or visit www.natinst.com.

Search Engine For Borland Developers

HREF Tools, developers of the WebHub Delphi component suite for web development, have created a clever website which allows you to search Delphi-related newsgroups, discussion groups and more for information on topics of interest. More data sources are being added all the time. The site was built in Delphi using WebHub and the Rubicon text search engine from Tamarack Associates (www.tamaracka.com) and is an excellent demonstration of the technologies as well as being very useful. The URL is **developers. href.com**. Check the screenshots below for a taster...

➤ *This is where you enter your query (this one is on a BDE API routine), which can include AND, OR, NOT keywords etc*

➤ *Here's a page of results, showing the discussion threads which contained information pertinent to your query*

➤ *And finally here is a sample message*