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News

Lingscape MultLang Suite 2

This new suite of globalisation tools for Delphi and C++Builder is, say authors Lingscape, suitable for projects and development teams of all sizes.

It uses wizards and machine translation and is based on the Unicode 2.1 standard together with a conversion engine and provides support for Japanese, Chinese, Arabic, Hebrew, Hungarian, Russian and all European languages. Unicode support is also included for Delphi 1. A quality assurance wizard helps avoid problems and ensures projects conform to the standard defined by the user. The Windows NLS API functions are extended to support distributed locales: applications can support several character sets on any local Windows edition. And there are many more features too.

Trial copies of MultLang Suite 2 are available for download from www.lingscape.com or for information email info@lingscape.com. The suite costs \$998 direct, but for a limited time an introductory price of \$450 applies.

Do CAD And GIS With DbCAD dev 1.42a

Italian software house ABACO srl have announced 1.42a of their component library for CAD/GIS and Mapping applications. Both DLL and ActiveX versions are available and it supports Delphi, C++

and Visual Basic directly, as well as other development tools.

DbCAD dev allows your application to manage an integrated graphic window with zoom, pan, entity pick and dynamic overview. Most standard vector and raster formats are supported, including AutoCAD DWG, DXF, ESRI Shapefile, WMF, TIF, BMP, RLE, and RLC. Custom installable drivers can be created to add support for other formats.

Features include a double precision co-ordinate system, image overlay, transparency effects, partial loading of drawings and images, import and export, full manipulation of all vector entities, animation, TrueType font support, print preview and print to scale. Intelligent functions link your database records with vector entities

and allow spatial analysis and query. As well as technical documentation, examples applications are also included.

Pricing varies from \$210 for the ActiveX or DLL development version (with no runtime licence), to \$1440 for a combined ActiveX and DLL version with unlimited runtime distribution licence. For more information call ABACO on +39 376222 181, fax: +39 376 222182, or visit www.dbcad.it where a demo is available. DbCAD dev is available in the UK from Programmer's Paradise, tel: 0171 278 8345, fax: 0171 278 6789.

Chief's Installer Pro 4.20

The African Chief has released version 4.20 of his 16- and 32-bit installer package. It includes several new features, fixes a number of bugs and provides much better support for BDE Installation. You can download a trial copy from:

http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/African_Chief/

If you are interested in installers, don't miss *The Great Installer Roundup* by Dave Jewell in the April issue of *Developers Review*. Dave covers Wise, three flavours of InstallShield, Inno Setup Builder, Sax Setup Wizard, PC Install, plus the Chief's Installer Pro, as well as looking at the Youseful component suite for Delphi which allows you to build

Web Development Training

The UK Borland User Group (UK-BUG) is running an intensive hands-on web development course over two weekends. Topics covered in depth are writing web pages in HTML, creating Java applets, enhancing web pages with JavaScript and VB-Script (including active server pages), setting up a website and writing web server extensions (CGI scripts, ISAPI etc). Steve Scott of Streambyte Ltd, a prominent member and team leader of UK-BUG, is the course leader. You'll also get a copy of Steve's favourite book: *Java in a Nutshell*.

The course is being held at Salisbury College, with the first part on May 9th and 10th and the second part on May 16th and 17th. Times are 8am to 8pm on Saturdays and 8am to 5pm on Sundays (so you'd better book the following Mondays as holiday to recover!). Places are limited, but there will be provision for a further course if there is sufficient demand.

Costs are £350 for one weekend or £600 for both weekends, both plus VAT and including an evening meal on Saturday and lunch on both days. Accommodation is not included (there is a Travel Inn nearby, at £38 per night per room, UK-BUG can arrange bookings for you). For details call +44 (0)1980 630032.

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Rational Rose Links To Delphi

Ensemble Systems Inc have announced that Delphi and JBuilder developers can now integrate object modelling and round trip engineering [Huh? Ed] with Rational Rose using Ensemble's Rose Delphi Link and Rose JBuilder Link. You can develop an object oriented software design using Rational Rose 98 and then generate the code framework for the system using Ensemble's new tools.

For systems that have already been partially or fully developed, round trip engineering capabilities allow developers to access the existing code to produce an up to date model of the system in Rose [Aha! Ed]. Time-limited trial versions of Rose Delphi Link and Rose JBuilder Link are available for download from Ensemble's website at www.ensemsys.com. Rose models of the complete Delphi and JBuilder component libraries are also available there.

Rational Rose 98 will be reviewed in the June issue of, you've guessed it, *Developers Review!*

Table Restructure And Creation Toolkit

Reinhard Kalinke, author of the PicEdits component suite, has released this new toolkit, which promises easy access to essential native Borland Database Engine (BDE) API calls (which, as anyone who's tried using them will agree, can be somewhat obscure in their uncensored form!). It allows you to set up full-featured upgrading routines for your databases in just minutes, says Reinhard, making restructuring of populated tables, or creation of new tables, to meet new requirements simple. The toolkit also features two TTable descendants that implement special handlers for common open failures like *Index missing* or *Index out of Date* as well as features like automatic saving of changes and cascading of deletes. A fast searching

and summing component using DBIBlockRead is also promised as a bonus. Paradox, dBase, Access and FoxPro tables are supported. Full source is provided. A demo version is available at

http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/r_kalinke and you can register online.

ImageLib SkyDocImage

This new toolkit from Skyline Tools gives application developers a jump start in creating document imaging applications. Twain, ISIS and ADF scanning, anti-aliasing and annotations are included, with full source code. For details call Skyline Tools on +1 818 766 3900 or visit www.imagelib.com for a trial.

Raize Components For C++Builder 3

Raize Software Solutions now has a version of its popular suite of 50 VCL components for C++Builder 3 (check Brian Long's review of C++Builder 3 in the April issue of *Developers Review*). Packages are now included to make installation easier: registered users of Raize Components should contact Raize Software at sales@raize.com to receive the new packages free. For more information visit www.raize.com or talk to your retailer. Raize Components were reviewed, along with other data-aware component libraries for Delphi, in the February issue of *Developers Review*. [Hey! Enough plugs already! Ed]

Track Record 4

Track Record is a software development tool for tracking bugs, features, releases, and virtually any other information relating to your

software projects. It gives you control over every detail, say the developers, so you can save time, headaches, and hassles, whether you're working alone or as part of a team. This latest version has improved performance, optional web browser support, year 2000 compliance, quick reports plus more. Available in the UK from Grey Matter on 01364 654100.

TX Text Control Collection 5.2

This new version of German company DBS's word processing toolkit includes tables, HTML support and embedded OLE objects. Available in the UK from Grey Matter, tel: 01364 654100.

Freelancers Team Up To Form Virtual PR Agency

Five UK freelance high technology public relations specialists have teamed up to form what they believe to be the world's first 'virtual' specialist PR agency. The five continue to operate their own independent businesses, but will now also offer PR and other services collectively under the banner of the UPA Group. Others are expected to join the group shortly. For information, contact any of the team members:

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