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## News

### Delphi 4 Released

Delphi 4 was announced in mid June and by the time you read this copies should, we understand, be shipping.

For a summary of what you can find in the new version, see Brian Long's article in this issue (this is a preview of his full, detailed, review which will appear in the next issue of *Developers Review*).

### HREF Announce WebHub 1.50

HREF Tools have released a new version of their Delphi component framework for developing web applications.

There are way too many new features to mention, but highlights include compatibility with COM, DCOM and Microsoft Transaction server objects, enhanced security, a new SendFileIIS method to make downloadable files available with dynamic names and/or content for secure software delivery, transparent support for cookie based session numbers, dataset cloning for enabling single user coding techniques in multi-user applications and recognition of Cold Fusion and Microsoft FrontPage tags. The WebHub Wizard can create complete projects from shared panels, forms and data modules.

The WebHub VCL Developer Bundle costs \$365 for a single developer. Hub licences cost from \$95 per additional server, depending on the number of application

instances. The WebHub Shopping Cart Jump Start Package costs \$219 per developer. For more details or to order, visit [www.href.com](http://www.href.com)

### VCL Form To HTML Converter

This is a new product from HREF Tools, makers of WebHub, which allows Delphi and C++Builder developers to convert forms to HTML.

Ten standard controls (and their custom descendants) are supported, including labels, memos, edits, checkboxes, radio buttons, listboxes and more. Supported containers for controls are TCustomForm, TGroupBox and TPanel, plus any other TWinControl container. The component outputs files as regular HTML and (optionally) as WebHub-HTML chunks. It will also adjust syntax for different browsers to make the output look just right.

The cost is \$99 when purchased directly from HREF Tools at their website ([www.href.com](http://www.href.com)), where a trial version is available.

### ESRI ARC/INFO 7.2

ESRI has announced the latest release of their GIS product.

Amongst the new features and improvements is the introduction of a new extension, ArcSDE: a release of ESRI's Spatial Database Engine which integrates ESRI's SDE client/server technology within ARC/INFO. The data model includes table associations, support for dynamic segmentation in the form of measures, multipart features, and a feature-linked annotation model. Users can develop

applications using Delphi as well as other popular languages and environments. For more information, visit [www.esri.com/arcinfo](http://www.esri.com/arcinfo) or call ESRI (UK) at +44 (0)1923 210450.

### Compression Components Updated

South Pacific Information Services Ltd have announced the release of Delphi 4 versions of their TCompress and TCompLHA compression component suites. All are available from [www.spis.co.nz](http://www.spis.co.nz) for purchase or trial. As well as Delphi 4 support and minor enhancements, the new releases incorporate thread-safe compression.

### Data Techniques ImageMan DLL Suite 6

A new version of this toolkit for adding image processing and scanner support to Windows applications is now available from ComponentSource at [www.componentsource.com](http://www.componentsource.com) and on its CD-ROM.

New features in the 16- and 32-bit versions include support for Adobe plug-ins, interpolated scaling and several new filters. The suite costs £475 plus VAT in the UK.

### Recruitment On The Net

The Delphi Job Hunter, at [www.inthemiddle.co.uk/jobhunter/delphi/default.htm](http://www.inthemiddle.co.uk/jobhunter/delphi/default.htm) is a job matching service bringing Delphi employers and developers together. Employers can search for developers based on location, salary and Delphi skills, paying an introduction charge when candidates are interviewed.

### PowerSetup 98

New from Swirl Development is this software distribution tool for Windows 95 and NT 4.0.

The developers claim the product gives power and flexibility without sacrificing ease of use: no scripts to write, just point and click. Setups can be disk-based, self-extracting archives or web-based.

PowerSetup 98 costs \$129, for more information or to purchase

PowerSetup visit [www.swirldev.com](http://www.swirldev.com) where a free trial version is also available.

### **Data Junction 6.5**

System Science is now shipping version 6.5 of Data Junction, the data conversion toolkit from Data Junction Corp.

The product performs data extraction, transformation, cleaning and conversion across an extremely wide array of data structures and formats. Support has been added for new formats including Oracle8, DB2 and the mass insert interfaces for Microsoft SQL Server and Sybase Adaptive Server. Sorting support is included for ASCII, binary, COBOL, Btrieve, C-tree, and C-ISAM data sources.

Developers can now create conversion expressions, package expression templates and use visual tools to test expressions online, one record at a time. A repository contains information on data sources/destinations and conversion expressions and rules. Data Junction 6.5 costs £1,245 plus

VAT in the UK from System Science, visit [www.systemscience.co.uk](http://www.systemscience.co.uk) or call +44 (0)171 833 1022.

### **Forehelp 3.0 And Forehelp Premier 98**

These new releases of ForeFront Inc's help authoring program and suite of help authoring tools are now available in the UK from System Science. They include a sophisticated indexing application, a development tool that keeps dialog box help synchronized with applications and a powerful content management system that allows developers to create help for both Windows 98 (HTML Help), Windows 95/NT and Windows 3.x

help formats from one project database.

ForeHelp 3 costs £259 and ForeHelp Premier 98 Suite (packages ForeFront's entire line of help authoring tools) costs £445, both from System Science, visit [www.systemscience.co.uk](http://www.systemscience.co.uk) or call +44 (0)171 833 1022.

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