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News

ND-Winshoes

Nevrona Designs has released ND-Winshoes, an open-source Delphi component package based on the popular open source Internet Winshoes component suite. ND-Winshoes is available for free download from www.nevrona.com.

Nevrona are providing technical support on an annual subscription basis, from \$49 (for private web support forum access) to \$249 for full telephone support. Chad Hower is the creator of Winshoes and has recently joined the Nevrona Designs development team.

For more information about the Open Source Winshoes project visit www.pbe.com/SourceWorks/Winshoes.

TurboPower Async Pro 3

This new version of TurboPower's highly-regarded communications component suite covers everything from simple telecoms to ISDN, faxing, paging, and internet (for a review of version 2.5, visit the *Reviews Online* section of the *Developers Review* website at www.DevelopersReview.com).

New features include alphanumeric paging (including over the internet), FTP file transfer, RAS dialling, automated scripting, an advanced VT100 terminal and fax server components. The product works with all versions of Delphi

and C++Builder, comes with over 1,100 pages of documentation and full source code.

The cost is \$349 when purchased online direct from TurboPower at www.TurboPower.com, or call your favourite dealer for local pricing details.

Delphi 5 Free Trial

Borland has now made a Delphi 5 trial version available for free download from

www.borland.com/delphi/trial5/trialdownload.html

New Oracle 8 Driver

A new Oracle 8 SQL Links Driver for Delphi and C++Builder is now available from the BDE Update page at

www.borland.com/devsupport/bde/bdeupdate.html

The download is about 200Kb. This update applies to BDE 5.1 only. It addresses two problems: first, explicit transaction rollback would rollback all of the inserts, updates and deletes done prior to the start of the transaction, and second, if SQL PASSTHRU MODE was set to SHARED AUTOCOMMIT, the commit occurred when the database was closed, instead of when the record was posted.

ODAC 2 For Oracle

CoRe Lab have a new version of their Oracle Data Access Components (ODAC) for direct access to Oracle from Delphi apps. It is available for Delphi 3, 4 and 5 and C++Builder 3 and 4.

Visit www.crlab.com for more information. ODAC 2.00 costs \$99 for a single-developer licence; source code costs \$249 extra.

Raize Components 2.5

Raize Software Solutions have released an updated version of their popular component suite for Delphi and C++Builder.

A total of 9 new components have been added, bringing the total to over 90. Most of the components have been enhanced, with especial attention to design-time editors. The list price for Raize Components 2.5 is \$249, including full source code. Visit www.raize.com for more details, or call your local dealer.

Kylix: Delphi For Linux

In case you hadn't heard already, Borland have finally gone public with their plans for a Linux version of Delphi. Code-named Kylix, the new product will support both Object Pascal and C++, so it will be an effective merge of Delphi and C++Builder (something that many people expect to see on the Windows platform too).

There are two possible routes to providing a degree of source compatibility with Windows applications: emulate the Windows API or port the application framework. Borland have chosen the latter. The VCL is to be ported to Linux, the resulting framework is planned to be fairly (but not totally) compatible with the Windows version. The Linux VCL will be a subset of the Windows VCL. The Linux VCL will therefore be a 'lightweight' version that could also be used in the Windows environment to produce smaller executables. There are also plans for a new small database engine for the Linux product, which may also become available on the Windows platform.

There is no formal release date at this early stage, but we'll keep you updated of course.

Topaz For Delphi 7.5

This BDE-replacement database engine from Software Science now supports MDX indexes, Foxpro memo files and has many other new features.

You can use Topaz's visual data-aware components, or Delphi's own and third-party controls (as it is a TDataSet descendant). A library of over 200 date and time, maths, string and file manipulation routines is also included. The database support compiles directly into your EXE file, so there are no DLLs to ship.

Topaz 7.5 is available for £82 plus VAT in the UK from Grey Matter: visit their website at www.greymatter.co.uk or call them on +44 (0)1364 654200.

Delphi 5 Updates

Borland have a couple of updates for Delphi 5. Visit

www.borland.com/techpubs/delphi/updated.htm

for documentation updates and

www.borland.com/devsupport/delphi/downloads/index.htm

for an update to TeamSource ZLib.

Dream Outbar 2.0

This set of Delphi and C++Builder components from Dream Company lets you build an Outlook-style user interface into your Windows applications.

A number of components are included. TDCOutbar implements the functionality of the Outlook Bar used in Outlook, Frontpage and Office 2000. TDCGroupBar is an advanced page control with an Outlook Bar interface. TDCVertListView is a list view with hot-track and vertically ordered items.

TDCTranspScrollBar is a scrollbar that can be transparent and has a hidden thumb. TDCScrollBar is a scroll button that can be placed on a form and used without a scrollbar.

TDCOutHeader is a control that implements the functionality of the Microsoft Outlook Header, and

Delphi Conference CD-ROM

The Conference CD-ROM from DCon 99: the Delphi Developers Conference, organised by The Delphi Magazine and the UK Borland User Group (UK-BUG), is now available for purchase from UK-BUG.

Conference attendees have already received their free copy, here's your chance to catch up if you were unable to make it to DCon 99.

With papers from more than 20 sessions, plus source code, there's lots to read, all presented with an easy-to-use browser (no web browser required). Topics covered include COM, CORBA, interfaces, Win32 API, web applications, actions and action lists, client/server, database applications, algorithms and design patterns.

Just £30 plus VAT from UK-BUG, call +44 (0)1980 630032, buys you this excellent resource. Only a limited number are available, so get your order in right away!

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the TDCHeaderControl component allows you to create Outlook-style headers with highly customisable parameters. Finally, TDCSplitterPanel provides both horizontal and vertical splitter panels.

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