News

Dream Calendar And FilterBox

New from Dream Company, Dream Calendar is a customisable calendar control which includes an Outlook-style multi-month calendar control which is customisable through dozens of properties. Other lookalike styles available include MS Money, Quicken and more. There is also a data-aware calendar, and you can optionally show international holidays in different text styles. Available for £23 plus VAT from Grey Matter, visit www.greymatter.co.uk or call +44 (0)1364 655111.

Dream FilterBox can be used to visualise filter conditions or query SQL WHERE clause elements. End-users can add, delete or change individual parts of the filter in an easy and understandable way, without knowing SQL. It also includes an improved ListBox control (items can contain HTML formatting and clickable hotspots or parameters), an Outlook-style multi-month calendar control, calculator controls and other components. Available for £57 plus VAT from Grey Matter, visit www. greymatter.co.uk or call them on +44 (0)1364 655111.

Palm Conduits In Delphi

Jim Cooper of Tabdee Ltd has written some components that allow Palm conduits to be written in Delphi. Conduits are the links that allow data to be synchronised between the Palm device and a PC. Jim would be pleased to get some feedback on the beta version: you can visit www.tabdee.ltd.uk to download the components.

ImagXpress Professional 4.0

From Pegasus Imaging Corp, this image acquisition, display and conversion product includes methods and properties to scan, annotate, capture, access, manipulate, convert, view, and print.

It provides over 70 image processing functions with support for more than 20 image formats and has advanced features for document imaging such as deskew, despeckle, scale to grey, read/ write of multi-page Tiffs, super fast display of G3/G4 Tiffs, annotation and redlining. ImagXpress Professional includes CapturePRO for video capture, TwainPRO for low level image scanning, PrintPRO for expanded printing capabilities and NotateXpress for annotation and redlining.

This new release offers various new interfaces including a Delphi component, COM, ActiveX and class libraries for Visual C++. Available for £232 plus VAT from Grey Matter, just visit www.greymatter. co.uk or call +44 (0)1364 655111.

Chimney Sweep Your Paradox Files

Chimney Sweep from Sundial Services fixes common Paradox database problems such as *index out of date*, *corrupt file* etc. The Standard version is a menu-driven standalone utility generating a detailed report on problems encountered and fixes implemented, costing £60 plus VAT.

The Pro version includes a Delphi/C++Builder component and an ActiveX with full annotated Delphi source code. It uses a well-documented API, provided in the form of 16-bit and 32-bit DLLs (with no source), to execute scripts built with a script editor. The Pro version costs £225 plus VAT. Both are available from QBS Software, visit www.qbss.com or call +44 (0)20 8956 8000.

On the same theme, you could do worse than check Brian Long's excellent articles on Paradox file corruption: they are available on the *Sample articles* page of our website, which is at www. TheDelphiMagazine.com, along with source code to a handy utility.

ExpressInspector Suite

New from Developer Express this suite of components helps you enter, edit and display data. The suite includes 14 unique in-place editors, which the developers say will 'solve all your data entry requirements without writing any code'. It includes editors for text, blob, button, calculator, checkbox, currency, date, hyperlink, image, dblookup, masked edit, memo, pick list, spin and time.

Features include the ability to display data in a hierarchical

manner with unlimited nesting, design-time tuning and manipulation, look & feel and paint style properties, custom draw, hot keys and automatic creation of columns corresponding to field types.

Available for £48 plus VAT from Grey Matter: visit them at www.greymatter.co.uk or just call +44 (0)1364 655111.

InstallShield Update

InstallShield Professional (ISPro) 6.2 and InstallShield for Windows Installer (ISWI) 1.5 are now available.

ISPro 6.2 supports both self-extracting EXE files (the most popular method for internet downloads at the moment) and true internet installations, which allow for a simplified one-click experience for the customer.

InstallShield for Windows Installer 1.5 adds internet-centred features to the InstallShield product line by adding the ability to create small downloadable patches. For availability and prices, contact QBS Software: visit www.qbss.com or call +44 (0)20 8956 8000.

LMD-Tools 5

The new version of LMD Innovative's suite contains 235 native Delphi components that include buttons, dialogs, multimedia, system, data-aware, container, standard, label and extended controls. You also get over 60 component and property editors, plus sample projects and demos for all of the components found in the package.

The Professional version adds about 150,000 lines of source code, the `TLMDWebUpdate` component, C++Builder support, additional bonus tools like DFM-Extractor and early access to betas of future versions.

Available for £124 plus VAT from Grey Matter, visit www.greymatter.co.uk or call them at +44 (0)1364 655111.

IP*Works! SSL V4

US-based devSoft Inc has started shipping IP*Works! SSL V4, which brings SSL and Digital Certificates to the IP*Works! component set, providing secure web browsing, secure client, secure server, secure mail, digital certificate management capabilities and more.

Initially introduced in 1995, IP*Works! provides easy-to-use components that facilitate tasks such as sending email, transferring files, browsing the web, accessing directories, etc.

IP*Works! SSL V4 comprises four editions: Delphi, C++Builder, ActiveX and C++. Each edition includes 11 components for secure internet connectivity: HTTPS, SMTPS, POPS, IMAPS, FTPS, LDAPS, NNTPS, TelnetS, IPPortS, IPDaemonS, and CertMgr. They consist of security-enabled versions of the corresponding components in the IP*Works! Internet Toolkit. The Delphi and C++ Builder Editions include native Delphi/C++Builder components.

The client components (such as HTTPS, SMTPS etc) provide full control over the process of setting up SSL connections, including certificate management, verification, and certificate-based client authentication.

The secure server control, IPDaemonS, is a generic SSL server, providing full secure server capabilities, combined with unprecedented ease of use. A demo of a secure web server application (with full source code) is also included in the package. The CertMgr control provides certificate management capabilities.

IP*Works! SSL V4 can be purchased direct from devSoft Inc at www.dev-soft.com or from your friendly local dealer. Free trial versions of the package are also available for download from the same website.

Internet Development Masterclass

The UK Borland User Group (UK-BUG) are running a Masterclass on Delphi 5 internet development using distributed technologies, with our very own Bob Swart as the speaker. It's on August 8th in London.

Other upcoming UK-BUG meetings include July 18th in London (Microsoft Active Directory Service Interfaces, mySQL and developing NT services), July 28th in Glasgow (Easter Eggs, WAP-enabling Delphi internet applications), remote control of an application, Crystal Reports and VMWare for Linux), and August 15th in London (Integrated Translation Environment, DBISAM 2.0, Brian Long with the best of the Delphi Clinic and XML: the ASCII of the future?).

Call +44 (0)1980 630032 or visit www.ukbug.co.uk for information.

Marco Cantù Effective OOP

Marco is hosting a special two-day Delphi class in the US, just after the Borland conference, on effective OOP in Delphi. It's in San Diego, CA on 13th and 14th July 2000. See www.marcocantu.com for pricing and booking, and email marco@marcocantu.com for more information.