News

Portcullis Internet Application Gateway

New from Shoreline Software, Portcullis speeds development of Delphi and C++Builder internet and intranet applications.

Basically you create an application in Delphi or C++Builder, using any of a wide range of the standard or third party user interface controls supported by Portcullis, and Shoreline's magic transforms this into a web application, complete with HTML forms equivalent to your Delphi forms.

Portcullis enhances security by allowing your application and its data to reside behind the firewall, isolated from the web server. Shoreline claim that with its automatic dynamic load balancing and sprocket technology, large and intensively used applications perform "with ease." Support is provided for all major web servers.

For details and an evaluation version point your favourite browser at http://www.shoresoft.com or call Shoreline Software on +1 860 870-5707.

VCalc

Odyssey Technologies has recently released this new Delphi component which offers both business and financial calculators. With one function call you can offer your end users a calculator that can do currency conversions, simple loans, trig functions and interest conversion. The tape display can be on or off and you can also print or save the display contents for your records. One version supports both Delphi 1 and 2. The UK price is £66 plus VAT and it's available from Grey Matter on Tel: +44 (0)1364 654100 or visit www.greymatter.co.uk to order online.

LockBox Encryption

TurboPower Software are shipping a new data encryption and decryption library for Delphi. LockBox includes support for the 56-bit Data Encryption Standard (DES) but exceeds it to handle encryption keys of up to 128 bits.

The bad news is that the dear friendly old US Government won't allow this product to be exported outside the USA and Canada. The price is US$249 and details can be obtained from TurboPower on Tel: 719 260 9639.

Note that TRPKCrypto, a public key encryption component developed in New Zealand, does not suffer from what your Editor feels is an increasingly archaic restriction; visit http://www.rpk.co.nz for more details.

White Ants ModelMaker

Dutch software house White Ants have released White Ants Model-Maker 3.20 for Delphi, a tool that is claimed to boost productivity and development speed, even for less experienced developers.

ModelMaker is a CASE tool and component builder covering the complete component life cycle. You can visually design in UML-style diagrams, create class members, edit your code and create help files. Seamless integration with Delphi allows you to maintain your design in ModelMaker and then debug and test the code in Delphi.

ModelMaker is not a one way wizard, but an active modelling engine. Actions like renaming a class or changing a method will automatically propagate to the instantly generated source code and throughout the model. White Ants say this encourages the user to refine and experiment with their design and code until it's just right and simplifies code maintenance.

Support is included for design patterns, which provide ready to use solutions for general design problems. A ModelMaker pattern is an active agent which not only inserts fragments of code, but also stays "alive" to update this code reflecting the changes made to the design.

A free demo is available from http://www.whiteants.com or you can write to: White Ants systemhouse BV, Geleen 12, 8032 GB Zwolle, Netherlands.

Welcome Back

We're pleased to report that Jeremy McGee has re-joined Borland UK as Marketing Manager. Nice to have you back, Jeremy!

Borland Conference

If you haven't already heard, the 8th Annual Borland Conference will be from July 12–16th this year, in Nashville, Tennessee. Tracks will include Delphi, C++, JBuilder, Intra-Builder and Entera. The registration cost is $1195 (ouch!) but it looks like you can save $250 if you register before 7th June (the brochure I have can't decide whether the cutoff date is that or 23rd May!).

There will be loads of excellent speakers, including our very own Dr.Bob and Marco Cantu. Call +1 805 495 7800 ext. 239 for details.

MIDAS

New from Borland is this 'multi tier distributed application suite,' a collection of brokers that can streamline client/server systems by centralising business rules and data access on a middle-tier Windows NT application server. The product integrates technologies from Borland and it's recently acquired Open Environment division. MIDAS is upwards compatible with Entera.

Pricing starts at £3,500 per server in the UK. For more details, in the UK call Borland's client/server sales team on 0118 932 0022 or elsewhere call your local Borland office.

New Name, Same Faces

The developers of the MapServer mapping library, formerly known as Geosoft, have changed their name to Graticule. They are still at the same location and can be reached on +44 113 234 4000.

Graphics Server Update

Bits Per Second, based in Brighton, UK, have released version 5 of their well known graph and charting package. New features include Web image file output and support for region file creation for Web-based hot graphing, tilt and thickness controls for 3D pie charts, plus a number of minor enhancements. The UK recommended price is £245. For more information visit www.bitspersecond.co.uk or call +44 1273 731925.

Developer Wanted

Rhino Training and Development, based in Doncaster, UK, are looking for a Delphi developer with at least 2 years development experience, 6 months plus of which should be in Delphi. To apply email Rob Yoxon at 101736.1026@compuserve.com or fax him on 01302 810999.

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