News

DCon: The Delphi Developers Conference

DCon 2000, organised jointly by *The Delphi Magazine* and the *UK Borland User Group*, was a great success, with over 320 Delphi developers from all over the world coming to learn from the speakers and from each other too. We filled all our allocated places and actually had to turn people away in the last two weeks before the event.

If you attended *DCon*, don't forget to check the conference website at www.DCon.co.uk, as there are now lots of photos from the event up there. Who knows, you might be on display!

We're delighted that *DCon* is now firmly established as the premier technical conference for Delphi developers. You will be pleased to know that we now have working dates for *DCon 2001*; these are 18th and 19th June 2001. We are currently planning to return to the same venue (Wokefield Park, near Reading), where we will have additional conference rooms and facilities so that we can make *DCon 2001* even bigger and better than this year.

More information and booking details will be posted on the conference website at www.DCon.co. uk as soon as we have it, as well as here of course.

Be sure to book early to avoid disappointment: you can register your interest in *DCon 2001* and ensure you get booking details as soon as possible by emailing your name and postal address to us at info@dcon.co.uk.

CodeBase Updates

Sequiter Software have updated their CodeBase database engine and the CodeBase Components for Delphi which give Delphi developers access to the engine.

Version 6.5 of the CodeBase engine includes Unicode support (for Delphi and C/C++ users) and works with Visual FoxPro fields and large files. It costs £314 plus VAT from Grey Matter.

CodeBase Components II for Delphi is a complete BDE replacement which lets you use native Delphi controls with CodeBase. It is compatible with CodeBase 6.2 and higher and supports all versions of Delphi. It includes `TDataSet` descendnat components that allow for BDE replacement, as well as many data aware controls, including grid, list box, edit box and so on.
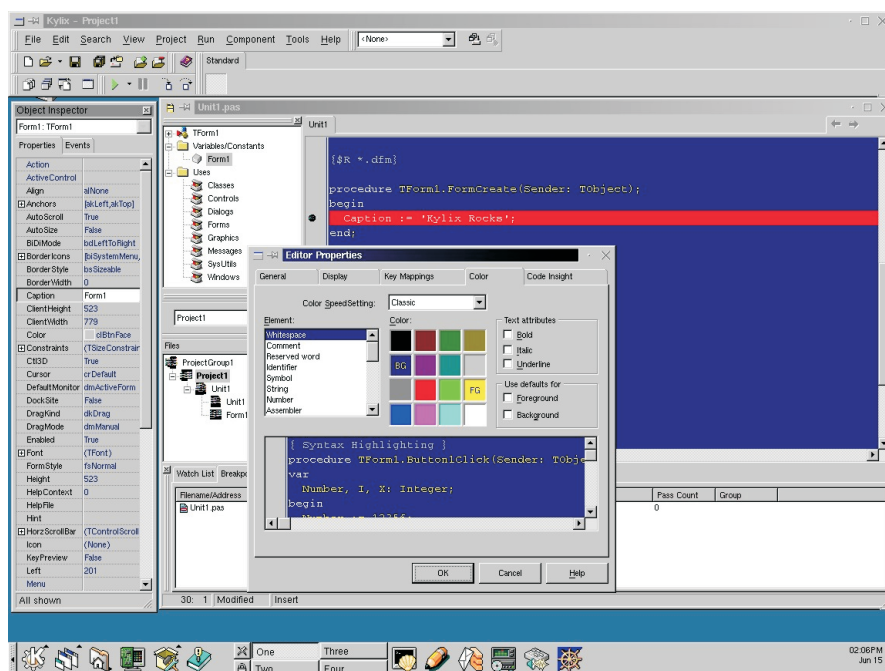
CodeBase Components II for Delphi costs £108 plus VAT from Grey Matter in the UK: visit www. greymatter.co.uk or call them on +44(0)1364 655121.

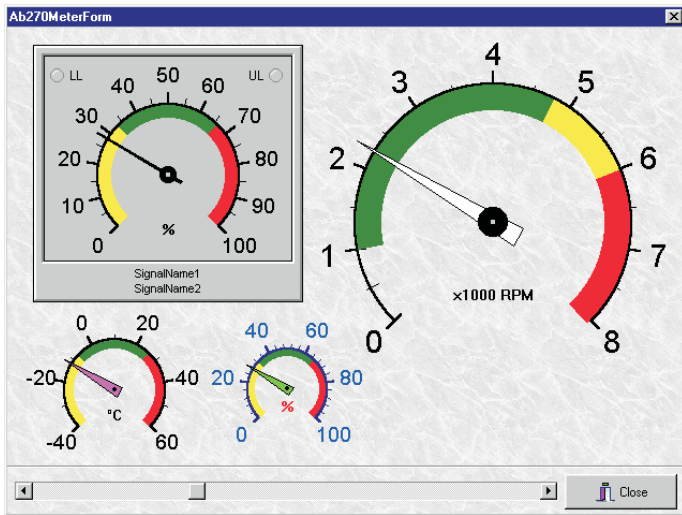## Borland Announce CLX Framework Details

Borland recently announced details of their CLX component library for cross-platform development. The library will sit alongside the VCL in Delphi 6 and will also be used in Delphi and C++Builder for Linux (codenamed Kylix).

CLX is based on the VCL, but is specifically designed to be platform-independent. It uses the QT libraries from TrollTech (www.trolltech.no) to provide the same functionality under both Windows and Linux. In a special deal with TrollTech, developers using Delphi 6 or Delphi for Linux will be able to distribute required QT libraries with their applications royalty free.

➤ *The CLX framework forms the basis of the Kylix project: a development version of Delphi for Linux is seen here running in the KDE desktop.*

➤ A wide variety of virtual instrument controls are included in the Abakus VCL from ABaeker: here is a selection of meter controls.

'CLX is an exciting next step for mainstream software application development,' said Michael Swindell, director of product management for Borland. 'CLX and the Kylix Project incorporate object oriented programming, rapid visual development, cross-platform and fully native code, with speed and reliability.'

DBISAM 2.0
From Elevate Software, DBISAM is a proprietary database engine specifically tailored to Delphi programmers. The most important feature of the engine is that all native Delphi field types are supported. It includes built-in repair and restructure facilities and automatic free space recycling for data records, index pages, and BLOb blocks. It is ideal if you want low-overhead database support and aren't concerned with third-party access.

DBISAM 2.0 costs from £303 plus VAT from Grey Matter: visit www.greymatter.co.uk or call them on +44(0)1364 655121.

Abakus VCL 2.01
ABaecker have recently released a new version of this suite of Delphi and C++Builder components for virtual instrumentation. Abakus VCL includes a compass, meters, gauges, digital indicators (for time and value), tank displays, an operating point display, an 8 channel trend recorder, a 2 channel trend display, a dial, sliders, an LED indicator, buttons, switches, a text indicator, an operating-hour counter and a threaded timer to supply all the components with a common clock. Whew! Visit www.abaecker.com for more information. Trial versions are available and registration costs $60 (with source available at $260).

ExpressOrgChart Suite
New from Developer Express these Delphi components (both data-aware and non data-aware versions are included) provide display and editing of hierarchical tree data structures, such as the contents of a book or a disk file system. Each node of the chart can have an unlimited number of children, displayed horizontally, directly below a given node. The contents and appearance of both the entire chart structure as well as each individual node can be amended as you wish.

ExpressOrgChart Suite costs from £62 plus VAT from Grey Matter: visit www.greymatter.co.uk or call +44(0)1364 655121.

CipherTech Reallyquick
Reallyquick is a full text searching and indexing system, accessible from most development languages on 32-bit Windows. The product supports fast boolean logic searching through huge quantities of textual data. It costs £120 plus VAT from QBS Software, visit www.qbssoftware.com or call +44 (0)20 8956 8035.

In *Developers Review* This Month...
If you want to keep up to date with what's happening in software development then *Developers Review* (www.DevelopersReview.com) is essential!

Have you heard about Microsoft's .NET initiative? What about the new language, C#, that former Delphi chief architect Anders Hejlsberg has been working on? There are some (unsurprising) similarities to Delphi! Will the next release of Visual Basic finally catch up with Delphi?

We review the Rational Unified Process, Ideal Software's Virtual Print Engine, the Xceed Winsock Library and a couple of grammar parsers. There's a report on the Java One Conference, plus more from Microsoft TechEd Europe and the Professional Developers Conference. We check out a course on E-Commerce too, as well as plenty of book reviews.

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