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Forward Planning for the New Year

January 21ˢᵗ at Victoria

- Intensive Windows Workflow Foundation – Corrado Iorizzo
- Silverlight Pub Finder – Pete Sykes
- Encryption – Cristian Nicola
- ECO – Scott Price

January 24ᵗʰ at Upavon

- Silverlight Masterclass – Richard Costall and Chris Hay (see slide 4)

February 16ᵗʰ at Reading

- Battle of the ORMs

TBA (February?) at Upavon

- Visual Studio and C# .NET for Delphi Developers Masterclass – Scott Price

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Silverlight Masterclass
with Richard Costall and Chris Hay
Saturday 24th January 2009 at Upavon

Up and running	Brushes, Transforms & Animation
XAO file explored	DataBinding
Layout	Using Isolated Storage
WCF Communication	Gaming (optional)
Silverlight Sockets	User Controls
Application Services	Silverlight Encryption & Compression
Styling/Templating	Anything else?
Images and Media	Q&A

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WHAT'S NEW

- PDC has just finished – lots of .Net stuff. For instance:
    - Windows Azure
    - Office Web
    - Windows 7 demonstrated
    - .Net v4.0 (new logo!) along with ASP.Net, WF and WCF advances
    - Silverlight for Mobile (Window <u>and</u> Symbian) announced
    - Videos of sessions available for download from http://http://channel9.msdn.com/posts/pdc2008/RSS/?tag=videos
        - Don't miss Anders Hejlsberg on "The Future of C#" (TL16.wmv)
- Apparently lots of Win 7, Silverlight Mobile & .Net v4.0 stuff *wasn't* announced so there's plenty more to come! ☺
- See also: http://www.microsoftpdc.com/

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Free Stuff

- New freely downloadable Silverlight 2.0 controls from DevExpress
    - DataGrid: http://www.devexpress.com/Products/NET/Controls/Silverlight/Grid/
    - Menu/Toolbar: http://www.devexpress.com/Home/Announces/Silverlight_Menu_Control.xml
    - CodeRush Xpress: http://www.devexpress.com/Home/Announces/CodeRushXpress.xml

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Special Offers

- AJC Software (aka our very own Andrew Cutforth) has released the beta of v2 of AJCDiff.

- Find AJCDiff at http://www.ajcsoft.com/AJCDiffv2.php

- Andrew is kindly offering Develeopers' Group members a 20% discount an all AJC Software products. See them all at http://www.ajcsoft.com

- When ordering use the coupon code "DEVGROUP" to obtain the discount

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Interesting Stuff

- DeepZoom collage of Obama victory new front pages:
  - http://bigpicture.vertigo.com/obama/

- YouTube video of real-life "Minority Report" interface:
  - http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=FZyErkPjOR8

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ReSharper from JetBrains
"The most intelligent add-in to Visual Studio, ever! With its unrivalled code analysis, superior unit testing solution, and much, much more.." *Comments from members who have a copy?*

dotTrace from JetBrains
"An intuitive and super fast memory & performance profiler for .NET."

IntelliJ IDEA from JetBrains
"The most intelligent Java IDE, intensely focused on developer productivity.. "

TeamCity Build Agent from JetBrains
"Innovative Solution for Continuous Integration & Build Management for Java & .NET teams."

Ruby IDE (new product yet to be named) **from JetBrains**

Chart for .NET (Lite edition on offer) **from Nevron**
"is the industry leading charting solution for ASP.NET and Windows application development "

Want one? Email Joanna to stake your claim.

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