The Developers Group Meeting

at Building 3, Microsoft Campus, Thames Valley Park, Reading RG6 1WG
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Monday May 16th
with group leader Brian Long

Agenda

11:30 Registration (with tea/coffee plus a bacon or egg roll, if you arrive early enough.)

12:00 **Welcome, News and Problem Clinic: Brian Long**

Bring your development problems for discussion. We'll try to help solve them - even that ill-fated first question which always seems to elude us

1:00 **Driving Microsoft Office with Visual Studio: Mike Pelton (Microsoft)**

This session continues our look at developing for Office using managed code. We look at programming InfoPath and Visio, and focus too on how Visual Studio 2005 improves the developer's experience for creating solutions which use Excel and Word as a client.

2:10 Brief fidget break

2:15 **Windows Installer: Rob Bracken**

Cut the cost of system support with a nifty installer for your latest creation. The first impression a customer gets of a program is when it's installed on their computer. If you have to spend hours on the phone, telling them which directory to put files in and giving detailed instructions of how to add an entry to the registry, they won't be impressed. Worse, something will probably go wrong and you'll have to spend more hours on the phone putting it right. Wouldn't it be great if your customers could run a program that installs your program on their computer, so the first time they try it it just runs? Rob shows you how to do just that, with a bit of help from Delphi and Visual Studio. Double-glazing never looked so attractive!

3:15 Tea/coffee and cake

3:40 **An Overview of ClickOnce Deployment: Guy Smith-Ferrier**

ClickOnce provides the ease of web form deployment for Windows Forms application. It is Visual Studio 2005's successor to the Updater Application Block and No Touch Deployment from .NET 1.1. This session introduces the ClickOnce technology and demonstrates its use in several scenarios including: zero touch deployment, one touch deployment, reversion to previous versions, uninstallation. ClickOnce is likely to represent the standard deployment model for departmental Visual Studio 2005 Windows Forms applications so this session represents an opportunity to understand how to get the ease of web deployment together with richness of Windows Forms..

4:55 brief fidget break

5:00 **Delving into the Registry: Brian Long**

Members have asked a variety of questions about the Windows registration database (aka the registry). "How do I use it?" "Are there any rules we need to know?" "What can we find in the registry?" "Is it just a glorified INI file?" And so on. This session hopes to answer these questions and, who knows, perhaps many more as well.

6:00 End (and adjournment to the David Lloyd sports centre for anyone who wants to come for a drink).

Please book your place as soon as possible by **contacting us**, and no later than Monday May 9th. Attendance is free to members of the DG and other participating user groups, £25 + VAT to guests.

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