

The Developers Group Meeting

at POSK, 238-246 King Street, Hammersmith, London W6 0RF
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on Tuesday June 21st
with group leader Brian Long



Agenda

12:30 Registration (with tea/coffee and biscuits, if you arrive early enough.)

1:00 **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

2:00 **Compression and Decompression: Steve Wilcox**

Steve talks about his experience of using a 3rd party component to compress and decompress files. He was able to obtain 98% compression of database files which has enabled easier storage and internet transmission. He tells of his experience of fixing the Spanning and Splitting capability of what has now become an open source product.

2:30 Brief fidget break

2:35 **Introduction to Chrome: Mike Orriss**

Chrome™ is RemObjects' next generation Object Pascal language for the .NET and Mono Platforms. While implementing a language based on Object Pascal, Chrome adds useful design elements from other languages such as C#, Java and Eiffel and it also introduces its own language innovations. Use Chrome to write fully managed native .NET applications for the Microsoft .NET Framework, the Compact Framework or the Mono Platform and develop your applications inside the Visual Studio .NET IDE.

3:15 Tea/coffee and biscuits

3:35 **Introduction to Chrome (continued): Mike Orriss**

4:05 Brief fidget break

4:10 **Portal Builder - Why we rolled our own web development environment in Delphi: John Hair**

The reasons why we decided to create our own web development components, the solution we came up with, and an in-depth look at how our panel-based page updates work.

5:10 **Operational Criteria: Joanna Carter**

Whilst porting her Object Persistence Framework to .NET 2.0, Joanna was working on the Selection Criteria classes that are used to allow querying of the Objects stored. Since these criteria can be "anded" and/or "ored", she realised that she had actually found a worthwhile use for operator overloading to simplify the syntax used to concatenate criteria. In this session, Joanna not only reveals this worthwhile example of operator overloading, but also looks at some of the pitfalls of using this mechanism unwisely.

6:30 End - supper for anyone who would like to join us in the restaurant (£7 per person, please order and pay on registration), bar also open.



Please book your place as soon as possible by **contacting us**, and no later than Wednesday June 15th. Attendance is free to members of the DG and other participating user groups, £25 + VAT to guests.



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