The Developers Group Meeting

at POSK, 238-246 King Street, Hammersmith, London W6 0RF
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on Tuesday September 20th
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 **How to Write User Documentation: Mike Unwalla**
Writing a user guide or an online help system can be a daunting task. This session provides you with guidelines for producing clear documentation.

2:45 Tea/coffee and biscuits

3:05 **Pete's Home Videos (and Windows Media Center): Pete Sykes**
If you saw Pete's last session you'll have been riveted by his holiday snaps and might just have learned a bit about XSL at the same time (but he reckons the highlight was the photos). In an all new presentation see Pete's home videos and learn the true meaning of "professional". Offers of beer may entice Pete to also explain a bit about Windows Media Center 2005 and discuss some of the issues and pitfalls involved in developing compatible software.

4:05 Brief fidget break

4:10 **Spreadsheet Components in Applications: Steve Wilcox**
Due to one of our customer requests we needed to incorporate a spreadsheet component into our main product. The component enables cell and display formatting, buttons, check boxes, combo boxes and spinedits. Furthermore, simple mathematical formulae can be entered directly into a cell by the user or set programmatically in your code. Find out about this component, our dealings with the creator and also limitations that had to be overcome.

4:55 Brief fidget break

5:00 **Delphi and OpenGL - An Introduction to 3D Graphics: Chris Gold and Maciek Dakowicz**
Basic 3D graphics with OpenGL are amazingly simple. We show the basic concepts of 3D graphics, starting with a simple triangle and extending to more advanced applications. We also demonstrate our graphical interface shell, together with some of the applications that use it – including an animation of ship navigation in Hong Kong waters!

6:00 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 September 14th. Attendance is free to members of the DG and other participating user groups, £25 + VAT to guests.

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