

The Developers Group Meeting

at Building 3, Microsoft Campus, Thames Valley Park, Reading RG6 1WG
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Monday October 17th
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 **Talking to PocketPCs: Jim Cooper**
Jim shows how to transfer beer tasting notes and pub locations (and possibly other less useful information) to and from a PocketPC via an ActiveSync connection. He uses a commercial and a freeware library, with examples in both Delphi and C#.
- 2:00 Brief fidget break
- 2:05 **A quick look at DeXter: Jason Vokes (Borland)**
A quick tour of some of the more compelling features of the upcoming release of Delphi.
- 2:35 Tea/coffee and cake
- 2:55 **Enterprise Core Objects - What it is, how you can use it, what it's been used for already: Jason Vokes (Borland)**
This session runs through some of the key areas of ECO and details of the main application architectures. We also cover how using this model driven framework differs from traditional RAD development and how it is used from within Delphi, and show some of the real world examples of existing ECO deployments.
- 3:55 Brief fidget break
- 4:00 **Remoting with RemObjects: Rafe Aldridge**
What is remoting? Is it of any use in the real world? Why use RemObjects? Why not SOAP? Ironically the answers to these questions and more are only available offline at this session.
- 5:00 **What's New in ADO.NET 2.0?: Alex Homer**
ADO.NET in version 2.0 of the .NET Framework is more an evolution than a revolution. Yet there are many exciting new features, and enhancements of existing classes that make it easier to accomplish common data access tasks and get better performance at the same time. This session summarizes all of the new features, and looks in detail at those that are especially exciting - such as asynchronous data access, promotable transactions, provider-independent code, the new database schema API, the changes to the DataSet and DataTable classes, and more.
- 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 October 10th. Attendance is free to members of the DG and other participating user groups, £25 + VAT to guests.



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