

The Developers Group Meeting

at Microsoft in Reading
[click here for map and directions](#)

on Monday September 10th 11.30 - 6.30
with group leader Dan Taylor



Agenda

- 11:30 Registration (with tea, coffee and bacon or egg rolls, if you're early enough).
- 12:00 **Welcome, News and Interactive Discussion: You with Dan, Cristian and the team**
Please come prepared to talk about:
- The latest in Delphi - problems, questions and solutions
 - Your questions/solutions on what hardware/software to choose
 - Your programming problems
 - Your favourite - and most hated - tools
 - What progress you're making with Vista
 - Your latest technical discoveries
 - The things you want to know more about
 - and anything else that's relevant to the group
- You don't have to prepare a presentation, stand on the stage or be at all formal. The single rule is that only one person can speak at once so that everyone can hear and participate.
- 1:00 **Which Web and Why? - Dave Sussman**
Dave covers some of the choices that Microsoft are offering, the features of each and why you'd want to go one way or another. We expect him to look at using ASP.NET with Silverlight or with AJAX, to demystify codenames like Acropolis ("a set of components and tools that make it easier for developers to build and manage modular, business focused, client .NET applications. Acropolis is part of the ".NET Client Futures" wave of releases, our preview of upcoming technologies for Windows client development.") and generally shed light on what is available to you.
- 2:00 **InterBase 2007 - Jason Chapman**
A review of InterBase (and, we hope, a mention of FireBird); what it is, what has changed, what it can now do and where it's going.
- 3:00 Tea, coffee and cake
- 3:20 **Making Phones Ring With One Line Of Code - Tim Stevens**
We (BT) we have a new service coming to beta, that is really cool: what it enables is the ability to build hosted IVR apps and the like, with a very simple XML/State machine based programming mode - do things like 1. Place call 2. Play file 3. Wait for keypad input 4. Place second call 5. Join calls. A suitable demo might be building a reminder service that calls you and says your reminders back to you. Or drag and drop conference calling integrated with a buddy list somewhere (live messenger maybe). I'm working on a more workshop approach, rather than just pure presentation, where I demo the stuff, and then spend an hour or so getting folk up and running with making phones ring etc.
- 4:30 **MS SQL Integration Server - Keith Burns (MS)**
In response to a member's request: "I am currently "fighting" with MS SQL Integration Services trying to use it to import data from an old system into a new one (new database has a slightly different structure). Parts of the import require some specific conversion, lookup or data handling. I have never used Integration Services before so it is a bit of a learning curve but it seems very flexible and when you know how it should be possible to create import routines using Integration Services that require hardly any code."
- 5:30 **Customising ACT! for .NET - Rob Bracken**
ACT! already does most of what you'd want in a typical office system, so why reinvent the wheel when you can simply customise an existing product to your clients' needs?
- 6:30 End (and voluntary adjournment to the David Lloyd Centre for a drink).



Please book your place as soon as possible by **contacting us**, and no later than Monday September 3rd. Attendance is free to members of the DG and other participating user groups, £25 + VAT to guests.



We regret that meeting venues cannot accept phone messages on our behalf, and that mobile phones, pagers, etc, must be turned off during all DG events.