

# The Developers Group Meeting

at POSK, 238-246 King Street, Hammersmith, London W6 0RF  
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on Tuesday October 16th

## Agenda

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

1:00 **Welcome, News and Interactive Discussion: You with Cristian, Joanna and the team**

Please come prepared to talk about:

- Your programming problems
- What progress you're making with Vista
- Your favourite - and most hated - tools
- The things you want to know more about
- The latest in Delphi - problems, questions and solutions
- Your questions/solutions on what hardware/software to choose
- Your latest technical discoveries
- 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 may speak at once so that everyone can hear and participate.

2:00 **C#3.0 The Highlights: Oliver Sturm**

C# 3.0 comes with a bunch of new language features and a tendency to favour advanced approaches like functional programming. In this session you will see a few of the most interesting new features illustrated by use cases that are just a little bit out of the ordinary - just like the language itself. Lots of practical demos, of course!

3:00 Tea/coffee and biscuits

3:20 **Putting Delphi applications to REST: Mike Dillamore**

Adding web server capabilities to an existing program needn't be difficult. Similarly, Web Services don't need to be big and heavy, or restricted to large enterprises. This session introduces the idea of RESTful Web Services, and presents some thoughts on adding a lightweight web server to your application to expose its data via HTTP and HTML

4:30 **Inter-Process Communications: Cristian Nicola**

Every now and then we need to transfer information between two or more processes, and this can be done in multiple ways. This session explores the various IPC options from a conceptual point of view and then we look at how to do it in Windows 32 using Delphi. We look at notifications, asynchronous communication and synchronous communication via the windows messages, windows objects, clipboard, disk files, memory mapped files, pipes, sockets and COM.

5:30 **Database Evolution: Andras Belokosztolszki**

Databases, like applications, evolve. However, unlike applications, databases can be modified directly. This is like modifying an application via a hex editor. In this session Andras contrasts the two most common database development styles: working on a live database directly vs. working with creation SQL scripts. He shows some of his own techniques and chosen tools to display how to avoid some change related problems, to manage database changes and to set up source control for databases.

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**, no later than Wednesday October 10th. Attendance is free to members of the DG and other participating user groups, £25 + VAT to guests.



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