

The Developers Group Meeting

at Microsoft in Reading
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on Monday November 12th 11.30 - 6.30

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 Cristian, Joanna and the team**
Please come prepared to talk about:
- The latest in Delphi - problems, questions, solutions; your latest technical discoveries.
 - Your programming problems; what progress you're making with Vista.
 - Your favourite - and most hated - tools; the things you want to know more about.
 - Your questions/solutions on what hardware/software to choose.
 - 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.
- 1:15 **Leverage Composite UI Design Patterns to generate ADO.NET applications faster - Alex Pratt, Sybase**
The Composite UI Application Block (CAB) helps you build complex user interface applications that run in Windows. It provides an architecture and implementation that assists with building applications by using the common patterns found in line-of-business client applications. The current version of the Composite UI Application Block is aimed at Windows Forms applications that run with the Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0. Sybase PowerDesigner can automatically generate UI files based on CAB according to the persistent framework you select, such as NHibernate or ADO.NET. With persistent classes, DAL, BLL and UI files based on CAB generated by PowerDesigner, you can quickly build Windows application without writing repetitive code.
- 2:30 **Building Dynamic Web Applications with Microsoft Silverlight - Mike Ormond (MS)**
Silverlight is Microsoft's new cross-browser, cross-platform plug-in for delivering rich media experiences and interactive applications for the Web. Silverlight provides a highly productive platform for designers and developers to collaborate in building a new generation of web experiences enabling you to build visually stunning interactive content and applications that run on multiple browsers and operating systems. Join us for a spin around the XAML Canvas to experience the capabilities of the Silverlight platform. We take an in-depth look at what Silverlight is and how we can make use of it in web applications. We compare the 1.0 and 1.1 versions of the technology and probe into the programming model and tools you'll need to build compelling Silverlight applications.
- 3:45 tea, coffee and cake
- 4:15 **Performance and AQTime - Cristian Nicola**
By request, Cristian looks at performance issues to help optimise your apps. One of the tools he looks at is AutomatedQA's AQtime, a performance profiling and memory and resource debugging toolset for Microsoft, Borland, Intel, Compaq and GNU compilers. Their product blurb says "AQtime is built with one key objective - to help you completely understand how your programs perform during execution. Using its integrated set of performance and debugging profilers, AQtime collects crucial performance and memory/resource allocation information at runtime and delivers it to you both in summarized and detailed forms, with all of the tools you need to begin the optimization process. This is all done without modifying the application's source code!"
- 5:30 **FastReports - Adam Brett**
Adam gives a brief demonstration of three really useful components from the same stable. He has previously shown FastReport 2 and now introduces us to FastReport 4 and its new features. In addition, he looks at FastCube (an OLAP product) and FastQueryBuilder which is good for building SQL scripts to run in your reports.
- 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 November 5th. Attendance is free to members of the DG and other participating user groups, £25 + VAT to guests.

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