

The Developers Group Meeting

at Microsoft in Reading
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on Monday September 8th 11.30 - 6.30
with leader Pete Sykes

Agenda

Please note that, on this occasion, times are flexible to allow for three extended sessions - if we have extra time, Pete will talk about .NET matters

- 11:30 Registration (with tea, coffee and bacon or egg rolls, if you're early enough).
- 12:00 **Welcome, News and Interactive Discussion** - Let's 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.
- 1:00 **Overview of Silverlight 2 - Mike Ormond (Microsoft)**
In this session we take a look at the sorts of web experiences that can be built with Silverlight 2. We look at the different scenarios that Silverlight 2 enables and the core capabilities of the platform for rich web experiences built on .NET. We also take an introductory look at the tooling and frameworks that developers and designers have available to them for building Silverlight 2 applications.
- 2:40 Tea/coffee and cake
- 3:00 **Delphi 2009, What's New? - Jon Harrison (Embarcadero)**
Jon gives us an overview of the new features in Delphi 2009, including:
- new IDE features
 - new and enhanced VCL components
 - new DataSnap architecture
 - new Unicode support
- Please come with lots of questions!
- 4:30ish Brief fidget break
- 4:40 **Navigational Data Access in .NET - Joachim Duerr (Sybase)**
Moving from ADO to ADO.NET means changing the view on how to access databases. The ADO.NET data access model is disconnected and set based, which has advantages, but also disadvantages; all records of the result set have to be transferred to the client in order to work with the data and concurrency conflicts can happen when writing changes back to the database. This session shows how you can develop in .NET but with connected record sets, with actual live data on the workstations and the ability to lock records in the database to avoid concurrency conflicts.
- 6:30 End (and voluntary adjournment for a drink).



Please book your place as soon as possible by **contacting us** at bug@richplum.co.uk, and no later than Monday September 1st. Attendance is free to members of the DG and other participating user groups, £25 + VAT to guests.



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