

The Developers Group Meeting

at Microsoft, Cardinal Place, 100 Victoria Street, London SW1E 5JL
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on Wednesday March 17th 11.30 - 6.00
with leader Jason Chapman



Agenda

11:30 Registration (with tea, coffee and biscuits, if you're early enough).

12:00 **Welcome, News and Interactive Discussion - Let's talk about:**

- The latest in .NET & Delphi - problems, questions, solutions; your latest technical discoveries.
- Your programming problems; what progress you're making with Windows 7.
- 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.

And an interactive skype session with an Embarcadero techie.

1:00 **Writing Firebird UDFs - Peter Goddard**

This session consists of a brief introduction on the need for additional User Defined Functions (UDFs) in Firebird and the considerations that should be made when designing and writing these routine. A number of simple examples demonstrating the generation of these User Defined Functions (UDFs) for Firebird is done using Delphi. Each example covers the case of using different types of parameters from integers, floating point numbers, strings and finally dates (timestamps in Firebird terminology). This is intended to be an interactive session and some useful UDFs can be developed for use by the audience if time permits.

2:00 **Windows 7 and Server 2008 - Dave Ball**

Dave presented the first part of this session - see http://www.richplum.co.uk/downloads/ftp/db_20091116.zip - in November when we mainly looked at the Client side of the Windows 7 & Windows Server 2008 mix: the Windows 7 versions and what you get in each SKU; Support for legacy applications; Hardware based features such as XP Mode & BitLocker; User Interface enhancements; and Security enhancements. In this second part we move focus onto the Windows 7 features which require Windows Server 2008 deployment for enablement; Direct Access, Branch Cache, and Remote Desktop Services. Also, if time permits, we look at the OS scripting and management changes in the new operating systems and how developers can use those frameworks to manage their own custom applications.

3:30 Tea/coffee and cake

4:00 **Morfik - Adam Brett**

Morfik web development expert Mauricio Longo joins us on line from Argentina, skypeing with Adam to field our questions. "Morfik provides a complete design and development environment for building Ajax-based Rich Internet Applications (RIA). Morfik's design and development software includes the world's first and most powerful JavaScript compiler, a relational database engine, advanced graphical design tools, customisable Ajax controls and native debugging facilities for delivering modern web applications. Applications created by Morfik do not require special Browser plug-ins and can be published to the web by just the push of a button right out of the development environment."

5:15 **Masque Imager - Russell Weetch**

Russell discusses and demonstrates his new product which enables you to create thumbnails, even from movie frames. Developed in Delphi 2009 with ImageEn. More details can be found at <http://www.masque-arts.com/Imager.html> where you can also get a copy for the bargain price of £9.99!

6:00 End (and supper at a local restaurant, if you wish). Please note we *must* be out by 6:00!



Please book your place as soon as possible by **contacting us** at joanna@richplum.co.uk, and no later than Wednesday March 10th. Attendance is free to members of the DG and other participating user groups, £25 + VAT to guests.



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