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November Meeting - LADUG

When: Thursday, November 6, 1997, 7:00 PM.

Where: Westside Pavilion, Pico Boulevard, West LA.

Featuring: Steve Kramer

Topics: Web Server Side Programming using Delphi.

by Tim Boyd

Our November meeting will feature Steve Kramer who comes to us by way of our sister group, the Orange County Delphi User Group (OCDUG). Steve will speak about web server side programming and demonstrate sample web applications written in Delphi. The presentation is packed with enough information that Steve estimates it will take a full 90 minutes to finish. So if you're interested in web application development, this session definitely is a "Must see"!

The meeting will also include our usual open discussion of all things related to Delphi. Bring your questions, insights, tips and tricks, great deals, etc. These discussions are a very valuable source of shared information.

IMPORTANT: NEW MEETING DATE, TIME, AND PLACE

Please note that LADUG meetings have been rescheduled for 7:00 PM on the *first Thursday of each month*. There is no meeting in October since it would fall too close to the September meeting. The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 6th, at 7:00 PM in our new meeting location, the Westside Pavilion, which is a large shopping mall three long blocks north of the Santa Monica (10) freeway and just east of the San Diego (405) freeway, located at the corner of Overland and Pico Boulevard.

The meeting will be held in a third floor room behind the food court. To reach the third floor food court, enter the lot at the entrance on Overland just south of Pico, then proceed straight up to the third level. Complete directions are printed on page 6.

Bring programmer friends!

All Delphi users and interested bystanders are welcome!

EDITOR'S CORNER

As most of you have already heard, I have recently left Fujifilm to take a Delphi programming job with Media Services in West Los Angeles. Unfortunately, this means that we will no longer be able to meet at the Fujifilm Technical Communication Center in Hollywood. Fortunately, Neal Koss made arrangements for us to use the meeting room at Westside Pavilion, on Pico Blvd. in west Los Angeles. We are taking over the meeting date and time formerly used by LAPALS, the Southern California Paradox User Group. Thank you Neal.

I have it on good authority from both Neal and Emery Galambos that finding your way through the parking lot and mall to reach the meeting room can be almost impossible. The recommended directions are on page 6, and it is strongly recommended that you follow them.

See you at the next meeting.



The Los Angeles Delphi User Group

The Los Angeles Delphi User Group is a forum for ideas and a meeting ground to bring together users of Borland Delphi for the purposes of mutual education.

For more information about the Los Angeles Delphi User Group contact any of the officers.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

September Drawing Winners

by: Rick Shaw

At our September meeting, we had drawings for several products. The drawings were open to paid members of the Los Angeles Delphi User Group who were in attendance at the September 22 meeting.

Five copies of FastNet Tools for Delphi, by NetMasters LLC were given out. This product facilitates TCP/IP-communications in Delphi applications. The winners were:

Peter Mora
 Joe Lyons
 Sheldon Shallon
 Lawrence S. Lichtmann
 Gabriel Forner

In addition, Karl Hogquist won a copy of AddressMate software.

Congratulations to all the winners! We expect to have more drawings at the November meeting. If you are a member and want a chance at winning the drawing, come out for the meeting.

Orange County Delphi User Group

Our sibling group, the Orange County Delphi User Group, meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. For more information call Greg Stevenson, President, (714) 457-9621, CompuServe 75402,3514 or DrDelphi@AOL.COM or Michael Cummings, (714) 639-6937, CompuServe 73651,1132. OCDUG has a Web site at <http://www.ocdelphi.org>.

Meetings are held at Western Digital Corporation, 8105 Irvine Center Drive, Irvine, CA. Western Digital is a large 15 story building located between the 5 and 405 freeways near the El Toro "Y".

Raptor 3.01K beta available

The new beta 3.01K of Raptor is now available at the Eagle Software website (www.eagle-software.com). Raptor is a Delphi 3 add-on with an impressive set of features that should dramatically boost your productivity. These features include smart keyboard templates, clipboard history, named bookmarks, stack-based markers, high-speed multi-file search, comment/uncomment selected text, changed line and new line indicators, a file manager, a "Hot Files" tracker, and a Statistics panel that shows you how productive you're becoming with Raptor. Raptor is integrated with Delphi, so you still get complete access to all the Delphi 3.0 features you need, like integrated debugging, visual form editing, Code Parameters, Code Completion, and ToolTip Expression Evaluation.

You can also download the beta 3.02F of the CDK (Component Developer Kit). For more information, or to submit feedback or suggestions, contact: markm@eagle-software.com.

Consultant/Programmer Referral List

If you are a paid member of LADUG and want to be on our Consultant/Programmer referral list, e-mail Richard Shaw at: 71210.423@compuserve.com. This Consultant/Programmer list will be faxed or sent to any prospective employer who contacts our group looking for Delphi-knowledgeable people.

If you are interested in being on this list, e-mail Richard with your:

- Name
 - Company (if independent contractor)
 - Address
 - Telephone number
 - Fax number
 - E-mail address (if any)
 - A brief description (say 50 words) of your areas of specialization or expertise.
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As announced at the September 22, 1997 meeting, the Los Angeles Delphi User Group will be switching to a **NEW MEETING SITE AND MEETING DATE** for future meetings so that we can take advantage of a new meeting location.

Because of Newsletter Editor and Membership Chairperson Steven Colagiovanni's move to a new company, we will no longer be able to meet at the Fujifilm Technical Communication Center in Hollywood. We have switched to a new meeting site at the **WESTSIDE PAVILION**. We have had to change the meeting date for future meetings so that we can take advantage of this new meeting location.

Effective immediately, the Los Angeles Delphi User Group will be meeting on the **FIRST THURSDAY** of each month at 7 PM, starting November 6, 1997. (We skipped the October meeting because it would have only been a week and a half after our last meeting on Sept. 22nd.) The December meeting will be Thursday, Dec 4.

Both of these meetings will be at our new meeting location, the **WESTSIDE PAVILION**, a large shopping mall 3 long blocks north of the Santa Monica (10) Freeway just east of the 405 Freeway at the corner of Overland and Pico Blvd. Parking is free. The meeting room is on the third floor, behind the food court. You're welcome to have a pre-meeting dinner or snack in the food court. There are a

variety of food concessions there, and most stay open until 8:30.

You can most easily reach the third floor food court by entering the parking lot at the entrance on Overland, just south of Pico. If you use any other entrance to the parking lot, you're on your own. Neal Koss reports that the Westside Pavilion is the absolute WORST parking lot in the entire world (he claims to have seen every other one!) and no one can figure out how to get around in it. Your best bet is to use the Overland entrance.

Marv Siegel has informed me that due to a shift in his focus to a new business venture - a financial services business - he will be resigning from his LADUG Secretary and Web Designer positions and probably won't be attending meetings.

On a positive note, Lawrence Lichtmann has volunteered to be Web Designer for the LADUG web pages.

Two additional notes. First, the January, 1998 meeting will NOT be on the first Thursday, since that falls on Jan 1st. Second, Delphi is really happening. We have seen a recent upsurge in job openings for Delphi programmers.

I hope to see you at the meeting on Thursday, November 6, 1997 at 7 PM!

-Rick

Members' Accomplishments

by Tim Boyd

If you haven't yet checked out the September issue of The Delphi Magazine, you'll want to get your hands on a copy to read the lead cover article, entitled "Windows Don't Have to be Square". It was written by our very own Steven Colagiovanni, LADUG Secretary, Newsletter Editor, and all-around "Do It" guy. Now, I've managed to get a couple of articles published myself (The Delphi Magazine, November 1996, and Delphi Informant, June 1997), but I have to stand back and tip my hat to a guy who can nail down the banner article of such a prestigious magazine!

When you read the article, subtitled "Who Said It's Hip to be Square?", I think you'll agree it is quite deserving of its prestigious cover treatment. Steve illustrates how to create windows as simple shapes, polygons, and complex shapes. He also shows how to combine regions to create a window with a hole in it (like a doughnut), and how to use text and fonts to great advantage.

It is enlightening reading that I heartily recommend. If you haven't seen it yet, be sure to borrow a copy of the magazine from a programmer friend.

Congratulations, Steve, on a job well done!

MEETING NOTES

September Meeting Highlights

by Steven Colagiovanni

Our September meeting featured Dan Ratcliff from NuMega Technologies. Dan demonstrated "BoundsChecker 5.0 Delphi Edition", which is one of the premier run-time error detection and debugging tools on the market. BoundsChecker allows you to implement cleaner programs and facilitates a faster and more thorough debugging process.

BoundsChecker has the ability to detect and diagnose errors in static, stack, and heap memory. It is very useful for detecting memory and resource leaks and can be used to validate over 5000 APIs at run-time, including the latest Windows APIs, ODBC, ActiveX, COM, and Internet APIs.

It is estimated that developers spend 50% of their time debugging. With BoundsChecker, you can find and fix even the most elusive errors without ever leaving the Delphi development environment. It is a very useful tool for confirming that applications and components behave

properly across Windows platforms.

BoundsChecker includes several automated tools which pinpoint and explain any errors the software encounters. It even suggests solutions to correct these errors. The product creates a full log of errors encountered as well as potential errors.

BoundsChecker is available for the Visual C++, Delphi and C++ Builder environments.

Mark Miller also demonstrated the latest features in Raptor, Eagle Software's add-on for the Delphi 3.0 IDE. Mark expects the final product to be available in mid to late November. About a month after that, version 3.0 of the CDK (Component Developer Kit) should be available. For more information, check out Eagle Software's web site at: www.eagle-software.com.

Share Your Discoveries With the Group!

Have you stumbled upon a really nifty way to do something in Delphi? Did your fourteen consecutive sleepless nights of programming result in an interface design or programming method that's elegant beyond belief? Did you finally solve the deep programming issue that you've been pondering for weeks? Let's face it. Most of the world won't even understand what you're talking about, let alone appreciate what you've found. But your buddies in the LADUG will. That's what user groups are about. So, next time you come to a meeting, raise your hand and share your discovery.

If you can present what you're working on, or a Delphi related topic you're researching, or your experiences with a 3rd party library for anywhere from 15 minutes to an

hour, let Tim Boyd know. (See the officers list for contact info.) We'll schedule you for part of a meeting. It would help to have something running on a laptop, so we can hook you up to an LCD projector panel. It's fun for everyone and a great way to share your knowledge.

Time to Renew Your Membership?

As you know, dues are a necessary part of keeping an active user group going. To find out if it's time to renew your membership, check the mailing label on your newsletter. If the "Member Until:" date is past, send in your renewal dues now. (See the handy form at the end of the newsletter.) If there is no date on the "Member Until:" line, you haven't paid; send your dues in right away.

Job Opportunities

We received the following job openings and are passing them along. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in any of these positions, please contact the Client at the below mentioned address. LADUG does not screen, and takes no responsibility for position announcements, but does make them available to members of LADUG.

Media Services - Los Angeles, CA (received 9/20/97)

We immediately need a Full-time Delphi Programmer experienced in OOP/OOA/OOD, component building and relational database design. Experience in developing commercial database applications and experience with Borland Paradox is essential. Payroll experience is a plus.

Media Services is the #2 Payroll company for the movie industry. We are 190 strong with a software development team of 15. We are 20 years old and located in upscale Westwood LA directly off the 405 at the Montanta exit.

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact:

Jim Arnold or John Cornelius
Media Services
500 S. Sepulveda Blvd. -4th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90049
Fax: 310/472-9979
Voice: 310/440-9697
Email: jima@media-services.com
john@media-services.com

MicroTemps - North Hollywood, CA (9/23/97)

Experience: Delphi, DLL's, robotics, TCP/IP. Contract \$45-55/hr.

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact:

Ken Hudnall
MicroTemps
(714) 263-1500

MiniSystems - Inglewood, CA (received 9/23/97)

Experience: Delphi, PC boards. Permanent Position.

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact:

Si (pronounced "See")
MiniSystems
(310) 645-7600 x 201

Core Capital Management - Beverly Hills, CA

1 yr Delphi, 2+ yrs Windows. Prefer Clipper and SQL experience. Permanent position, \$45-50k

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact:

Art Metz
Core Capital Management
(310) 247-1066

Beverly Hills, CA (received 9/30/97)

We are looking for an expert DELPHI Programmer, preferably familiar with Clipper, to convert Clipper-based (Ver. 5.2d) application into Delphi.

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact:

Alan B. Cantor
cantorandco@earthlink.net
9100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 445 East
Beverly Hills, CA 90212
Voice: (310) 859-7277

Maxim Group - Glendale, CA (received: 10/3/97)

I work for the Maxim and have a opening with my company. The technical skills will consist of Delphi, Oracle, Windows NT. The candidate will be expected to do report writing, and structured development methodology.

Experience with banking of financials is a plus. The contract is for 3 months to long term. Please E-mail me or give me a call with any questions.

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact:

Eric Penta, Technical Recruiter
MAXIM GROUP
Information Systems Consultants
Glendale, CA (888)236-0248 x2026
Mailto:epenta@maximgroup.com
<http://www.maximgroup.com>

Job Opportunities (continued)

Tuscon, AZ (received: 10/9/97)

Delphi Programmer, responsible for building and maintaining internal component libraries, which we expect to eventually market as separate products.

Candidate must be skilled in the following:

Delphi Custom Component Design & Development
 Relational Database Design
 SQL
 Object Pascal language
 Object Oriented Programming skills

The ideal candidate would also have some skills in the following areas:

OLE/COM/Active X
 JAVA' DCOM
 Communications: Serial, TCP/IP (Internet)
 Grocery store operations
 Grocery Pricing Practices
 Point Of Sale systems

I suspect we're looking at someone with at least 7 years development experience,. At least the last 2 in Delphi, and the last 3-4 doing Object Oriented Programming.

Salary: open

This Company is a leader in in-store inventory management systems for large retail chains. 2 candidates already placed.

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact:

Eagle 1 Personnel Service
 707 S. Broadway/ Suite 911
 Los Angeles, CA 90014
 213-628-6421
 Fax: 213-628-0533
 Email: Earl_Holmes@msn.com

Tuscon, AZ (received: 10/9/97)

Wanted: Senior Quality Assurance Engineer. The right candidate will have a background on Windows platform and excellent working knowledge of SQA Package and SQA Robot with skills in Formal Plans. This is a Delphi Shop and one of the leaders in large chain store systems. Compensation: 50 to 65K

Also need entry level QA's with a background in Retail, ideally as pricing coordinator. 30 to 40K

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact:

Eagle 1 Personnel Service
 707 S. Broadway/ Suite 911
 Los Angeles, CA 90014
 213-628-6421
 Fax: 213-628-0533
 Email: Earl_Holmes@msn.com

Eagle 1 now accepts any encoded files over the Internet. You may send Word for Windows Docs in any version or an RTF file and encode the file in most formats including Zip, Gzip, z, Tar, Binhex, uuEncode and MINE. Zipped files preferred.

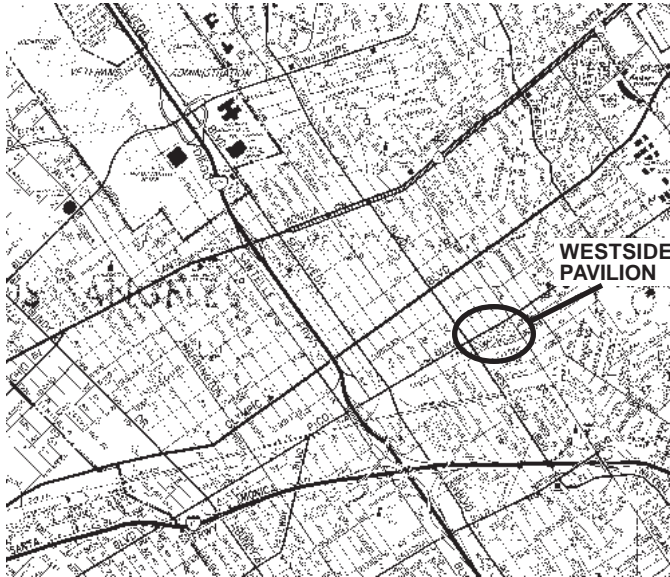
Eagle 1 will soon have it's own WEB Site and Domain. Watch for news on their posts. The address will be "http://www.marc-one.com" Eagle 1 is a member of the "Los Angeles Delphi User Group".

Free Delphi Job Listings

If you have a job available using Delphi, contact Richard Shaw (see officer's contact info). We'll put it in the newsletter free of charge. Submissions should be e-mailed to Steve Colagiovanni at:

Steve_Cola@compuserve.com.

Directions to the Westside Pavilion in West Los Angeles



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court. There are a variety of food concessions there, and most stay open until 8:30.

You can most easily reach the third floor food court by entering the parking lot at the entrance on Overland, just south of Pico. Proceed straight up to the third level without turning and park near the May Company entrance. Enter the mall through May Co. and go to the left toward the food court. Turn left just before you get to the food court and go down the hallway and look for the meeting room, which will be on the left side just where a second hallway intersects from the right. There are 2 doors into the room. Either one is OK.

If you are walking in from elsewhere in the parking lot at that level, enter the building, go up a few steps, and go through a doorway on your left before you get to the food court. Go down the hallway and look for the meeting room.

If you use any other entrance to the parking lot, you're on your own. Neal Koss reports that the Westside Pavilion is the absolute *WORST* parking lot in the entire world. Your best bet is to use the Overland entrance.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION and RENEWAL

Name: _____

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Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ (Add Country if not USA)

The above address is: Work Home

Phone - Office: _____

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DUES: \$45/Year Make Checks Payable To: Los Angeles Delphi User Group

Send this application along with your check to:

Los Angeles Delphi User Group
 c/o Neal Koss, Treasurer
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 3655 Lomita Blvd., Suite 215
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If you have a programming tip, opinion, or even an entire article to contribute, it's very easy to do so. It doesn't have to be a polished piece of writing. It might only be a little trick you learned. **Send your contribution in an e-mail message** to Steven Colagiovanni, at Steve_Cola@compuserve.com.

Improve Your Delphi Skills! Join the LADUG!

Want to hang out with other Delphi heads? Join us! Fill out the Membership Application attached to this newsletter and send with your check for \$45 (annual dues) made out to "Los Angeles Delphi User Group" to:

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