

# La Dig on L.A.D.U.G.



## LOS ANGELES DELPHI USER GROUP

### October Meeting – LADUG

When : Thursday, October 1, 1998, 7:00 PM

Where: Westside Pavillion, Pico Boulevard, West L.A.

Featuring: Ted Blue

Topics: Migrating to Client/Server

#### Special points of interest:

- TThoughts - Emery Galambos
- OCDUG Event

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---JT Taylor, VP LADUG



## From the Editor's Desk

The cutting edge, also known as the bleeding edge, and for good reason. Should we as developers jump to and embrace the latest technology as soon as it is available? The answer to that question is quite nebulous. The bleeding edge is so named because it is too easy to get cut living life on the edge.

Well, I am here, not to make your decision for you, but to list some important issues to consider.

- ⇒ Will the upgrade greatly enhance your product/job/task or whatever you are doing?
- ⇒ Is there a large learning curve?
- ⇒ Is there a prohibitive cost associated with the new technology?
- ⇒ Is the technology backward compatible with previous versions.
- ⇒ Will the technology involve large amounts of new work?

These are obviously only a few issues to consider. With the direction Inprise is moving, we have to consider if CORBA is the proper solution for all of our computing needs. Only you and your customers can decide that.

## 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 or e-mail: [board@ladug.com](mailto:board@ladug.com)

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## The Beat Goes On...

As you know, if you read last month's TThoughts, I've been working to convince Inprise of the need to add functionality to the local database engine (Paradox and dBase tables). At ICon98 Inprise was pushing hard on their Enterprise-wide vision of the world.

Well, it's working. I'm not referring to my push for additional Paradox-related features, but rather they are succeeding in the marketplace. According to their Second Quarter 1998 report, revenue from client/server products exceeded revenue from desktop products for the first time.

Perhaps this needs to be taken with a grain of salt. Certainly Visigenic never contributed to the desktop product bottom line and, therefore, by acquiring Visigenic they were certain to goose the client/server part of the ledger.

On the other hand, this could also be a terribly important trend. We all know about the explosion in Internet commerce and the effect it's had on the world and the way we transact business. Perhaps the desktop database has run its course and client/server is now the entry-level we should be thinking about.

I don't think so, but then again I don't have a great record as a visionary. However, one thing is certain - Inprise definitely has placed its bet squarely on enterprise-wide computing and is attempting to pull all of us in that direction. Is that the right direction for them? for you? What kinds of applications are you developing today? What do you see as the future of computing and where do you expect to be in terms of application development within a year?

Please drop an e-mail with your answers to "board@ladug.com". By knowing what you think, we can do a better job of meeting your needs. If we get enough response we'll do our best to synthesize what you tell us and report back in a future **LADIG on LADUG**.

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## Developer Referral List

If you are a paid member of LADUG and want to be on our Consultant/Programmer referral list, e-mail Myron

Hammond at:

mhammond@mws.com and/or gr8sk8tr@deltanet.com.

This list will be faxed or sent to any prospective employer who contacts our group looking for Delphi-knowledgable people.

If you are interested in being on this list, e-mail Myron

Hammond with the following information:

- Name
- Company (if independent contractor)
- Address
- Phone number
- Fax number
- E-mail address

## Job Listings

I'm Jay Torres of Maximum Technology Solutions and I'm in need of a Delphi programmer for the Woodland Hills area on a permanent basis. I can pay up to 85K and the need is immediate. If you know of anyone please respond right away by email at [jaytor@msn.com](mailto:jaytor@msn.com) or I can be reached by phone at 323-292-1331.

Thanks,

Jay Torres

I am in need of an experienced Delphi developer in the L.A./Orange County area. We a an established Irvine based real estate firm in need of someone to make enhancements to an existing telephony application. A knowledge of dialogic voice boards and dBase is required. Any knowl-edge of the popular contact manager "Goldmine" is a plus

I would appreciate a list of any qualified developers that you may know of. My fax is (714)573-4028. EMail [MHOLDEN246@AOL.COM](mailto:MHOLDEN246@AOL.COM)

Thank you,

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## The Beat Goes On...

On another note, I've been hearing some grumbling from developers that there weren't enough changes made to Delphi in moving from version 3 to version 4. While I'm a bit disappointed in the bugs that need correction and am waiting for a sufficiently stable version to begin migrating, I am reasonably happy with the feature set within the product. Certainly it seems at least comparable, to me, to the jump from version 2 to version 3.

John Kaster, the Enterprise Product Manager for Inprise, has had the pleasure of demoing Delphi 4 many times and has written up the experience, <http://www.inprise.com/delphi/papers/fundel4/>. I think that if you examine this you'll find significant additional functionality there as well.

The beat goes on. We certainly live in interesting times and have our work cut out for us in figuring out where to place our technical bets. I hope all of us make good bets.

Emery

The following was taken from [www.bluestarcorp.com/ocdug.html](http://www.bluestarcorp.com/ocdug.html). It is a brief synopsis of the OCDUG one-day event.

Topic:

MIGRATING TO CLIENT/SERVER

Instructor:

Ted Blue

Date:

Saturday, October 10th 1998

Time:

8:30am to 4:30pm

Place:

Western Digital Building, Orange, California

Cost:

\$99 - includes lunch and courseware.  
(\$89 for OCDUG members)

This one-day training event will cover all aspects of migrating your single-user or multi-user file-server based Delphi applications to a Client/Server environment. Topics include an overview of the Client/Server Environment; Delphi's Client/Server Tools; Building Client/Server Databases; Referential Integrity; Building Client/Server Applications; Views; Validation; Queries; Parameterized Queries; Linked Cursors; Cached Updates; Result Sets; Stored Procedures and Triggers; Query Optimization; SQL; DDL Commands; DML Commands; Aggregation and Groups; Using WISQL; Multi-User Issues; Pessimistic and Optimistic Record Locking; Transaction Processing; and more. This will be a fast-paced, action packed seminar complete with comprehensive hands-on courseware.

This class will be presented by Ted Blue, co-author of Delphi Database Development (M&T Publishing). Ted is a Delphi Master Trainer and a Delphi Certified Client/Server Developer. This is a tremendous value, priced at a fraction of the cost of traditional Delphi training. Additional information about this training event is available at <http://www.bluestarcorp.com/events.html>. To register, call 800.581.STAR or 619.622.1201. All major credit cards accepted.

## Directions to the Meeting

The **Westside Pavilion** is 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. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room A 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. Proceed straight up to the third level (two levels from the street level) without turning. When you reach the third level, veer slightly to the left and drive past the ramp to the fourth level. If you park in this area of the third level, enter the building, go up a few steps, and go through the doorway on your left, which is just before you get to the food court. Go down the hallway and look for the meeting room on the left.

If you park near the Robinson-May entrance, enter the mall through Robinson-May's and go to the left toward the food court. Turn left as you get to the food court and go through the doorway toward the bathrooms and the pay phones. Once inside the doorway, turn right 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.

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.