

The Developers Group Meeting

at POSK, 238-246 King Street, Hammersmith, London W6 0RF
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on Tuesday July 17th
with group leader Brian Long



Agenda

12:30 Registration (with tea/coffee and biscuits, if you arrive early enough.)

1:00 **Welcome, News and Interactive Discussion: You with Brian and Jim**

Please come prepared to talk about:

- Your programming problems
- Your questions/solutions on what hardware/software to choose
- Your favourite - and most hated - tools
- Your latest technical discoveries
- The things you want to know more about
- The latest in Delphi - problems, questions and solutions
- What progress you're making with Vista
- 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.

2:00 **AJC Directory Synchronizer and Active Backup: Andrew Cutforth**

Andrew explains how AJC Software used Delphi to develop its most popular shareware products. We start with a brief demonstration of the software and how it can protect your source code and other files, then delve deeper into how some of the underlying technology was developed. Andrew also shares his experiences of preparing the software for market.

3:00 Tea/coffee and biscuits

3:20 **Setting Up a Personal Wiki: Jim Cooper**

Wikipedia is an indispensable tool these days. Wikis are also becoming widely used for publishing information inside companies and on personal websites. Jim shows how to set up and use MediaWiki, the same wiki that drives Wikipedia, on your own machine. After covering the installation process, the session delves into Wikitext, the markup language used on MediaWiki pages, as well as some more esoteric techniques like adding and modifying sidebars, adding your graphics, and using templates.

4:30 **Debugging: Brian Long**

Practical tips and tricks on how to improve your debugging skills, with much reference to Delphi. Brian starts with some of the more fundamental and familiar methods and moves onto what may well be unfamiliar ground to you. Brian has spoken on this subject many times and you'll find details of his work, for example the masterclass he conducted for us a couple of years ago, on his web site www.blong.com. If there are any specific areas on which you'd like Brian to concentrate, please let us know beforehand or make your needs known on the day.

6:00 (or possibly a little later) End

Supper for anyone who would like to join us in the restaurant (£7 per person, please order and pay on registration), bar also open.



Please book your place as soon as possible by **contacting us**, no later than Wednesday July 11th. Attendance is free to members of the DG and other participating user groups, £25 + VAT to guests.



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