

# The Developers Group Meeting

at Microsoft in Reading  
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on Monday February 16th 11.30 - 6.30

## Agenda

11:30 Registration (with tea, coffee and bacon or egg rolls, if you're early enough).

12:00 **Welcome, and very brief news and introduction - Craig Murphy**

12:15 **Battle of the ORMS - Object-Relational Mapping or Object Persistence put to the test.**

We all face a lot of similar issues these days when it comes to storing data of importance to our applications and, given the way Object Persistence Frameworks/Object Relational Mapping libraries become more available and more functional, these approaches can save us significant amounts of developer time when working with data.

As many of our members show continual interest in how best to deal with data in .NET, we thought a day exploring some of the options available and discussing experiences might be of benefit to many developers.

Each speaker will rise to the challenge of producing a simple, but complete, working application of their own choosing. The intention is to demonstrate the RAD benefits their framework can bring to the development of applications where there is a need to persist business objects and perform CRUD\* operations upon them. \*(CReate, Update & Delete).

*Please note:* because we are covering so many frameworks in one day, there won't be time for the speakers to answer questions during their sessions, as is normally the case. Please hold your questions and comments for the final wrap-up session.

12:15 ORM Framework (60 mins) – *Andrew Cutforth*

13:20 Entity Framework (60 mins) – *Eric Nelson (Microsoft)*

14:20 tea/coffee and cake (I refuse to cut this session, pun not intended :-)

14:40 The Framework with No Name (yet!) (60 mins) – *Joanna Carter*

15:45 XPO from DevExpress (60 mins) – *Gary Short (DevExpress)*

16:45 brief fidget break

17:00 ECO (60 mins) – *Scott Price*

18:05 Wrap-up (25 mins) – *Craig Murphy*

18:30 End (and voluntary adjournment for a drink - and further discussion).



Please book your place as soon as possible by **contacting us** at [bug@richplum.co.uk](mailto:bug@richplum.co.uk), and no later than Monday February 9th. Attendance is free to members of the DG and other participating user groups, £25 + VAT to guests.



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