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INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

Martin Meier (Managing Director, MBS) recently travelled to the USA for the annual International Spectrum Conference and the IBM PartnerWorld Conference. During his visit, Martin also met with Masterpack resellers Norcron and A to Z in Atlanta, and caught up with the IBM U2 team, and a number of other MultiValue vendors.

International Spectrum was held in California, and gave Martin the opportunity to meet with MBS suppliers including FusionWare, MITI, and ViaSystems. The event was a great success, and provided attendees with the chance to learn about new products and tools within the MultiValue world. Technical sessions were strongly attended and offered participants the chance to examine, in depth, the benefits that new developments in the MultiValue environment can bring to their business.



Martin Meier (MBS), Susie Siegesmund (IBM), Bryan Shumsky (Via Systems)



The IBM PartnerWorld Conference was also well attended. Over 4000 IBM partners attended this event, including MBS' Business Partners Azure (Malaysia), FusionWare, Express Data, and Avnet. The conference delivered a number of strong messages to the IT industry, focusing, in particular, on the needs of the small to medium business (SMB) market, an area in which MBS is already clearly focused. Also emphasised at the conference was a focus on the Asia Pacific region as a strong growth corridor. This is particularly good news for MBS and the expansion of our business, and the broader U2 market.

IBM considers their distribution channel paramount to their success and continues to seek ways to enhance it. In particular, specific distributors will be appointed Gold Master Partners - and MBS is proud to announce that we are already named in this category.



While in the USA, Martin visited Masterpack resellers, A to Z, and Norcron. These



Robert Houben (FusionWare), Martin Meier (MBS), Al Davis (FusionWare)

meetings gave him the opportunity to catch up with some long-time colleagues and discuss the various

DATASTAGE

On March 14th, 2005 IBM announced that it had agreed to buy Ascential Software to bolster its information integration business. Ascential's DataStage product is a data warehouse tool which uses UniVerse as it's database. The current plan is for the Ascential Software products to be a part of IBM's Information Management family.

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developments in the Masterpack and ERP marketplace.

Martins trip to the USA affirmed MBS' continued strong presence in the MultiValue marketplace, and continued to strengthen our relationships with international vendors. His meetings with IBM, and Masterpack resellers focused on the development and growth of the products involved, and on, what all parties perceive to be, the strong future of the Masterpack and U2 products.



Alan Rubenstein (A to Z)



Eric Limbeek (Norcron),
David Katz (Norcron),
Martin Meier (MBS)



Susie Siegesmund draws a crowd
at her presentation (International
Spectrum)

U2 PRODUCT RELEASE UPDATE

Releases for March/April 2005

- RedBack 4.2.5 for TRU64 5.1b
- UV 10.1.8 for HP/UX 11.0 PA2 32-Bit
- UV 10.1.9 for RedHat Enterprise LINUX 3.0 64Bit Power4
- UDT 6.1.7 for AIX 5.1 64-Bit on Power chip
- RedBack 4.2.5 for SCO 5.0.7
- UV 10.1.10PE Personal Edition for Windows
- UV 10.1.10 Windows 2000/SP4

Please check the Product Availability Matrix for more product release information:

<http://www.ibm.com/isource/cgi-bin/goto?on=IMNL405J01>



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE IBM FORUM 2005

IBM Forum 05 will kick off in Perth on 24 May and travel around Australia throughout June. This event will provide the inspiration, connections and solutions most relevant to your business today. Choose business or technical sessions, demonstrations and workshops to suit you. Keynote speakers, and local client case studies will allow you to see products and services in action, and network with your peers.

All of the IBM software brands will be there: IBM Rational, Websphere, Tivoli, DB2 and Lotus. Visit them at their demo booth or learn more of their latest offerings by attending the following sessions:

- IBM Rational Software Development Platform
- IBM Websphere MQ Version 6
- IBM Tivoli Software announces a better way to manage the business of IT

Dates:

Adelaide: 2nd June
Melbourne: 7th June

Canberra: 10th June
Sydney: 16th June

Brisbane: 22nd June

IBM Forum 05 should not be missed. Secure your place at this exciting event by emailing Rachell at rachell.bugeja@mbs.net.au, ringing 1300 793 333, or visiting www.mbs.net.au.

UPDATES TO U2 PRODUCT AVAILABILITY MATRIX

In early April several updates were made to the U2 Product Availability Matrix (PAM):

- Information on Linux builds, and Kernel and glib information has been added to most U2 database listings.
- Normalisation of Windows XP notations. Windows XP listings now show the term "XPPRO" to notate testing on Windows XP Professional. Previously, Windows XP was shown as XP or XPBP (Business Professional) causing confusion.
- Information on Windows Service Pack certifications have been added. The minimum service pack version certified for a release is now shown for most U2 products.
- Removal of old Informix product "-x" version extensions. In some cases the same product would have two numbering conventions based on old Informix standards. For example, UniData 5.1.1-1 and 5.1.1. These were the same release and have now been combined into 5.1.1.
- Standardisation of Product Lifecycle notations. We have removed GA-x and GA-1 notations from the PAM and now show only GA products. The GA-x and GA-1 categories were to bridge the Informix and IBM lifecycle models.



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SB+ GUI TECH TIP

How do you find out what SB+ GUI class is used on a specific object?

You can write a paragraph process that utilizes GETATTR on any field in a screen and get its G.CLASS.NAME attribute to find what class controls its behaviour in GDS.

For example:

The following paragraph will return "sbmvclass" if grid is used and "textclass" if it is not used.

```
LOCAL L.GUI
```

```
IF NOT(@GUI) THEN EXIT 0
```

```
L.GUI =
```

```
GETATTR("PARTNO",G.CLASS.NAME)
```

```
DISP 4,'Object Type = ':L.GUI
```

In the above example, PARTNO is the controlling field. This field is used in SBDEMO order entry screen.

For the above example, you can check LINE<1,22> while on the controlling field, it will contain "GC" where C is for controlling and G for Grids being turned on.

SB+ Solutions Manual Now Available in PDF Format

The SB+ Solutions Manual is now available in a single PDF document. Hotlinks embedded within the document will allow you to move easily throughout the document. Please visit <http://www.mbs.net.au/links.htm> to access this manual, and other SB+ information.

U2 Trials and Beta Site is Live!

Personal Editions and evaluations for UniVerse 10.1, UniData 6.1 and wIntegrate 6.0 for Windows are now available for download on the U2 Trials and Betas site. The Linux versions of both databases will follow shortly.

<http://www.ibm.com/isource/cgi-bin/goto?on=IMNL405J04>

TECHNICAL CORNER

How can I Update Multiple SB+ GUI Objects with only One Function Call?

The Objects should be separated by attribute marks: write a paragraph process similar to the following:

LOCAL OBJECTS, A, V, L.GUI

A = G.EMPHASIZED ; V = 0

OBJECTS =

"CODE":@AM:"FIRST.NAME":@AM:"SURNAME"

L.GUI = SETATTR(OBJECTS, A, V)

The above are fields named in the CUST file of SBDEMO. Run the above paragraph on I*CUST*S1 to see the results. Note that you can create any paragraph to accomplish your needs. A could be set to G.BACKGROUND and V could be the colour choice like G.RED. You can still specify multiple attributes, separated by attribute marks (the same attributes will be updated for each Object).

SB+ GUI EXIT CONTROL

If you do not wish users to exit out of SB+ GUI screens using the X button, you can disable the X button by using the method below: This will ensure that the user avoids possible data loss.

For single screens, place the following paragraph in the 'Process After Display' field in the screen parameters.

LOCAL L.GUI

IF NOT(@GUI) THEN EXIT 0

L.GUI = SETATTR(@FORM,"closeable",0)

For tabbed screens, the paragraph should read:

LOCAL L.GUI, MAINFORM

IF NOT(@GUI) THEN EXIT 0

MAINFORM = GETATTR(@FORM,
G.PARENT)

L.GUI = SETATTR(MAINFORM,"closeable",0)

Place this paragraph in the 'Process After Display' for EACH of the linked screens.

U2 USER GROUP (U2UG) NEWS

REDBACK

If you use RedBack, you'll want to subscribe to RBSolutions - a mailing list specifically for RedBack users! Ask a question, get help, pose a problem, connect with other RedBack users around the world. U2UG is pleased to now host the RBSolutions List.

MARKETING RESOURCES

U2UG is putting together a much-requested and much-needed library of publications and links to form an independent marketing resource for U2 products.

Under the heading "U2 in 2005" U2UG is looking for case studies, technical articles, white papers, success stories, and similar materials that can be used both by vendors and other U2 users and managers to help promote and justify the use of U2 technologies.

Visit www.u2ug.org for more information on the International UniVerse and UniData User group and for further details on the RedBack mailing list, and U2UG marketing resources.

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