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INTERNATIONAL SPECTRUM 2004 AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

The MultiValue community has just participated in the MBS sponsored International Spectrum conferences in Sydney and Melbourne and I would like to thank our Business Partners, Resellers and clients for their contribution to the success of this event. It was refreshing to see such a large contingent of interstate and overseas visitors joining the local attendees to share not only in the valuable technical and business focused presentations but also to have the opportunity to meet and network with fellow end-users and suppliers.

The sponsored lunches were well attended with Martin Meier welcoming attendees on day one of the Sydney event. Martin provided an update on MBS, and introduced luncheon guest speaker, Mr. Bob Ryan of IBM, who gave an informative presentation outlining IBM's commitment to the reseller and end user communities, and thanking MBS for their contribution to not only the Software business of IBM but the hardware business as well. Bob confirmed that MBS was indicative of the type of partner that IBM works well with and reinforced the value that specialist partners are able to bring to clients.

IBM has many programs available to assist its partners in the delivery of solutions to end-user clients and welcomes the opportunity to participate actively in the MultiValue world.

The Vendor exhibits were also a resounding success with exhibitors commenting on the interest levels expressed regarding their products.

The Melbourne Technology Day, a new event on the calendar, was also a success and the combined total of those attending the Sydney and Melbourne events almost doubled last years attendance.

Overseas and local exhibitors took advantage of a second audience, and once again were delighted with the level of interest generated. The presentations and technical sessions were well received, and the vendor fair once again gave attendees the opportunity to meet with multiple vendors, and learn about the numerous new tools available in the marketplace.



Many new products and technologies were on display and over the course of the next few issues of Solutions, we will bring you information regarding these products as well as providing information on our website (www.mbs.net.au).

The next International Spectrum event will be held in San Diego from 22nd – 25th February, 2005, and we look forward to again sponsoring the next Australian event, scheduled for 2006.

Cheers,

Brian

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RedBack vs wIntegrate

Q: Which product should I be using, RedBack or wIntegrate v6? What are the differences between the two products?

A: RedBack is a tool suite for abstracting U2 application data for a "develop-once-deploy-many" solution. wIntegrate is a tool for giving legacy data a more user-friendly Windows or Web appearance and functionality.

RedBack is an object-based middleware product suite providing tools to abstract U2 back-end application data and logic as any number of user-defined objects (RedBack Objects or "RBOs").

Each RBO can support any number of method calls and properties. RBOs are then usable within basically any object-oriented development environment, such as IBM WebSphere Studio, to provide network application client access to the U2 back-end.

RBOs can be used simultaneously across different network application technologies such as JAVA, XML/SOAP, Web Services, ASP/JSP, and .NET, which positions the enterprise with a versatile "develop-once-deploy-many" solution.

wIntegrate v6 provides a specific approach to enabling network access to U2 back-end application data and logic by using a Windows or Java thin client. The wIntegrate v6 Java thin client can be deployed anywhere a compatible Java Virtual Machine is present; on Mac or Linux, and using the browsers designed for these operating systems such as Mozilla and Konqueror. Note that the wIntegrate server must still reside on a Windows machine. Web interface features like pull down menus and rollover tool bars are possible using wIntegrate v6.

If you are anticipating the requirement to provide access from any of the network technologies available today, and in the future, a generic object abstraction approach provided by RedBack is the best way to go. However, if you want to enable your existing U2 application for a Web or specific network environment, wIntegrate v6 may be the best solution.

2004 U2 Technical Support Survival Kit Now Available

Don't miss out on the opportunity to get the 2004 U2 Technical Support Survival Kit CD!

The kit has a wealth of technical information, including UniData 6.1, UniVerse 10.1, RedBack 4.2, and wIntegrate 5.2 documentation. Also included are SB+ and SBClient 5.3.6 readme and patch notes, UniData and RedBack troubleshooting guides, and select U2 presentations from the 2004 IBM DB2 Information Management Technical Conference. In addition, U2 Business Partners will appreciate the U2 BusinessConnect (U2BC) training presentation and FAQ information included on the CD

To obtain a copy of the U2 Technical Survival Kit, email support@mbs.net.au.

U2 PRODUCT RELEASE UPDATE

Below is a list of releases and certifications for September 2004:

Releases:

- SystemBuilder SB+ 5.3.6 and SBClient 5.3.6
- UniVerse 10.1.6 for HP/UX 11.0 PA2 32-Bit
- UniVerse 10.1.6 for SOLARIS 2.7
- UniVerse 10.0.22 for RedHat LINUX 7.1
- UniData 6.0.16 for DG/UX Intel 4.20 MU07
- UniData 6.1.1 for HP/UX 11.0 PA2 32-Bit

Certifications:

- UV 10.1.6 Server runs on SOLARIS 2.9
- UV 10.1.3 Server runs on WinXP/SP2

Contact your account manager for further information on new product releases, and how they can bring benefits to your business.



NEWSFLASH

THE NEW U2 USER GROUP

The first ever U2 User Group (U2UG) General Meeting was held in Las Vegas, Nevada on September 19th.

The meeting was chaired by Dawn Wolthuis, who addressed the U2UG charter, purpose of the group, current board members, IBM's goals in working with the U2UG, and accomplishments to-date. Also detailed were the future goals of the U2 group, and an award was presented to Clif Oliver for all of his dedication to the U2 community.

A discussion relating to the U2 product features, and a panel discussion on the marketing of U2, generated plenty of thought. The panelists included Dawn Wolthuis, Chuck Barouch, Tony Gravagno, Susie Siegesmund and Janet Oswald.

All in all, IBM received some great feedback from the U2UG members who were present, and look forward to a productive partnership. For a look at some of the pictures from the event, as well as much more information on the U2UG, please visit <http://www.u2ug.org>.

The U2 User Group and their home website is a useful resource, containing IBM and U2 related news, forums, and general and technical information relevant to the U2 User base.

Membership is free, so take a look at the website- You may even see some familiar faces!



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Setting up the UV.LOGINS file on Windows Servers for Domain Users

The UV.LOGINS configuration code can be used to ensure that users login to the correct account on Windows servers.

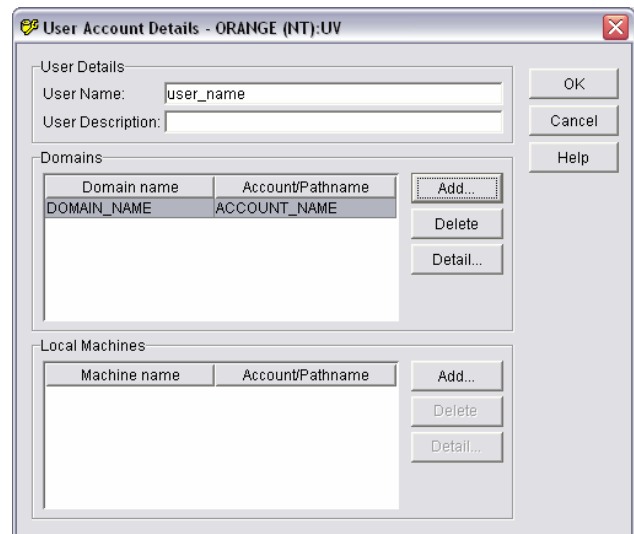
The entries in the *UV.LOGINS* file are VERY case sensitive, and must match exactly what is generated by the WHO command. If the procedure detailed in the following instructions is not followed correctly, the user will not be able to log on to the system.

Using the UniAdmin tool, located in *Network Services>Telnet>Parameters menu*, set the User Policy to 'Any Account' and get a user to login.

At TCL in a terminal session, execute "WHO" and note the output displayed:

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port# ACCOUNT_NAME from DOMAIN_NAME\user_name
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In the users menu (located in *Network Services>Telnet>Users menu*) enter the users details in the correct casing as shown by the WHO command.



Using UniAdmin again, set the User Policy to *UV Account* or *UV Directory* and non-administrator users will utilise the *UV.LOGINS* configurations.

NB. The same rule applies for Local Machine Names, and locally defined users.

Contact support@mbs.net.au for more information.

OECD Launches Anti-Spam Toolkit and Invites Public Contributions

The OECD has launched an Anti-Spam “Toolkit” as the first step in a broader initiative to help policy makers, regulators and industry restore trust in the Internet and e-mail.

Tom Dale, Chair of the OECD Task Force on Spam, said: “While technology is making spamming more difficult, spam is becoming increasingly malicious and damaging to the online environment. Spam is now clearly used for significant criminal activity and we aim to assist the development of cross-border enforcement against spammers. The “toolkit” strategy is a fast-track approach to achieve early results.”

The aims and components of the Toolkit were outlined at the second OECD Workshop on Spam in Busan, Korea, on 8-9 September 2004. The next steps will be to develop the toolkit to include:

- a spam regulation handbook – a reference guide to the different existing approaches to spam regulation to help identify loopholes and ways of improving international enforcement and cooperation;
- an examination of the self-regulatory arrangements which exist at industry, national or international levels which can be applied against spam; an analysis of existing and emerging technical measures against spam, including authentication technology;
- a central resource of information to educate and raise awareness of the threat of spam and how to fight it. This will include tips for users on how to protect themselves from spam and how to avoid “phishing”, when spammers use fake emails to encourage Internet users to divulge confidential financial data; and

- an overview of existing partnerships against spam, examples of good practice and lessons that can be learnt for the development of cooperative partnerships against spam.

The OECD Spam Task Force, which includes participants from all 30 OECD countries, the European Commission, the Business and Advisory Committee to the OECD and civil society, will lead the development of the toolkit. We welcome contributions from all stakeholders in business and industry, policy makers, governments and civil society, including non-member countries.



Public contributions to the OECD anti-spam Toolkit are welcome, and may be sent to spam.project@oecd.org.

The above information was taken from the OECD website <http://www.oecd.org/home/>

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