



Introduction

2007 got off to a flying start with our recent appointment by IBM as the U2 Distributor in Malaysia. As a result of this appointment, I travelled to Singapore and Kuala Lumpur in February with our Managing Director, Martin Meier, and Susie Siegesmund (Director, U2 Data Services Information Management, IBM Software Group) to meet many of our new Reseller Partners. Our meetings were well attended and very well received as we provided a variety of information to assist with the development of their U2 business.

We are developing exciting plans to help re-invigorate the U2 market in the Asian marketplace including an aggressive campaign to replace non U2 MultiValue platforms such as D3, jBase, mvEnterprise, etc with UniVerse or UniData at exceptionally competitive pricing (for more information, please feel free to contact me).

There are many new and exciting features being released in the U2 product family including:

- Device Licensing for Server Edition licenses for both UniData and UniVerse,
- Encryption of Data at rest,
- Data Replication,
- Web Services and
- U2WebDE.

More information on these products can be found by visiting our web site or reading product releases as they are published.

IBM has invested heavily in the ongoing Research &



Kuala Lumpur - an amazing city



Brian, Susie and Si Tho Yoke Meng of REXIT

Development of the U2 family of products and we have seen the results of this commitment starting to show as U2 continues to gain strength and recognition in the marketplace. 2006 saw a worldwide growth in New Business of approximately 14% which is great news for all of us.

On the Australian front we have seen continued success coming from some of our partners and their industry leading application solutions. It also heartens me to see one of our Partners, in particular, selling a new U2 licence a week and in the Public Sector space we have a Partner who is also having great success with half a dozen new sales in the first half of the 2006/2007 financial year.

I am also pleased to let you know that we have been working closely with IBM and are hopeful of being able to very shortly confirm a new U2 event for our local calendar. This event, the first of it's kind to be held in this region, will provide all Partners and their customers with an excellent opportunity to enhance their technical knowledge of the U2 product family, so stay tuned for further updates.

We have been able to increase the profile of U2 this year by having U2 promoted in IBM's Australian Software Catalog for 2007.

And finally, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support in making 2006 a very successful year for U2 and look forward to an even better 2007.



Cheers,
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Susie and Brian with Jane Tan and Lee Boon Kok of KE Systems



With the team at P&O Global

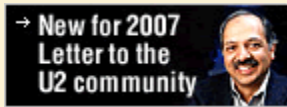


Christine and Por of Syscotech meet with MBS

IBM Remains Committed to the U2 Platform

IBM remains committed to the U2 Platform and is backing this commitment through increased investment to support and enhance the U2 software portfolio.

See what Ambuj Goyal (General Manager Information Management IBM Software Group) has to say about the strategic direction for the U2 portfolio.



Device Licensing

With the release of UniVerse 10.2 and UniData 7.1.7, Device Licensing (DL) has been added as a chargeable feature for Server Edition.

This capability, chargeable on a per connection per user basis, allows users to make additional connections to the data server while consuming only one data server license.

» [Read More](#) (PDF Download)

Authorization for UniVerse 10.2

Authorization for UniVerse 10.2 is now a 2-step process. Enter the serial number, expiry date, number of users, plus the UV/Net and/or device licensing count that also may have been purchased in addition to standard UniVerse users. Once entered, a configuration code is produced. Log on to the 'Authorize products' page of the U2TechConnect Website and enter the UniVerse serial number, version, and the configuration code to obtain the authorization key. Enter the authorization key provided in the appropriate field of the UniVerse license screen to complete the process. It may be necessary to stop and restart UniVerse for the license changes to take affect.

For complete information for installing and authorizing UniVerse 10.2 for UNIX or Windows platforms, view the [UniVerse Installation Guide](#).

developerWorks

If you are looking for some code examples to help with your understanding of some of the U2 features or products or simply looking to satisfy a curious mind then click on the logo below to find the following articles

and more...



Write a PHP Data Objects driver for U2

Learn how to write a PDO driver for U2 using U2 native interface InterCall. With this PDO driver, U2 users can develop PHP applications that access U2 data quickly and easily.

Understand U2 encryption in an open technology world

Data encryption is a must if you have valuable, sensitive, or confidential data and the data can be accessed or seen by unauthorized people. Walk through the four worlds of encryption covering C#, Java, U2 BASIC, and OpenSSL shell scripting.

Tutorial: A hitchhiker's guide to UniVerse

Part 1 of a new series introduces you to the UniVerse Profiler, a tool that makes it easy to investigate the performance impact of different program options.

A hitchhiker's guide to the UniVerse, Part 2: Sizing hashed files

Continue the journey with Mark Baldridge, examining how your sizing decisions affect application performance. This time Mark looks at the impact of overflow and the Berkeley Fast File System.

A hitchhiker's guide to the UniVerse, Part 3: Sizing hashed files

Continue to explore the factors that affect file performance by examining the file structure.

A Hitchhiker's Guide to the UniVerse, Part 4: File and performance implications

Continue the investigation of UniVerse file performance, examining the inner workings of dynamic linear hash files, and explore the challenges of setting an appropriate separation.

Best practices and performance considerations using RedBack Objects

Learn the best practices of RedBack Object planning, creation, and use for an effective Web site.

Understand IBM U2 XML features

U2 database functions enable you to develop robust applications that can communicate with many third-party applications and services using XML. Learn about U2's XML features and explore programming examples.

How to deploy SB+ password validation

Walk step-by-step through a password validation deployment method for SystemBuilder security.

Data encryption in UniData and UniVerse

Discover the encryption options available in IBM's UniData and UniVerse database products and how they can be used to add data encryption into your U2 application.

Who's Who at MBS

Sonya Breider - Support Manager

Sonya joined MBS in 2000, and has in excess of 14 years of experience working with various MultiValue platforms. Prior to joining the MultiValue community, Sonya worked as a Distribution Manager for a clothing importer and it wasn't long before she combined her industry skills with her knowledge of products such as System Builder to spend a number of years working as a Business Analyst, Trainer and Project Manager in the world of Distribution.

In 2003 Sonya took on the role of Support Manager with MBS. This role involves all aspects of working with our customers and Vendor Partners and ensuring that we continue to deliver a high level of service quality and understanding to our customers.

"With the increasing number of products we sell and support I need to ensure that we continue to remain well positioned to assist with all manner of support calls." says Sonya.

Our customers have come to appreciate and rely on the assistance provided by Sonya and her team and we often receive notes of appreciation from customers that have been helped through a tough situation. Sonya has built up a strong relationship with our clients over the years, and if you have ever had a support issue or query, chances are you have spoken to Sonya - and heard about her beloved Saints - the St Kilda Football team.



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Chenny Poedjiharto- Finance & Admin Assistant

Chenny joined the MBS Finance and Admin team in April 2006. She is responsible for many functions at MBS including invoicing our clients, accounts payable, accounts receivable, debt collection and the handling of client queries. Chenny also has the task of processing the majority of our orders and has played an instrumental role in the development of new systems to handle this efficiently and effectively. Added to this, Chenny is in charge of maintenance renewals making sure that they are processed in a timely fashion and our records are kept up to date.

Prior to joining MBS, Chenny completed both a Bachelor of Marketing and a Master of Practising Accounting. Her leisure time is taken up with house hunting, retail therapy and her partner David.



Sales Tools

Sales & Marketing Kits Available for all U2 Products

Partners who are members of IBM Partner World, can access valuable product information such as Product Overview and Architecture, Business and Technical Benefits, Complementary Products, Usable Product Descriptions, Presentations and Screen Captures. Business Partners can find the information on the Partner World website. Make sure you take advantage of this useful information in your sales efforts.

For more information please email sales@mbs.net.au

Entrinsik announces Informer 3.2.1



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Enhancing their growing reputation as a reporting solution vendor for the IBM U2 family of database products, Entrinsik president Doug Leupen proudly announced the general availability for the newest version of their popular Informer Web Reporting System

Informer is a J2EE Web application for accessing UniVerse and UniData database stores. Through a simple Web browser, users can create and execute personalized reports to display in HTML format or export to Microsoft Excel and Adobe PDF. Reports can also be scheduled to execute on a recurring basis, delivered via email, or saved to a network file.

New features in v3.2.1 include the ability to import and export report templates, and Informer Community, which allows users with similar database schemas to share reports and associated meta tables.

To read more about this announcement, please click on the link below or contact your MBS Account Manager.

Entrinsik's Informer Web Reporting v3.2.1 Released

Technical Tip

Why do I get one line per page from SB+ reports when I select output to PDF?

SB+ version 5.4.1 allows report writer report output to PDF directly, but it prints one line per page on the PDF document because as of 5.4.1, the default is one line per page. To change this value you can do the following:

1. Go to the report writer process definition /PD.R for the report you want to modify the output of.
2. Click on F6 PDF Parameters.
3. Click on the "Direct To PDF" tab.
4. On the bottom of the screen you will see a "Lines Per Page" parameter.
5. Set it to the number of lines you want per page, for example 50 lines.
6. Save the changes using F2 all the way out of /PD.R
7. Run the report writer process with output to PDF to confirm that it prints the number of lines you choose.

Maintenance & Support Rules for U2 EOS Products

I am running an old version of my U2 product so what does End Of Support (EOS) really mean to me?

1. You may continue to purchase maintenance renewals on the EOS U2 products you are currently running and you can continue to run on an EOS version of your U2 product. Partners/customers will not be able to buy entirely new licenses for the EOS U2 products but are free to add additional users to existing EOS licenses except if you are running UniData OC (which is UniData 5.0 and earlier) in which case you will not be able to buy additional users as IBM no longer has an agreement to sell the Sybase components used in those older versions.
2. Support will provide best efforts to help you with your EOS U2 products.
 1. This includes help with:
 1. configuration,
 2. system down,
 3. upgrades, etc.
 2. This does not include:
 1. Replication of any issue on the EOS versions. Support will not have these versions on their systems. If the problem can be demonstrated on the current release, it will be patched in the current release and you will be required to upgrade to get the fix.
3. So you will still be able to get phone support for EOS U2 products if they are on maintenance. Most importantly, this preserves your right to upgrade.

U2 Product Availability

- Looking for information relating to Product Availability?

- Want to know what release of a U2 product is available on a particular platform?

Then look no further...

Additional Product Information can be reviewed through the [Product Matrix](#).

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