



Introduction

MBS has just completed another very successful year in which a number of strategic objectives were achieved. The coming year promises to be one of greater activity and enhancement with a number of events already in the pipeline. Perhaps the most significant of these will be the very first Asia Pacific U2 University (U2U) which will be held in Sydney, Australia from September 11th – 13th along with our first U2 Workshop in Kuala Lumpur from September the 6th – 7th. Details for both these events can be found later in this newsletter.

There have been some additions to our U2 Channel Team and I am pleased to introduce our 2 new U2 Channel Account Managers, Ian Larkins and Anastasia Patsakos. Both have a history in the Multi-Value world with Anastasia having worked at IBM in a Channel Sales capacity looking after MBS as well as other accounts, whilst Ian has spent time working within both Reseller and End-User environments. In addition, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Nadine McClintock to a Channel Operations Role which will see her responsible for the management of U2 Reseller Contracts, Administration, Communications and some Account Management. Nadine has been with MBS for almost 6 years. Many of you will have dealt with her as she has been responsible for Finance and Administration for the entire business. Whilst Nadine will retain responsibility for many of the functions of her previous role, she will now also be focused on the U2 Channel.

Cathy Seers has now moved into a full-time role in our Information Management team and will be focusing her attention in this area. I would like to personally thank Cathy for her contribution to the U2 Channel and wish her every success in her new role.

FY07 saw growth in the U2 Channel and I would like to congratulate a number of our partners who delivered outstanding results for the past 12 months. CSSP and Kensington Computer Services as well as IT Vision have continued to identify new opportunities and achieve many NEW U2 Sales on a regular basis. Healthinc has worked hard at developing their market and are now starting to see the fruits of their efforts (please see a success story centred on Healthinc elsewhere in the newsletter). It is also pleasing to see many of our existing resellers continuing to deliver year in - year out.

Our new partners in Asia are demonstrating good results and we look forward to working with them to further develop the U2 market in the Asia region.

Once again, thank you one and all for your continued support and contribution to the success of U2

throughout the Asia Pacific region.



Cheers,
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U2 University (U2U)

Sydney

September 11th - 13th

Join us for the first ever IBM U2 University (U2U) in Australia. U2U is the premier U2 technical event for IT executives, managers, professionals, DBAs, developers and business partners.

This event brings you speakers from across the IBM U2 team including leading developers, architects and specialists dedicated to providing technical training, information and resources to help maximize your U2 investment. You won't want to miss these two and one half days of information-packed technical training with three focused streams: U2 Data Servers, Application Development and Emerging Technologies. Talk with product experts and network with your peers.

Information on registration can be found at [U2U](#), so make sure to mark your calendar today. You can't afford to miss [U2U](#)!

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U2 Workshop (U2W)

Kuala Lumpur

September 6th - 7th

MBS is pleased to announce and invite you to join us for the first U2 Workshop (U2W) to be held in Kuala Lumpur over 2 full days. This event will be open to all our Business Partners and their customers and will be held at the offices of MAAGNET Systems who have generously offered their premises and facilities to enable us to conduct U2 training in 3 separate streams. We will be focussing on DataBase Servers, Application Development and Emerging Technologies.

Places are strictly limited so for more information and to reserve your place now, please contact

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U2 Product Releases

IBM has recently announced the following product releases

U2 Product	OS Platform	OS Release	Date
UD v7.1.11-64	HP/UX Itanium	11.31	6/7/07
UD 7.1.10	HP/UX PA-Risc	11.31	2/7/07
UV 10.2.5	SCO OpenServer Intel	6.0.0	25/6/07
		11.00 (64 bit)	
UV 10.2.5	HP/UX PA-Risc	11.11 (64 bit)	25/6/07
		11.23 (64 bit)	
WebDE 4.4.0	HP/UX Itanium	11.23	19/6/07
(min DB UD 6.1 & UV 10.1)			
UD 7.1.10-64	AIX Power	5.1, 5.2 & 5.3	11/6/07

Additional Product Information can be reviewed through the Product Matrix at <https://www-927.ibm.com/software/data/u2/support/u2techconnect/matrix.asp>

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UniData 7.2 Early Adoption Program

The Early Adoption Program for UniData 7.2 has begun! The first call was held on Tuesday, 31 July to kick off the program, but it's not too late to participate.

Major projects slated for UniData 7.2 include encryption of data at rest for security, a programming API for

External Database Access (EDA), on-line resize for high availability, performance and functionality enhancements for data replication, a customer extensible administration console, a graphical IDE for Basic and MORE.

If you are a U2 customer interested in participating in the UniData 7.2 EAP, please email U2AskUs@us.ibm.com and nominate yourself today!

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.NET Provider and Tooling Early Adoption Program

The latest beta release of the IBM Data Server Provider for .NET will offer support for U2 data servers alongside DB2 and Informix Dynamic Server (IDS). Along with the included IBM Database add-ins for Visual Studio 2005, this offering will provide SQL and XML interfaces to U2, allowing for seamless integration with Microsoft Server Explorer, support for NLS and Connection Pooling, ZERO programming for Windows, integration with Crystal Reports and a lot more.

If you would be interested in participating in an Early Adoption Program for this technology, please email U2AskUs@us.ibm.com with a subject of IBM.NET Early Adoption Program. This technology will support both UniData and UniVerse, so please let us know which data server you are using.

U2 Early Adoption Programs (EAP) provide key customers with access to Product Management, Development, Support and, most importantly, early access to products and technology as soon as it becomes available. EAP participants will be able to discuss project schedules, influence design decisions and provide feedback early in the product cycle when such input will have the most impact.

If you are a U2 customer interested in participating in the IBM.NET Early Adoption Program, please email U2AskUs@us.ibm.com and nominate yourself today!

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IBM U2 Success Story

Southern Radiology, the largest independent medical imaging provider in New South Wales , offers a comprehensive suite of radiology services. Southern Radiology engaged IBM Business Partner Health Inc. to implement its OCCAM Radiology Information System, built on the IBM UniVerse (U2) environment. Health Inc. managed the implementation process, integrated the application with existing systems and external agencies and provided ongoing support and development. Financial information is now managed centrally, improving reliability and speed. Patient turnaround times are faster, allowing radiologists to see more patients each day.

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Transforming UK Scout Movement

The UK Scout association needed to incorporate disparate data, such as contacts, awards, volunteering history and training records, which was housed in multiple databases and locations. The Scout Association of the UK, working closely with IBM U2 Business Partner, APT Solutions, implemented one centralized membership database and contact management system, Stratum. Based on IBM UniData, the Stratum system incorporates the majority of the previous databases and organization processes. In addition, the implementation team used IBM WebSphere to gain Web access to the database.

[Check out the results...](#)

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U2 Support Statement regarding Microsoft

Windows Vista



[Click here for the IBM U2 Support Statement.](#)

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What's in a Name?

In the [U2 Product Availability Matrix](#), you will notice a change in some of the Platform names. For example, where before IBM listed the platform as "Windows Intel" they are changing it to "Windows x86." This change reflects the chip architecture rather than the manufacturer name. Any hardware with a chip that conforms to and is compatible with this architecture is a supported platform. We receive occasional inquiries that ask whether IBM supports U2 on AMD chips and the answer is yes, IBM supports AMD and Intel x86 chips.

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New- Version 2.1 of UniData Data Replication Operations Guide

Customers can now access this new version via an entitled document in the IBM DCF knowledge base on the [IBM Support Website](#). To find the guide, search for 'UniData Data Replication'.

For a summary of "Whats new in V2 of Unidata Data Replication Operations Guide", [click here](#)

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SB+ Tech Tips

- **How to use the G:U, SB+ F2 function key to save, in SB+ Action bars in GUI mode?**

The G:U process does not behave the same in GUI mode as it does in character mode. In GUI mode, if you enter data in a field without pressing Enter, selecting G:U in the action bar does not save the data for the field. In character mode, selecting G:U from the action bar saves the data for the field in which the cursor is placed. We recommend using the following paragraph process to give GUI mode the same behavior as character mode:

```
LOCAL L.GUI  
L.GUI = GETATTR(@OBJ,G.STRING)  
DATA L.GUI  
DATA "@32"
```

Replace the G:U process in the action bar slots with the process name you assigned to the above paragraph.

- **How Do I Change the Icon or the Title on an SB+ Tabbed Folder Screen?**

SB+ Tabbed Folder screen is being used more in SB+ application due to its dynamic and efficient functionality. The following technical tip will show you how to change the title and the icon on a Tabbed Folder screen giving you, as a developer, more power to control the look of your SB+ Tabbed Folder screens.

When using tabfolders, @FORM is the handle to the tabfolder rather than the window which contains it. To get the handle to the parent window use a syntax as follow:

Create a paragraph similar to the following to change the icon:

```
LOCAL L.GUI, PARENT  
PARENT = GETATTR(@FORM, G.PARENT)  
L.GUI = SETATTR(PARENT, "icon", @SBCLIENT<4,1>:"BMPTools.ico")
```

Create a paragraph similar to the following to change the title:

```
LOCAL L.GUI
MAINFORM = GETATTR(@FORM,G.PARENT)
L.GUI = SETATTR(MAINFORM,G.TITLE,"MY HEADING")
```

The actual tabfolder's properties are accessible using @FORM.

Implemented for release 5.2 and higher of SB+/SBClient, the icon to be used for tabfolder form can be specified in appropriate GDS item (LOOKUP.GUIDEFS, 'tabfolder' class).

- **How do I open file manager for DOS from inside SB+ using a BASIC routine?**

The following BASIC routine will accomplish the objective. Feel free to customize to meet your needs.

```
SUBROUTINE TEST.DOS

001 INCLUDE TUBP USER.INCLUDE.H
002 INCLUDE TUBP SPECIAL.H
003 INCLUDE TUBP ROC.H
004 INCLUDE TUBP TU.API.H
005 *
006 CALL TU.INIT(ERROR)
007 *****
008 RTNPATH = ";ERROR = 0
009 CALL TU.FORM.OPENDOS("*.","C:","all file":SM:*.","RTNPATH,ERROR)
010 PRINT RTNPATH
011 *****
012 CALL TU.TERMINATE (ERROR)
```

To create an SB+ process of Subroutine type to do this:

```
/PD.B
Process Defn - User Subroutine
Process Name OPEN.FILE.DOS
Description
User Subr Name SB.SETUP.S,16,TEST.DOS
```

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Countdown to 2008 - boom or bust?

Today, "retiree" can often mean "recruit" as mature workers retire only to start a new career. The aging of Baby Boomers (the hundreds of millions of people born between 1946 and 1964) is the greatest trend that will shape our society during the first quarter of this century.

Companies are already feeling the pinch as they lose skills, knowledge and value from employees with long-term relationships with customers, partners and vendors - and the first boomers will reach retirement age in 2008. Read the full article now.

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U2 Podcasts

Keep Checking the U2 Website for the new U2 Podcast Series

Stay tuned for the IBM U2 premier podcast series, "Getting the most out of U2".

These podcasts explore how to get the most out of IBM U2 resources, programs and technology. U2 experts will share information on a variety of topics vital to the U2 and greater MultiValue community. We'll send a note out announcing IBM's new program shortly!

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