



Introduction

Well another year has come and absolutely flown by and it would be remiss of me not to pass on to each and everyone of you an enormous THANK YOU for your continued loyalty and support.

In a year that has seen a review of the IBM Channel and Distribution strategies for the entire Information Management portfolio, it has been extremely pleasing to see the continued growth of U2 in the Asia Pacific region. I am proud to say that we are now responsible for the distribution of U2 throughout the entire Asia Pacific region and that MBS is also now the only Specialised Information Management Distributor for IBM within Australia. This means that if you have a need for any of the following:

- Data Base Servers,
- Data Base Tools & Utilities,
- Content Management and Discovery,
- IBM Data Warehousing and Analysis,
- Information Integration and Master Data Management

MBS should have a Partner or Solution to assist you.

During the year we trialed a U2 Partner Council and as a result of it's success, I shall be looking to expand the number of attendees next year. As part of our planning for next year we will be considering holding a Regional U2World event which will target both the Business Decision makers among our Partner community and the more Technical minded developers, implementers and support specialists.

A number of new technologies are emerging in the U2World and I am pleased to advise that we have commenced adding PDF versions of recent U2 presentations, which highlight these, to our web-site and in the near future we will be capturing presentations with both video and audio and making them available to all our Partners.

And finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Safe and Prosperous New Year.



Cheers,
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End of Support Reminder

From time to time, IBM will withdraw products from support. Effective December 31, 2006, IBM will withdraw support for the following programs:

- UniVerse 9.3 and below
- UniData 5.0 and below (aka UniData OC)
- SB+ and SBClient 4.5 and below
- wIntegrate 5.1 and below
- RedBack 4.0 and 3.5
- PI/Open all versions

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Announcing UniVerse 10.2

We are pleased to announce that IBM UniVerse® 10.2 was made available on September 29, 2006. This release protects personal data, supports U2 Web Services, strengthens and streamlines high availability, and more!

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UniVerse 10.2 Licensing Changes

Commencing with the release of UniVerse version 10.2, an authorisation key can no longer be generated prior to, or applied during, the installation of UniVerse.

Licensing UniVerse is now a separate process that requires a configuration code, which is generated by UniVerse after installation, and is unique to the system where UniVerse is installed.

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Pick Products



Congratulations to Pick Products who recently celebrated 15 years of distributing Universe products after being the first company appointed a dealer in the Asia Pacific region on 26/9/91.

Pat on the Back...

As 2006 draws to a close it is really good to hear that we at MBS are providing the high quality of service that we have been striving for.

As Keith Alderslade, Senior Systems Consultant at CVW group, wrote recently...

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U2 World

Recent U2World events held in Sydney and Melbourne benefited from presentations delivered by key MBS technical personnel. These included:-

- Derek Hayse - U2 Web Development for SB+ developers.
- Chris Turner - U2 Data Replication.
- David Rose - U2 Web Services.
- Adrian Zemunik - Business strategies to use and protect data including a real life experience with Data Replication.

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IBM 'My Support' Knowledgebase

IBM now offers access to the IBM 'My Support' Knowledgebase to U2 resellers and end-users who have U2 licences with current maintenance.

The IBM 'My Support' Knowledgebase will give you access to both public and restricted IBM technical information via a robust search engine.

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Product Availability

Looking for information relating to Product Availability?

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

Want to look at Release notes?

Then look no further...

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Holiday Trading Hours



The MBS office and Help Desk Support will be open throughout the festive season to provide you with continual quality service and support. Our office will be closed only on the following public holidays:

- Monday 25th December 2006
- Tuesday 26th December 2006
- Monday 1st January 2007

After hours support can be accessed on 1300 79 33 33 for critical system down issues.

Regular trading hours will apply on all other days.

Upcoming Events

International Spectrum Regional Conference

Long Beach 2007

March 6-9

Hotel Information

Hilton Long Beach Hotel and Executive Meeting Center

0011 1 562-983-3400

Room Rate: Single/Double US\$157.00

Special Rate Cut-off: February 13

Full Conference Package: US\$595.00

One Day Conference Package: US\$450.00

For more information, visit www.intl-spectrum.com

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