



Welcome

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2008. With the holiday season behind us, and activity levels increasing rapidly, it is pleasing to hear so many local U2 success stories.

This year will see the second U2U event being held in Sydney (possibly late July or early August). Based on the success of last years events and feedback received from attendees there may be some minor changes to last year's format including the addition of some more in-depth and possibly hands on sessions.

MBS will again hold its annual U2 Workshop in Kuala Lumpur around the middle of the year and, as a result of the feedback from last year's event, we are anticipating an even bigger turnout this year. Keep your eyes open for more details as the event draws closer.

IBM has expressed a desire to help us develop our U2 Reseller community. This assistance may take the form of co-funded marketing campaigns, providing speakers for your user group meetings or industry events, developing professional Success Stories or assisting with Business Development planning sessions. I would encourage you to let me know any areas where you feel you might like to leverage the strength of IBM.

It is opportune to remind all Resellers of the need to ensure U2 maintenance renewals are completed before current maintenance expires. The cost of re-instatement is quite substantial so please ensure you and your customers understand the process and requirements in order to avoid any difficult situations that may arise in the future.

Finally, I would like to wish you all every success in 2008.



Cheers,
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Windows Vista Support for UniVerse and UniData

With the upcoming release of UniVerse 10.2.8, we are extending our platform support to Microsoft Windows Vista Ultimate 32-bit. When UniData 7.2 is released it will also be supported on Vista. With these versions of the U2 servers, you will be able to run the U2 servers and the clients included with those servers on the Windows Vista Enterprise edition.

Although Microsoft has announced the availability of Service Pack 1 (SP1) for Vista; we will be monitoring both the stability of this service pack and customer demand before scheduling our support certification. For more information on support for Windows versions, see the [product availability matrix](#).

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Planning for IBM's U2 University 2008 Underway

The 2007 U2 University and Workshop were an outstanding success and plans are now underway for the 2008 series of U2 University conferences, according to Susie Siegesmund, Director, U2 Data Services, IBM Information Management.

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UniData 7.1 64-bit Certification

The BM U2 team is pleased to announce that they have certified the recently released UniData 7.1B clients on both Windows 2003 SP2-64 bit and Windows XP Pro 64-bit.

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UniData 7.2 to Move into Beta

IBM is pleased to announce that UniData 7.2 will be transitioning from Early Adopter to Beta testing in March of 2008.

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UniVerse and Solaris sparse zones

UniVerse cannot be installed on Solaris Sparse Zones because it wants to write files in the /usr/.... hierarchy which must be read-only in Sparse Zones.

UniVerse CAN be installed on Solaris Whole Root Zones.

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Windows Server 2008 Support

Microsoft targeted the release of Windows Server 2008 for the end of February. They will be releasing Server 2008 64-bit as planned and have added a 32-bit version as well.

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U2.NET Beta Available

Leverage the power of Microsoft .NET with U2 using your existing MultiValue skills.

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SB/XA Moves into Beta Testing

IBM is pleased to announce that SB/XA is transitioning from Early Adopter to Beta testing as of 31 March 2008. Current Early Adopter Program (EAP) participants will automatically have access to the Beta versions of SB/XA. The Beta timeframe is projected to begin on 31 March 2008 and end on 30 April 2008.

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U2 Podcast Series

Tune in to IBM's latest podcast, [How to get the most out of .NET for U2](#)". Listen as some of their development experts share information about .NET and give you some additional insights on this exciting technology.

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Entrinsik Launches Customer-Driven Webinar Series Featuring Informer Web-based Reporting

Entrinsik a privately held company developing and supporting software solutions since 1984, has launched a revolutionary Webinar Series featuring customer-driven product demonstrations of what is fast becoming the industry's most popular web-based reporting tool - Informer.

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Unidata Personal Edition – Limitations

U2 Personal Editions can be downloaded at no charge from IBM's website and are a great vehicle for evaluating U2.

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Improved UniVerse Help is Coming

As of UniVerse 10.2.8 IBM is pleased to announce that they are rolling out a new, improved help functionality that is accessible from the TCL command line with the new UVHELP command.

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UniVerse Customer Advisory Board

IBM will be initiating a Customer Advisory Board (CAB) for IBM UniVerse. The UniVerse CAB will focus on the future direction of IBM UniVerse and will meet via conference calls and webcasts.

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UniVerse 64-Bit Windows Support

IBM has announced that the UniVerse 10.2A clients being released this month will be supported on both Windows 2003 SP2-64 bit and Windows XP Pro 64-bit.

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Tech Tips

Host-Based Printing – No ASCII allowed!

Warning: Some new HP LaserJet Printers do NOT support PCL or Postscript commands, which means that they may not print from U2.

They can do some very simple formatting using the Universe SETPTR command GDI option (on Windows), but PCL commands can no longer be embedded in the print job.

So, if your customer has their U2 database installed on Unix or Linux, you should recommend that they avoid this style of printer.

Please refer to the link below for HP's definition of Host-Based Printing, and the list of the currently available printers.

<http://h20000.www2.hp.com/bizsupport/TechSupport/Document.jsp?objectID=bpl07860>

How to add a printer icon to the SB+ GUI Toolbar

- Login to an SB+ application Account
- Select Tools -> Other Tools/Utilities -> Toolbar Definition
- Enter WINTB for the Toolbar ID (you may need to copy WINTB from DMCONT to XXDEFN first)

You can also do /BBD (to get the Toolbar Definition screen) then enter the toolbar that you wish to modify to add the printer icon.

The various existing icons are listed in the order they appear on the screen.

- Select the position you want the icon to appear and highlight the Help Text of the icon you want to insert the new icon above and press Ctrl-Insert.

In the appropriate fields, enter the following:

- Help Text - Print
- Process/Edit.no – PX (for printing the desktop image) or PF (for printing the current window)
- Button Up – Print.bmp
- Button Down – leave blank
- GUI Name – leave blank
- Press F5-Aspect
- Change No of Columns to 9

- F2 to Save the Size and Position screen
- F2 to Save the Toolbar Definition Screen

Check that the WINTB is active in your account using /HK.CONTROL > GUI > Default GUI Toolbar = WINTB
You will need to log out of SBClient and log back in for the changes to appear on the screen.

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