

## Latest Updates for VFP7

When Microsoft released Visual FoxPro 7, things got a little easier and a lot more sophisticated. As always, a series of service releases followed to correct the "little" things that were overlooked or not completely tested. Here's a brief list of the patches:

### Visual FoxPro 7.0 Service Pack 1

Update: Microsoft Visual FoxPro 7.0 Service Pack 1 (SP1) provides the latest updates to Visual FoxPro 7.0. SP1 combines various enhancements and stability improvements into one integrated package. The download contains all the documentation for these updates. This service pack also includes a number of other changes designed to improve the reliability and performance of Visual FoxPro 7.0. For installation instructions and more details on SP1, consult the readme at [http://msdn.microsoft.com/vfoxpro/downloads/VFP7\\_SP1Readme.htm](http://msdn.microsoft.com/vfoxpro/downloads/VFP7_SP1Readme.htm). [Con't, page 2]

## Upcoming Meetings

As usual, the group is maintaining its high standards for speakers. Here's the most recent schedule:

### 04/09/2002, Doug Hennig, Using VFP to create CHM files from Word Documents.

Tools like the Microsoft HTML Help Workshop or West Wind HTML Help Builder can make short work of generating an HTML Help (CHM) file. However, what if you're not starting from scratch but from a set of existing Word documents? This session discusses the basics of generating CHM files, covers the tasks necessary to create CHM files from Word documents, and presents a set of tools that automates the process.

### 05/14/2002, Drew Speedie, VFP Tips and Tricks.

Drew Speedie will cover as many Visual FoxPro application development tips and tricks as can fit into the allotted time. Many of the items presented apply to all versions of Visual FoxPro; others are new to Visual FoxPro 7.0, but not necessarily widely known because they are not major new features. The items cover a broad spectrum of Visual FoxPro development, from improving productivity to managing classes to working around Visual FoxPro limitations and anomalies. You should be able to put the majority of these techniques to work right away, since they are drawn from everyday application development experiences. [Con't, page 3]

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April 4, 2002, Wyndham Emerald Plaza, San Diego

April 9, 2002, West Coast Anaheim Hotel

April 10, 2002, Mission Inn, Riverside

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### **VFPCOM Utility**

The VFPCOM utility extends Visual FoxPro interoperability with other COM and ADO components. The utility is a COM server that provides additional functionality when you use ADO and access COM events with your Visual FoxPro 7.0 applications. For installation instructions and more details on the issues that have been addressed, consult the readme at [http://msdn.microsoft.com/vfoxpro/downloads/readme\\_VFPCOM.asp](http://msdn.microsoft.com/vfoxpro/downloads/readme_VFPCOM.asp).

### **Visual FoxPro 7.0 Readme Addendum**

This addendum contains last-minute notes from the Visual FoxPro product team pertaining to the released version of Visual FoxPro 7.0. The information in this addendum is more up-to-date than the information in the online documentation included with addendum 7.0. Refer to the SP1 readme for more current information.

### **Microsoft Visual Studio Help Driver for MSDN**

Visual FoxPro 7.0 provides three help options from the Help menu. The MSDN® Search and Technical Support menu items are enabled only if you have MSDN installed. The version of MSDN included with Visual FoxPro is the standard quarterly subscription release, which does not include a critical file (VSHELP.dll) required to enable functionality of the MSDN Search menu option. This update installs the VSHELP.dll file. If you previously installed Visual FoxPro 6.0 or Visual Studio® 6.0, along with the MSDN help files that shipped with those products, you do not need to install this update. This issue applies only to the development version of Visual FoxPro and does not affect the Visual FoxPro runtime libraries. See the Visual FoxPro 7.0 readme addendum, above, for late-breaking issues.

### **Visual FoxPro 7.0 SQL Server Upsizing Wizard Update**

The operation of upsizing a local Visual FoxPro database to a remote Microsoft SQL Server™ database on another computer might fail, because of the new bulk insert support that has been added to the SQL Server Upsizing Wizard. This update addresses a known issue associated with the remote SQL Server database not finding the bulk insert file. This issue applies only to the English shipping version of Visual FoxPro. See the Visual FoxPro 7.0 Readme addendum, above, for late-breaking issues.

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## It Can't Get Any Easier.....

We've come up with an easy way to submit articles to the **LA Fox Developer Newsletter**.....one that has been overlooked for a long time.

You can submit your articles to Barry Lee at [brlee@earthlink.net](mailto:brlee@earthlink.net).

These articles can be on any FoxPro-related topic, whether it concerns a new technique you've discovered, a certain development technique you may favor over others, book reviews, etc. Editor reserves the right to edit or offer constructive comments concerning submitted articles and accepted articles shall be considered to be in the public domain.

The quality of this newsletter really depends on the members that support it, not just read it. And I think we'd all be surprised by the useful information that could be circulated around the membership. So.....How 'bout it?



## Upcoming Meetings *(Con't from page 1)*

### **06/11/2002, Mike Stewart, Testing Computer Software**

Testing complex software systems is a difficult task to master. How do you know you've tested the right things? How do you know when to stop testing? In this session, you will be introduced to the core concepts of professional software testing. From test plan creation to test case creation to releasing the product, you will step through each process of the software testing cycle. You will learn methodologies and techniques used by today's software testing professionals, and how you can apply it to your own development efforts.

### **07/09/2002, David Greene, Using Graphics Within VFP Applications**

L. A. Fox member David Greene's presentation will include a number of things, including an intro into PaintShop Pro, a graphics program that runs \$100.00 (old versions were free on the internet last he knew - used to be shareware) and is 90% of Photoshop without the \$700.00 cost. The "cool" forms, with or without porthole, may be the biggest surprise. It took some work to figure out how to do it - there's nothing in Technet or MSDN that addresses the Windows API in the way he wanted to use it, but it finally happened. And the blue circles (AND the associated text) light up when the mouse passes over them, sort of like the "coolbar" ActiveX control that never worked right in VFP. He also created his own "coolbar" for a different applications, including buttons, from scratch. And it works with VFP 6 as well. It might be of interest to some.

### **08/13/2002, Mike Feltman, Mike Feltman Speaks!**

### **09/10/2002, Rick Strahl, Rick Strahl Is In The House!**

### **10/08/2002, Matt Johnson, Intro to Linux & Open Source Software for Foxpro Developers**

The three topics Matt will cover are:

SAMBA: server software which provides file and print services to Windows users

PostgreSQL: an advanced open source database with ODBC connectivity

Harbour Project: an open source Xbase compiler.

### **11/12/2002, Barbara Peisch, Barbara Peisch Speaks!**

### **12/10/2002, Ken Levy and the LA Fox Christmas Party**

## Coming Your Way *(Con't from page 1)*

April 16, 2002, Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort

April 23, 2002, Hyatt Regency Los Angeles

April 25, 2002, Holiday Inn Ventura Beach Resort

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April 16, 2002; 1:00 - 2:30pm PST

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April 23, 2002; 11:00am - 12:30pm PST

#### **MSDN WebCast: Part 2: Building a .NET Application**

April 23, 2002; 1:00 - 2:30pm PST

#### **MSDN WebCast: Advanced Web Services Using ASP .NET**

April 30, 2002; 1:00 - 2:30pm PST

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## SIGs, etc.

1) The VFP FrameWork SIG is currently covering the Visual MaxFrame Professional (VMP) product. They have had several very successful meetings so far. The next meetings are scheduled for April 18th and May 2nd, 7:00pm at Brick Software. If you are interested in receiving the emails regarding these meetings please contact Frank Marafino ([frank@atinnovations.com](mailto:frank@atinnovations.com)).

2) A new C# SIG will begin on Tuesday April 16, 2002. The meetings will be at NCR (the same room as our regular meetings) the first and third Tuesday of each month from 7:00pm until 9:00pm. The number of meetings will depend on our progress. An email with further details will be sent next week.

### Hands-On MaxFrame Training by Drew Speedie

In an effort to accomodate everyone interested in the training the following has been arranged. This is firm and will not change.

Class #1 - 2 Days - Entry Level

May 14th & 15th, Tuesday & Wednesday, will be Entry Level Visual MaxFrame 5 Training

Class #2 - 2 Days - Advanced

May 17th & 18th, Friday & Saturday. This will be Advanced Visual MaxFrame 2002 Training with focus on the 2002 N-Teir functionality.

The cost for either 2-day class is \$470. We need at least 5 participants per class. Interest level thus far is high. All classes will be held at Brick Software from 8:30 to 5:00 daily. All checks need to be made out to Vision Data Solutions Inc. You can give them to Frank Marifino at one of the SIG meetings or mail them to him at the address below. Those that have submitted checks will get them back and can send him a replacement check. Please get him the check by April 16 (4 weeks in advance) and e-mail him your confirmation for which class(es) as soon as possible. He will keep everyone informed of class availability as he gets people signed up.

Remember, this class is hands on and you need to provide your own machine with Visual FoxPro and VMP loaded. If any one is interested but can't provide a machine please contact Frank:

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## Meeting Details

LA Fox meets on the second Tuesday of each month at NCR, 100 N. Sepulveda Blvd., El Segundo, CA. The meeting consists of 2 sessions. Jump Start runs from 7:00 PM until 7:30 PM. The regular meeting begins at 7:30 PM.

The building is on the NE corner of Sepulveda Blvd. and El Segundo Blvd. Enter parking on the West side of the building complex (there are 3 tall buildings there, one parking entrance for all in the middle of the block). You need to be going North on Sepulveda to enter the parking structure, so for those of you coming from the 405 freeway, the El Segundo exit would work well. U turns are legal at the intersection of Sepulveda Blvd. and El Segundo Blvd. so if you are coming south on Sepulveda just make a U turn at El Segundo Blvd. Take a ticket when you enter the parking structure. The gates will be opened after 8:00pm so you won't need to pay for parking unless you leave REALLY early.

Bldg.#1 - Upon entering the parking garage, make an immediate right and go all the way to the end (until you see the bank of elevators for Bldg.#1). Park your car and take the elevator to the main plaza level. From the main plaza, look for the walkway that goes to Bldg.#1. (The revolving door is on the northeast side of the building.) Once in the building, proceed straight toward the elevators in the hall on the left. Take one of these elevators to the NCR guard station on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor and sign in. The guards will then use a card key to send you up the elevator to the floor where the meetings take place.

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## SIGs *(Con't from adjacent column)*

### .NET Training for VFP Developers by Kevin McNeish

Hands-On (5 days)  
April 8-12, 2002 (yes, that's next week)  
Costa Mesa, CA

\$1850 (if you bring your own computer)

For a course outline and more details, click on the "Training" page link on their web site: [www.oakleafsd.com](http://www.oakleafsd.com), or call them at 434-979-2417.

The .NET Class is \$1850 if you bring your own computer. A fee will be assessed if you need a computer. Contact them for details.