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Editorial

Welcome to the March edition of the PPL newsletter.

This months newsletter has, as you can probably tell already, a new format and unfortunately, less content! - Its only 2 pages :(

Hopefully, this will make it a more pleasurable read. If you are not keen on this new format, please let me (Mike H) know and maybe submit some suggestions.

Our ultimate aim is to provide you with what you want in terms of design and content.

By re-organising the format I should be able to get more content into the same number of pages, without making the text unreadable.

Until next month...

Thank you

The Arianesoft Team

Whats' new in the land of PPL

Registered User count: 946 - How long before we reach the magic 1000 mark?

Not much has been happening recently with regards to PPL, which is a shame as only a few months ago we had lots of activity on the forums with code sharing and tutorials.

I do know (via Alain) that in the coming months there will be more information released about V2.0 and hopefully I will be conducting an interview with Arianesoft focused on V2.0 and future developments.

By next month there should have been some more developments and new tutorials. But we will have to keep our fingers crossed and see what happens.

See Ya' all next month.

Mike.

For the PPL - Tutorial -

Nothing this month - I was hoping for some new material, but I have had no submissions - Either everyone is very busy, or we are all such great coders that we don't need tutorials anymore - Which do you think it is?

Next month....

Anything ... PLEASE .. There must be good tutorials out there somewhere.

Regards - Mike.



Hardware Review

I know that this newsletter is dedicated to the Pocket PC Language, but a cool bit of hardware caught my eye while I was scanning a recent issue of Smartphone & Pocket PC mag.

Not one to promote other companies stuff, this bit of kit will be a benefit to all PPL users who create products using only their smart phone or PDA.

Check out www.celiocorp.com for the 'Redfly Mobile Companion'

This nifty bit of kit is like a scaled down laptop, except that it is DUMB and only reflects the PDA/smart phone screen. It is basically an extension to your smart phone/PDA connected via Bluetooth or USB cable.

It provides an almost full size keyboard and an 8 inch screen to make the windows mobile experience easier and more pleasurable.

From celiocorp website;

'The REDFLY Mobile Companion is a sleek clamshell design that includes an 8" display, a full function keyboard, and a touchpad mouse. Measuring just 1x6x9 inches and only 2 pounds, the REDFLY Mobile Companion offers over 8 hours of battery life and boots instantly! It also adds three new features - instant VGA output, access to USB flash drives, and the ability to charge your Smartphone via USB.'



Could this be the ultimate PPL accessory? I know that it would allow me to spend more time developing PPL tutorials and applications while I am away from home or working.

If anyone manages to get hold of one of these devices, a full review would be great (from a PPL development angle of course) - If you have one, please let me know and I will keep some space free in a future issue.

Thanks

Mike.

Developments

There have been nothing new development wise since the last news letter.

I'm feeling deflated at the moment, as I know Alain is too.

Have you all deserted us? Are you all sooo busy that you are not submitting new code or tutorials?

We still need your support.

Personally, I need to contribute more development time to PPL, but recently I have either been lazy (Again) or there have been other issues out of my control that have stopped me from contributing. - A poor excuse I know, but that's life I guess.

I am hopeful that the next few months will bring forth more content and interesting snippets for us all.

[Mike]

See Ya' Next Month

Thanks again for sticking with us and PPL and take care until next month!

The ArianeSoft Team.