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Andrea Raimondi wrote:

> <http://araimondi.blogspot.com/>

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I'm going to reply here since the comment would be huge in the blog...
(I cancelled the first post because the formatting was very ordinary)

> *There's been quite of a movement lately in the Delphi community,*
> *since a noticeable*
> *slice of customers showed their disappointment for what D8 didn't*
> *deliver.*

How many people constitutes noticeable?

> *Not only that, but some of them also perceived the new IDE as slow(*
> *which hasn't ever*
> *been the case before, even with a lot of components installed).*

A number of things can be the cause of this. For instance, hosting the .NET framework to use the designer. Firing off several notifications that allow OpenTools developers to access the IDE core and make add ins. Hopefully the next release will have a speed improvement on D8 though.

> *1) Give us a knockout D9*

I agree

> *(which should include Kylix 3)*

Indifferent about this

> *showing Win32 isn't a dead end for them.*

How would including Kylix show us that Win32 isn't dead?

> *2) Send out more frequent updates – this can be done relatively cheap*
> *by setting up*

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> *public betas which can be downloaded and installed at clients' PCs.*

No thanks. I don't want to be a beta tester. Plus frequent updates can give the illusion of bad software.

>3) *Involving us with more programming contests, more challenges and/or
> by providing
> superior services of some kind.*

What superior services? Helping us fix bugs in our software? I'd much rather them working on future product revisions. QA and R&D teams

>*These should be included in Delphi price for, say, one
> month or two and then renewable through a subscription fee.*

Support is included isn't it? Never used it. You get some free support calls before having to pay don't you?

> 4) *Funding BDN more aggressively and making Delphi help files more
> accurate and much better worded.*

These are separate issues.

> *Delphi help files more accurate and much better worded.*

Report your examples of this in QualityCentral. There is a whole documentation section.

> 5) *Organize more chats with the Delphi R&D Team, so that they can get
> direct feedback from users.*

Chats are good, but the team is generally hand tied on what they can say anyway.

> 6) *Improve QualityCentral*

In what way? You could try my Quality Central client available in my sig...

>7) *Allow single developers to submit components/software for inclusion
> in the Companion CD.*

I think Borland tries to encourage developers to become BTP's – which is why they can submit for the CD. Perhaps if there is room, Borland could add some of the more popular CodeCentral submissions onto the CD.

>*There could also be a "voting" system for this, so that BTPs get
> included automatically,
> while single developers would need to get votes to be included.*

Popularity contests are skewed.

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- > 01) *Include my CDS Creator as a design time tool(, ok this isn't compelling)*

No bias there eh!

Watch my blog for something about CDS files. I have been thinking of releasing something I've written over many many years banging my head against the wall while dealing with CDS files. Even has code generators...

- > 02) *Stabilizing and documenting the OpenTools API*

There is quite a lot of comments in the OpenTools source file. Plus there's always Erik Berry <g> (sorry Erik). Not many questions go unanswered in the OpenTools newsgroups. Support by all there is generally excellent.

- > 03) *Providing a real "make" tool, with possibility to generate HTML documentation on the fly(this would later allow for easier integration into CHM help files or whatever is the hype at the moment) even at the build time.*

There are automatic build apps available.

I'm pretty sure the Dot Net compiler can generate xml documentation Native support for HTML help would be nice though!

- > 04) *Include a menu item to access Borland Forums and easily publish content on BDN (which actually is a quite long-taking deal)*

No thanks. You can't write your article (well I guess you could) in the IDE.

- > 05) *Restructure dataset classes to fully support interfaces*

A lot of work involved for that one. Would be nice though.

- > 06) *Enhance support for DLLs/Packages to be switched from one to another easily*

What do you mean by this?

- > 07) *Enhance support for forms, so that they can be made persistent in different formats than DFM(which can still remain the preferred format for design time stuff)*

Why? Save them as text DFM's and you can do what you want with them.

- > 08) *Enhance the new component wizard(didn't change since D3 I guess)*

What would you like to see? A whole gui to creating the component like adding properties and the like?

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- > 09) *Add an item in the Help menu to detect actual Delphi version and listing all the installed updates(it could be shown in a memo box so it can be cut&paste around)*

Would be nice

- > 10) *Improve to-do lists(you can definitely do better than that, come on...)*

YES PLEASE!

- > 11) *Quality Central client in the Tools menu*

Did I mention my client? In the sig? You never know what's cooking in the kitchen...

- > 12) *XSLT expression builder(would help alot)*

Grab XML Spy

- > 13) *Fix the damned library path issue*

Is that the length limitation?

- > 14) *Add a CodeCentral menu to manage your submissions(even with a very basic VCS to keep track of changes in them)*

Use Star Team or another Source Control system and do the management yourself like you would for any other project. An upload to CodeCentral would be a nice addition. Although I am sure you could load the CodeCentral site into the welcome page of D8, so you can already have code central in the IDE...

- > 15) *Enhance WebBroker(how about the one webmodule issue?)*

Good luck with that...

- > 16) *Make WebSnap use easier*

What points in particular?

- > 17) *Add a few classes to ease use of Design Patterns in Delphi(Singleton, MVP, MVC, etc)*

The VCL has many examples of design patterns. Just post a question in the oodesign group. Almost all messages are answered.

BTW, I did a search in QualityCentral for any reports you have added, and I couldn't find any...

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JED, QC - Win32 Client for Quality Central:

<http://www.alphalink.com.au/~jed/QC/>

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Climbing on the wagon at: <http://jed.blogspot.com/>