

New Products

BlueFinity Roadmap Unveils Plans for mv.NET Version 4



BlueFinity International, a member of the Mpower1 group of companies, has been providing .NET connectivity tools for MultiValue developers for nearly five years. The extensive range of features provided by these tools underpin many hundreds of diverse MultiValue-based applications throughout the world.

BlueFinity's flagship product, mv.NET, enables software designers to combine the power and flexibility of proven MultiValue technology with the feature rich Microsoft .NET environment. Its seamless integration with Visual Studio provides a potent rapid application development environment fine-tuned for the MultiValue developer.

As BlueFinity prepares to roll out the next major release, its developers are closely watching the market's future directions to bring the latest technologies to the MultiValue and .NET developer communities. The main thrust of mv.NET Version 4 is the support of new Microsoft technologies, namely:

Version 4.0

Visual Studio 2008 Extensibility Model

Microsoft has enhanced the range of features and scope for third-party integration within Visual Studio. mv.NET V4.0 will take advantage of these enhancements to provide even tighter MultiValue database integration and further functionality within Visual Studio.

Support for .NET Framework 3.5

Microsoft has just released its much anticipated .NET Framework 3.5. mv.NET V4.0 will provide a version of the product targeted at this framework release while also maintaining support for Framework 2.0. BlueFinity is committed to enabling both frameworks to coexist and to providing ongoing sup-

port for new versions of the .NET Framework.

64-bit Support

mv.NET V4.0 will introduce support for Windows 64-bit platforms in addition to the current 32-bit support. Visual Studio 2008 32-bit and 64-bit will be fully supported within mv.NET.

Extended Internationalization

Further enhancements will be made in mv.NET V4.0 to extend the current support for foreign character sets.

SSIS Integration

Leveraging the functionality of mv.NET V4.0, a new Data Connector will be released to provide SSIS integration. This will provide an easy to use and versatile capability to move MultiValue resident data bidirectionally to and from the Microsoft SQL Server.

Version 4.1

LINQ Provider

Language-Integrated Query (LINQ) will be an integral part of the .NET Framework. mv.NET V4.1 will supply a LINQ provider that leverages the unique abilities of the MultiValue database model.

Version 4.2

Silverlight Application Development

Microsoft is still in its early adopter phase for Silverlight (<http://silverlight.net/>). This exciting technology promises to deliver to web application developers the power, versatility, and speed of application interface development that rich-client developers have enjoyed for years. mv.NET V4.2 will provide the database connectivity that will be a

vital aspect in the creation of business-based Silverlight applications.

David Cooper, Lead Developer at BlueFinity International, feels that integration with emerging technologies has become increasingly important for growth. "LINQ is the future of .NET data connectivity. It will change the way in which we (as developers) view and interact with data repositories," he explains. "Silverlight will (if its promise comes to fruition) provide web application developers with a fundamentally different way of creating solutions — one which will improve developer productivity by orders of magnitude. Here at BlueFinity, we are working at a feverish pace to ensure that we can provide our customers with tools that not only provide integration with these key technologies but tools which actively promote and leverage the unique strengths of the MultiValue model."

BlueFinity is accepting applications for the Version 4 early adopters program. Those interested in testing their applications against mv.NET V4 should email v4@bluefinity.com for more information.

More information will be available at a series of BlueFinity seminars taking place in the USA and the UK in April. The USA show will take place on the last day of the International Spectrum MultiValue Conference in Newport Beach, California on April 4th followed by a London seminar in the UK on April 22nd. More information regarding both shows is available on the BlueFinity web site.

mv.NET is available for D3, jBASE, mvBASE, Power95, QM, Reality, UniData, UniVerse, UniVision and others by request. Visit www.bluefinity.com for more information.

About BlueFinity International

BlueFinity International, a member of the Mpower1 Group of Companies (www.mpower1.com) offers its two flagship products — mv.NET and RSDC — to the global MultiValue community. mv.NET allows the full benefits of the .NET service oriented architecture technology to be realized by users of established MultiValue applications. RSDC enables MultiValue developers to utilize the very latest Microsoft Reporting Services technology. For more information, visit www.bluefinity.com. ■