



SPOTLIGHT IET

The IET 'Cycle Challenge' Special May 2011



Yes, it's hard to believe that we're already one third the way through 2011 - so certainly time for another special edition of your favourite CA Gen configuration management and development tools bulletin. This month we're promoting our 2 day 160mile/257km cycle challenge from Padstow to our home town of Bath this coming June to raise money for the Prince's Trust Enterprise Programme - an excellent charity helping young, disadvantaged people to set up their own businesses here in the UK.



THE CHALLENGE

This year IET is proud to be organising a cycle ride to raise funds for [The Prince's Trust Enterprise Programme](#) over the weekend of the 4th and 5th June. The ride covers 160 miles/257 kilometres of hills and valleys between the beautiful coastal resort of Padstow, Cornwall and the famous spa town of Bath, near IET's HQ in Wiltshire. We are aiming to complete the ride in under 2 days, *slightly* longer than a stage winner on the Tour de France might manage, but still a real achievement.

THE PRINCE'S TRUST

The Prince's Trust was established by HRH Prince Charles in 1976 to support young people. IET is a founder member of the [South West Leadership Group](#) which focuses on the Enterprise Programme, helping disadvantaged young people with practical and financial support to set up their own businesses. This initiative has a great track record of successfully turning around the lives of many youngsters through a winning combination of mentoring, low cost loans, training and support.

THE TARGET

Our 12 strong team are hoping to raise over £10,000, with IET targeting a figure of £2,000 towards the total, so anything you can do to help would be much appreciated via our donation page at...

<http://my.artezglobal.com/personalPage.aspx?registrationID=348110>

Many thanks to all of you who have donated so far including generous support from our friends at...



THE 'THANK YOU'

As a way of saying thank you for your support, any donations over £20 (GBP), will receive a choice of either a **special edition drinks mug** or **mouse mat**. Each will be *personalised* with your name and the edition number.

This is a special limited edition, so act soon to avoid disappointment! IET will be covering all costs of producing and shipping to ensure that all of your donation will go to the Prince's Trust Enterprise Programme.



New GuardIEn service packs were recently released for Release 8.0 (SP2) and Release 7.8 (SP4). If you are planning to install the CA Gen r8 Feature Pack 1, then support for this has been provided in GuardIEn 8.0 SP2. Please note that GuardIEn Release 7.7 is now formally out of support.

IET recommends that all customers apply the appropriate service pack for their release since they contain important fixes. Summary documentation of the new changes can be obtained from the Release Notes.



In September 2010 CA commenced a series of 'CA Gen Roadshows', which involved a one day seminar and product updates from CA, IET and other CA Gen partners. Since then IET have been to over 25 locations in Europe, Australia and most recently the US, where we visited 14 cities in February, March and April.

The events have proved very popular, providing an opportunity for the CA Gen community to meet face to face. It has been great to meet some of you 'on the road' - albeit without our bicycles in tow! More seminars are planned, so keep an eye out for future announcements from CA.

COMING SOON

We are excitedly putting the final touches to GuardIEn 8.1 which will be released in the next few months. It will be our first GuardIEn release built using CA Gen r8 and will offer some exciting new functionality, including major improvements to the analysis and processing of re-worked changes.

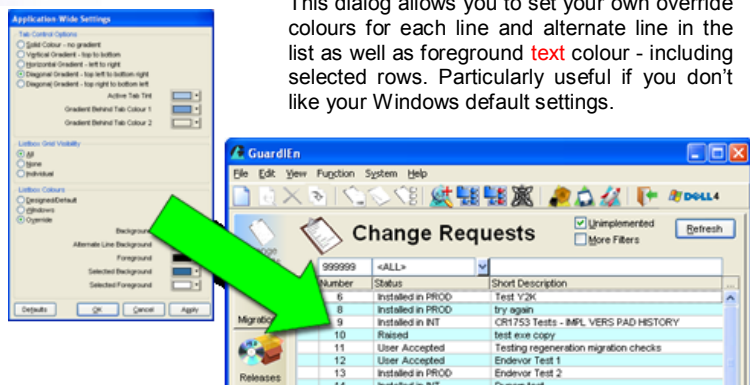
This will also be the first release without our old friend, the 3270 MVS interface, which is finally being retired after years of gallant service.

However, we have used the opportunity to refresh our GUI interface with a new modern look and feel, along with some important ease-of-use changes to XOS. Look out nearer the time for a special Spotlight focusing in on some of these, and other, highlights.



If you're not happy with the colour settings for the Guard!En list boxes then you can review and alter the current definitions by pressing the '..' column within the listbox itself and choosing Application Wide Settings.

This dialog allows you to set your own override colours for each line and alternate line in the list as well as foreground text colour - including selected rows. Particularly useful if you don't like your Windows default settings.



A customer writes...

Dear Mr. Guru-san

Can you clarify something for me? I have launched a CR into our Test environment and all deliverable content is now marked as 'Installed in Test'. All fine so far. However, if another developer then changes one of those deliverables for a new CR being developed, then my version 'in Test' is reverted back to 'Under Development'. Is this correct behaviour and why not just create a new version?

Yours with hopeful explanation

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Dear Cha

As you know, our philosophy and essence is always to simplify, simplify. Reverting versions fits into this category and is mandatory when many CRs are being launched for a specific release pack AND they are affecting the same deliverables. In this situation it will only ever be possible to launch one version for all the CRs impacting the deliverable into Production - so Guard!En reuses the current version, if available, and sets it back to the initial development state associated with the deliverable type or alternatively the state defined by project property UAREVTTO.

This is why your 'Installed in Test' version is reverted back to 'Under Development' - as the reused version now contains a combination of changes for both CRs.

If your karma requires it you can prevent the version from being reverted by *not* allowing a valid state transition back from 'Installed in Test' to 'Under Development' or by using project property UAREVTFR to restrict the states that can be reverted from. However, if you take this approach you will encounter Change Capture errors that must be fixed manually before moving forward.

Note that *new* deliverable versions are only created if any open CRs have already been implemented into either a control 1 or 2 environment. At this point the Release Pack will have been approved so no additional CRs can utilise that existing version - so a new version **MUST** be created to allow the new change to be separately managed.

I trust this clarifies your understanding that this is truly working as designed.

Guru

p.s. just off for a 50km yogic cycle so I may not respond to further requests for a while. But be calm. I will return.

A beady eye on the... Audit Log



Many sites now have an audit requirement to record any changes to management software—such as c.m. tools like Guard!En.

A new feature in Guard!En 8.0 provides the ability to log changes to all System and Project Definition tables. Various options are available:

Full Logging – every create, update and delete is logged for each system and project administration table

Last Change – the last change to each record is logged

By table – you can perform full or 'last change' logging per selected table

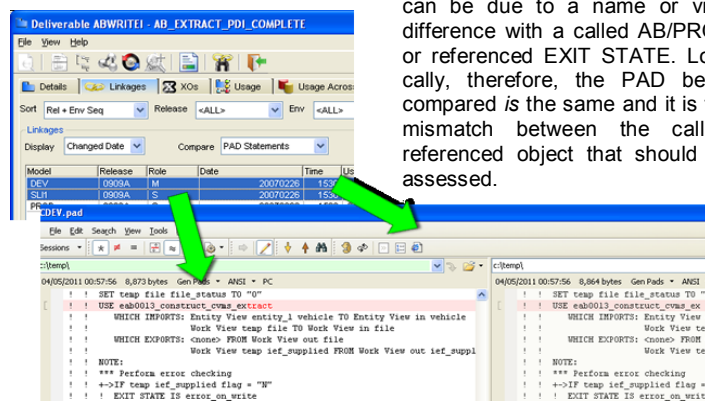
Activation is via the new System Administration tab Audit Log. See the online help for full details.



Did you know that...

...if you ever perform a PAD compare and find differences even though the timestamps of the two models being compared appear to be the same this

can be due to a name or view difference with a called AB/PROC or referenced EXIT STATE. Logically, therefore, the PAD being compared is the same and it is the mismatch between the called/referenced object that should be assessed.



The news that the IET 'Special Edition' mug had arrived was well received...

Ah well. Hard to believe that we've completed the May 2011 leg of Spot!IET – hope you enjoyed it and maybe found something useful. We'll be back soon, albeit not in our lycra cycling shorts. So be thankful for small mercies.

The IET Team



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