

# What's New in <a href="RAD Studio 12.2">RAD Studio 12.2</a>

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## Introducing RAD Studio 12.2

#### NEW FEATURES

- Modernized C++ Compiler and Toolchains
- Delphi 64-bit compilers and tools
- Smart CodeInsight
- Focus Mode and Scrollbar Annotations
- WebStencils

#### QUALITY

- Improved Mobile Development
- Visual Assist for C++ Builder Enhancements
- Quality, Quality











### bcc64x: the Modernized C++ Compiler

It's done!
 And there are three exciting things...

- #1 Packages
- o #2 CMake & ninja
- #3 Parallel building... and speeceed

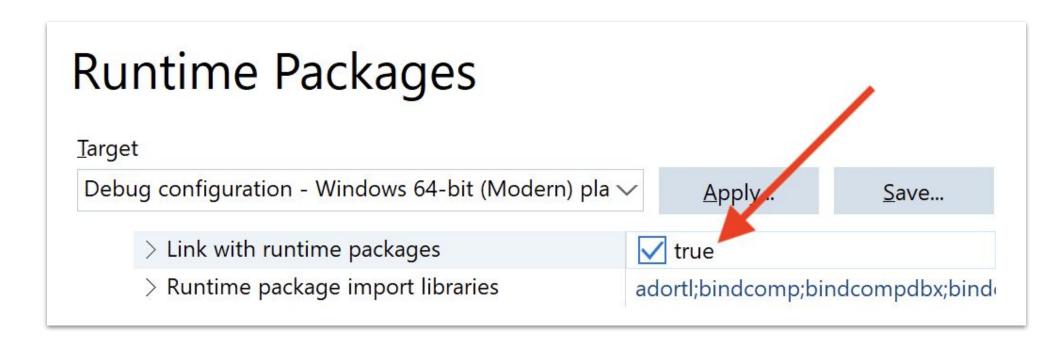






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- We shipped 12.1 without consuming dynamic packages (.BPLs) or creating them; you had to link statically. Now it's complete!
- #1 Dynamic Packages!
  - □ Link *dynamically* against BPLs
  - Plus create packages(i.e. C++ source code -> a BPL)



- Benefit: full feature match vs old toolchain;
   split dependencies when building and shipping
- Also lots of C++ package documentation going online







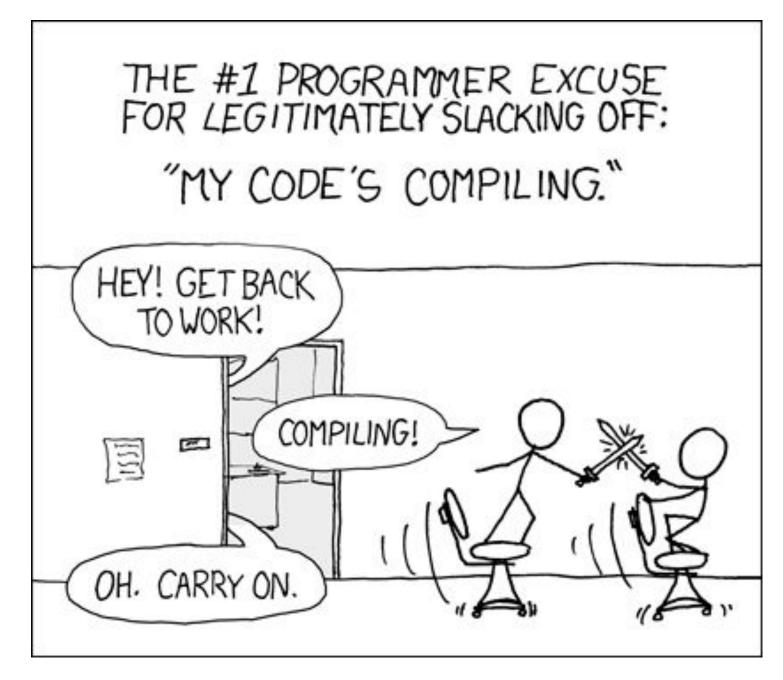
### bcc64x: the Modernized C++ Compiler

- #2 CMake
- Coming soon to the GetIt Package Manager
- Great for building third party libraries
   Yes: supports building VCL & FMX apps too
- Benefit: fast compilation (but wait for the next slide)
   Easy and compatible building of many, many C++ libraries.





- 'CPU-saturating multicore builds with --jobs for Windows 64-bit Modern'
- Main 'pain point' for C++ is compile time.
   It's a slow language to compile, but worth it for the fast apps, power, etc
- Previously:
  - TwineCompile (great tool)
  - 。CMake & ninja (prev slide; now back)
    - not IDE-integrated, manual setup
  - Batch compilation w '--jobs'
    - not ideal to set up and use



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- And it's fast
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- Install 12.2 →
   immediate
   massive

vs 12.1 defaults

speedup







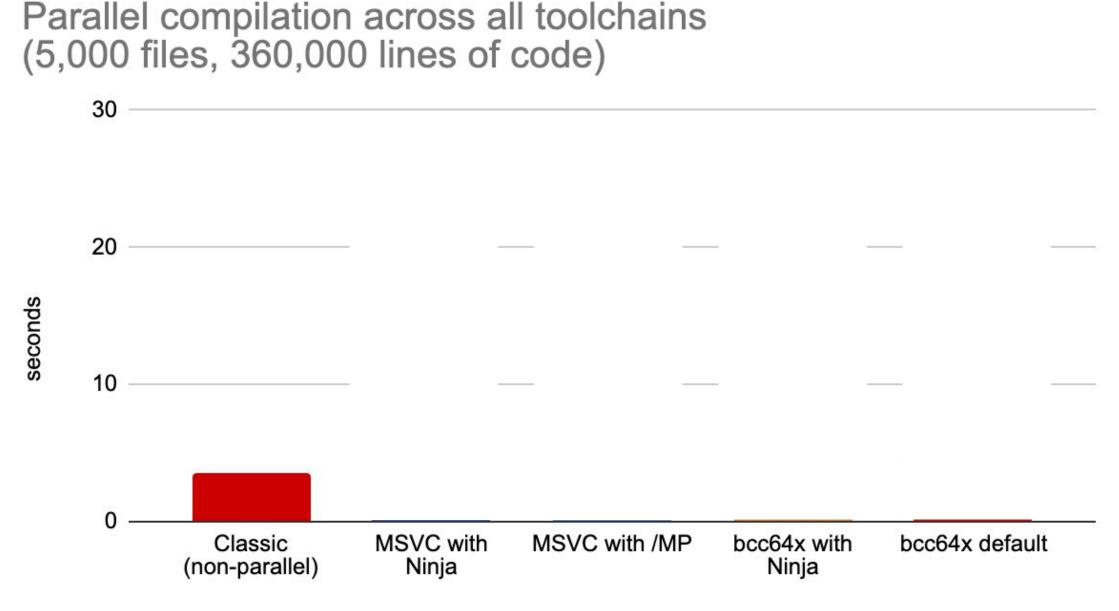
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#### Parallel compilation across all toolchains (5K files, 360K LOC)

Measured on a Dell XPS 17 9730, with 13th Gen Intel(R) Core(TM) i9-13900H, 2.60 GHz base speed, 14 cores, 20 logical processors, 64 GB RAM, Windows 11 Pro. Compilers were bcc64x from RAD Studio 12.2 build 29.0.53541.9777, mscv v14.29.30133 and ninja v1.12.1, on 29th of August of 2024. Code was synthetic, and real-world results may vary.





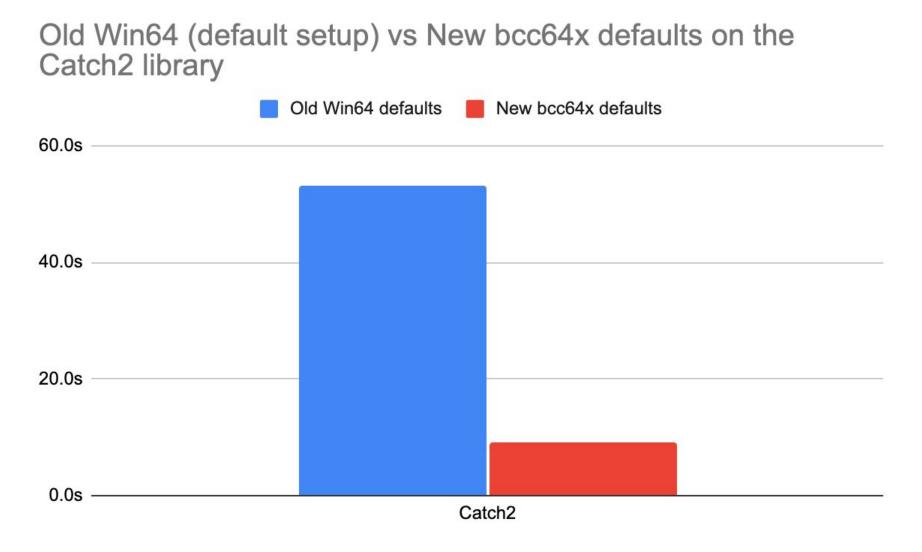
- That was a benchmark with synthetic code
- Code using the STL heavily compiles slower than code that doesn't: May be to do with libc++ have many files, and transitive includes.
   Or it may be the C++ version (14 vs 17 vs 20)
- We're still benchmarking: you code may not match that benchmark, but we aim to provide a guide on getting good compile performance. Expect a blog with more info
- Your mileage may vary
- ...but under the right circumstances we've seen stats of noticeably faster than other compilers







Real-world code: Catch2 library



Remember: this is the new on by default behaviour







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- Just use 12.2 and get it
- No configuration, it's just there
- Upgrade from classic!
- It scales with cores and RAM: any decent machine will see a speedup vs 12.1 defaults!







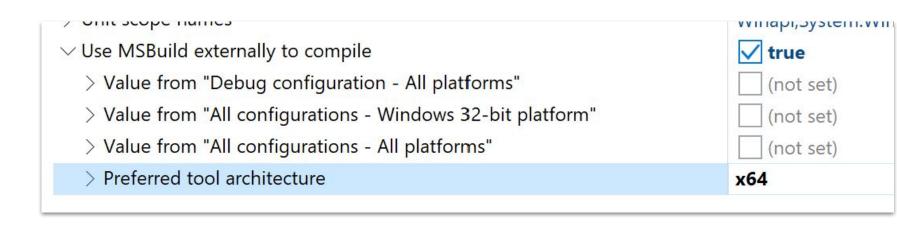
### 64-bit Version of Delphi Windows compilers

64-bit binaries (large memory address) for Delphi Windows compilers for both Win32 and Win64 command line compilers

- Can be enabled in the IDE, when using external MSBuild
- Allows building very large applications as a single executable
- Available only in Enterprise and Architect

64-bit binary (large memory address) version of the DelphiLSP executable

- Can be activated in the IDE
- Also available only in Enterprise and Architect



Notice that the new C++ Clang compiler has been a 64-bit binary since release





## Smart CodeInsight: AI Powered Coding

Use AI LLMs for coding in the RAD Studio IDE

An open architecture for AI plugins

Ready-to-use support for three online solutions

- OpenAl
- Gemini by Google
- Claude by Anthropic

#### and one offline solution

Ollama
 Ready to use docker image, works in WSL2







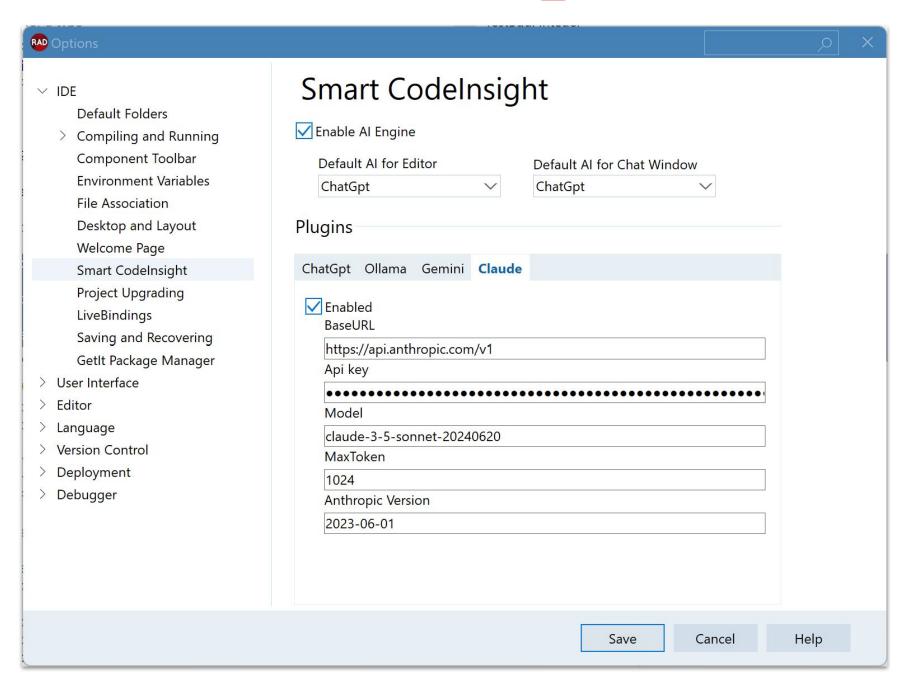






### Smart CodeInsight: AI Powered Coding

- Everything is optional and disabled by default
- Multiple providers, so you can choose which one or ones you want to enable
- A locally installed, offline solution for maximum privacy



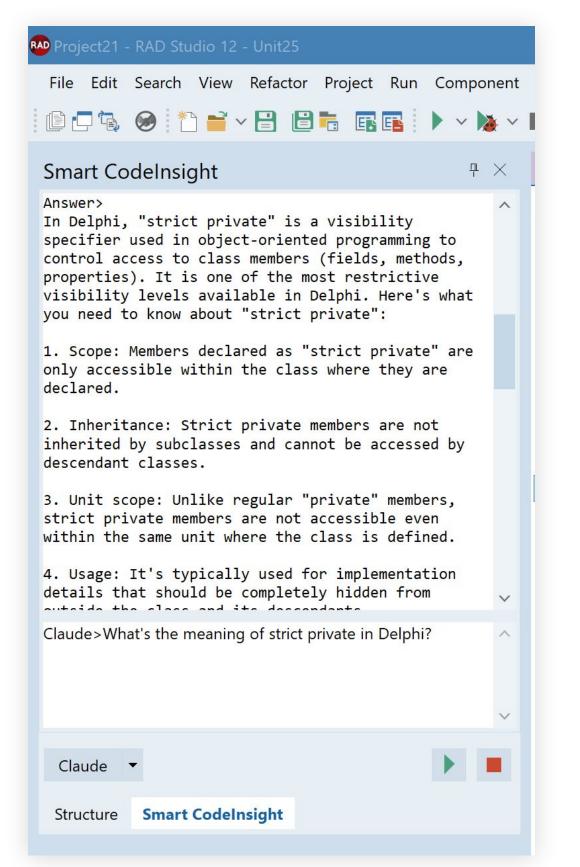
- You decide if and how to use Al
  - ... and you can even create additional plugins for your preferred solution



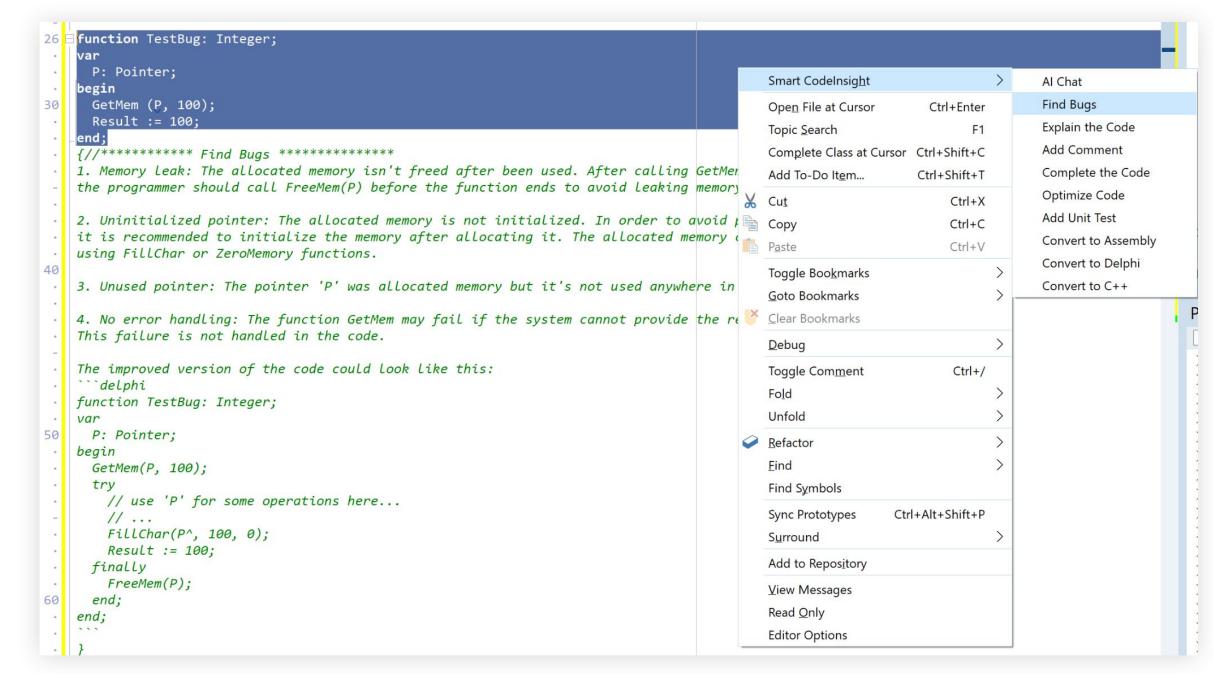




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IDE: chat window and editor commands







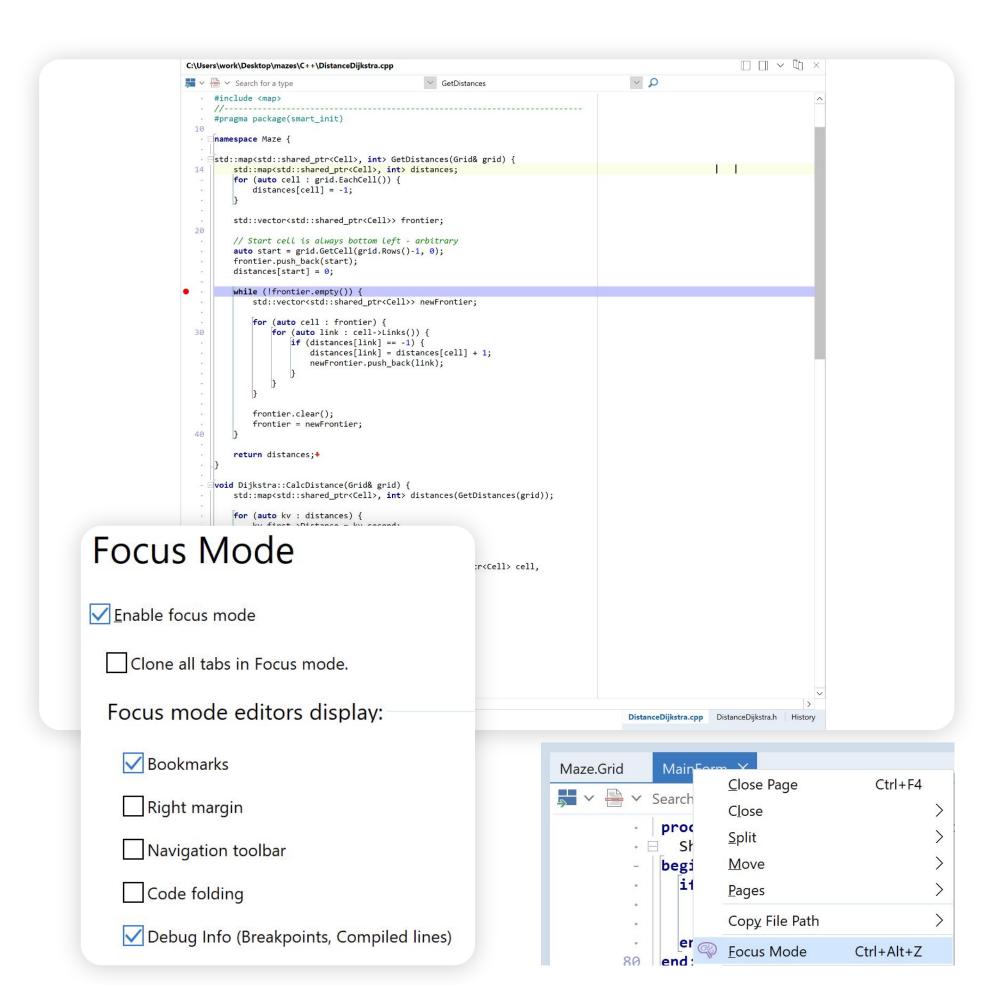


#### **Editor: Focus Mode**

Progression from 12.1's split views, and known as 'zen mode' in other IDEs

Focus Mode leaves the IDE with only your code editor

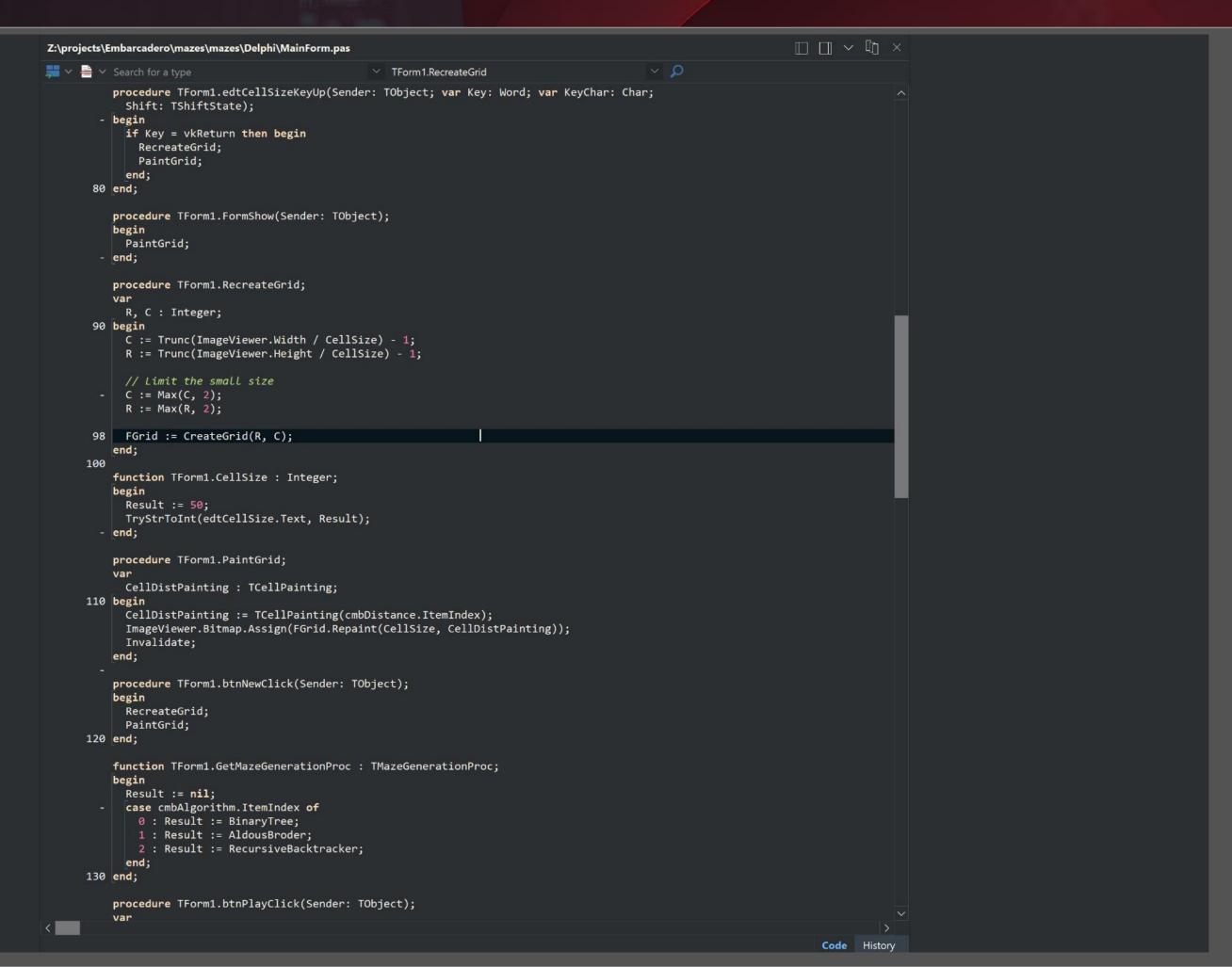
- Removes other UI chrome
- Multiple side by side editors
- 'Code only'
- Distraction free... focus!







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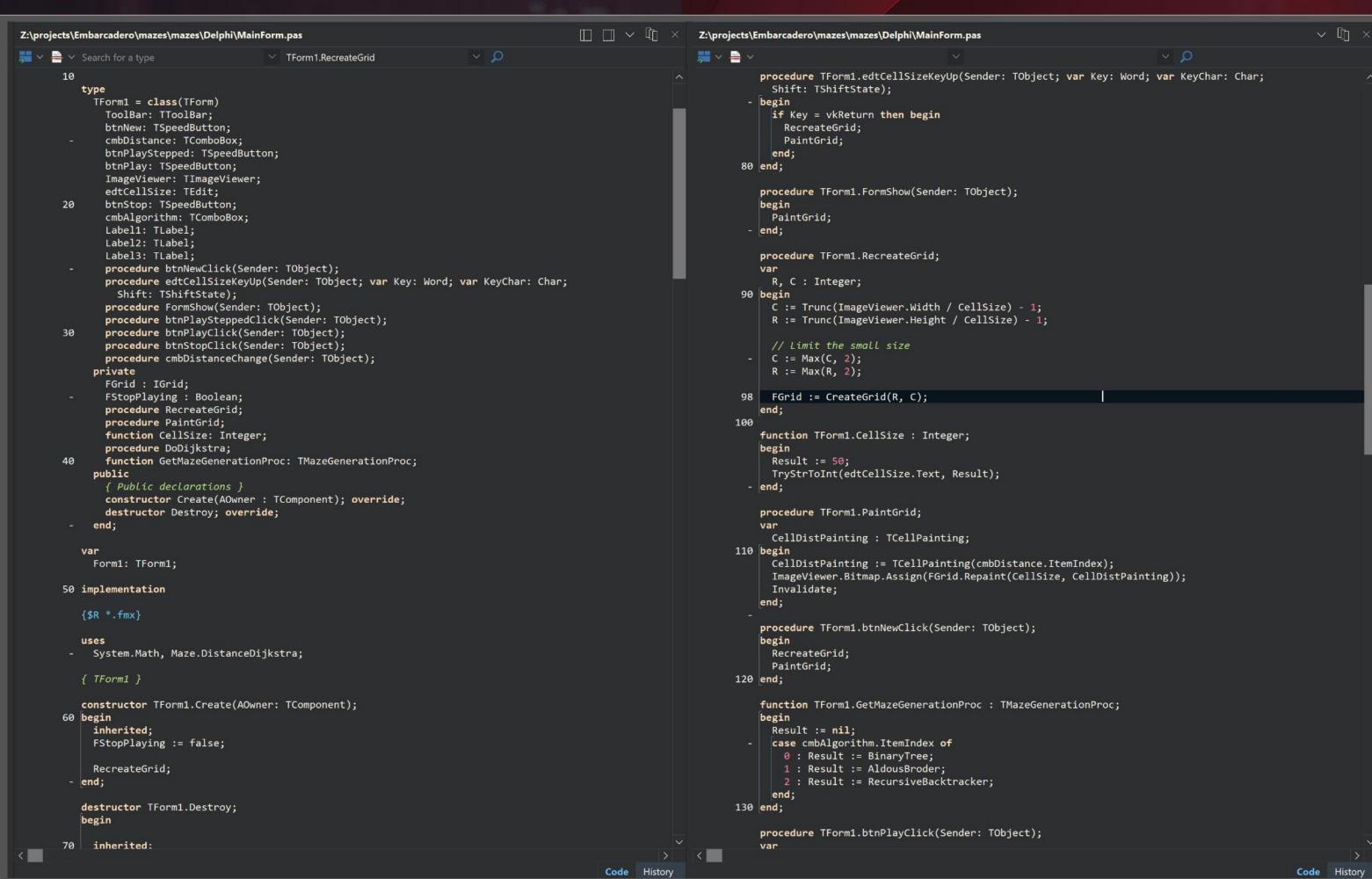






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#### **Editor: Scrollbar Annotations**

- Editor Scrollbar Annotations
  - See at a glance sections of code modified, with bookmarks, errors, warnings...
- distances[start] = 0;

  while (!frontier.empty()) {
   std::vector<std::shared\_ptr<Cell>> newFrontier;

  for (auto cell : frontier) {
   for (auto link : cell->Links()) {
   if (distances[link] == -1) {
   distances[link] = distances[cell] + 1;
   newFrontier.push\_back(link);
   }
  }

- Delphi Inline Assembly Highlighting
- Delphi LSP: code completion optionally in editor colors
- Split Editor Improvements around resizing, stability and IDE toolbars in high DPI quality





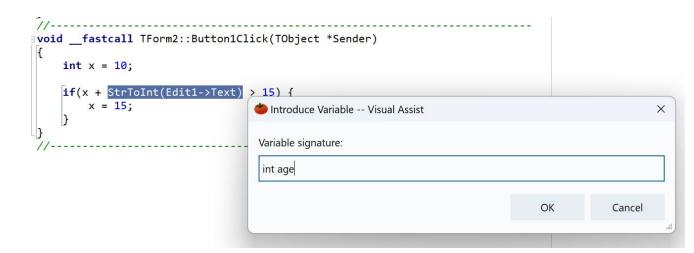




The C++Builder Visual Assist integration has been expanded with three new refactorings

- Introduce Variable
- Create From Usage
- Extract Method

Plus significant quality and stability improvements



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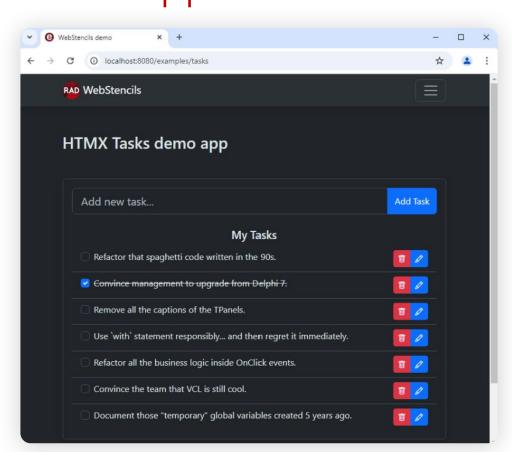




### WebStencils Template Library

Server-side script-based integration and processing of HTML files for WebBroker and RAD Server. You can develop modern websites

- Based on any JavaScript library, CSS, and web technology
- Powered by the data extracted and processed by a RAD Studio server-side application



- Foundation for HTMX as a web development solution.
- HTMX pages benefit from server-side code generation and hook into REST servers for content updates



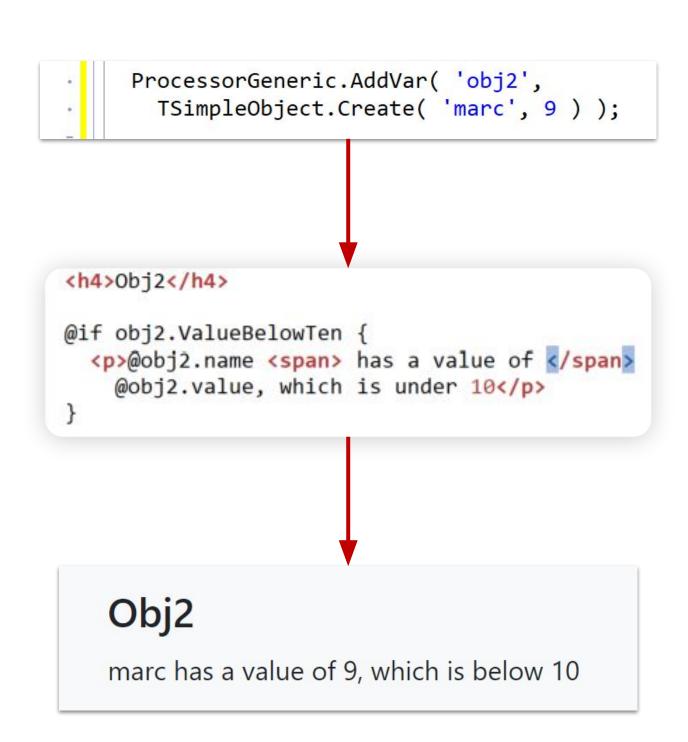




### WebStencils Template Library

#### Core Web Scripting Syntax

- Uses @ for special processing of symbols and {} to define blocks
- @object.value to read data from server objects
- @keywords for special processing
- Supports simple expressions





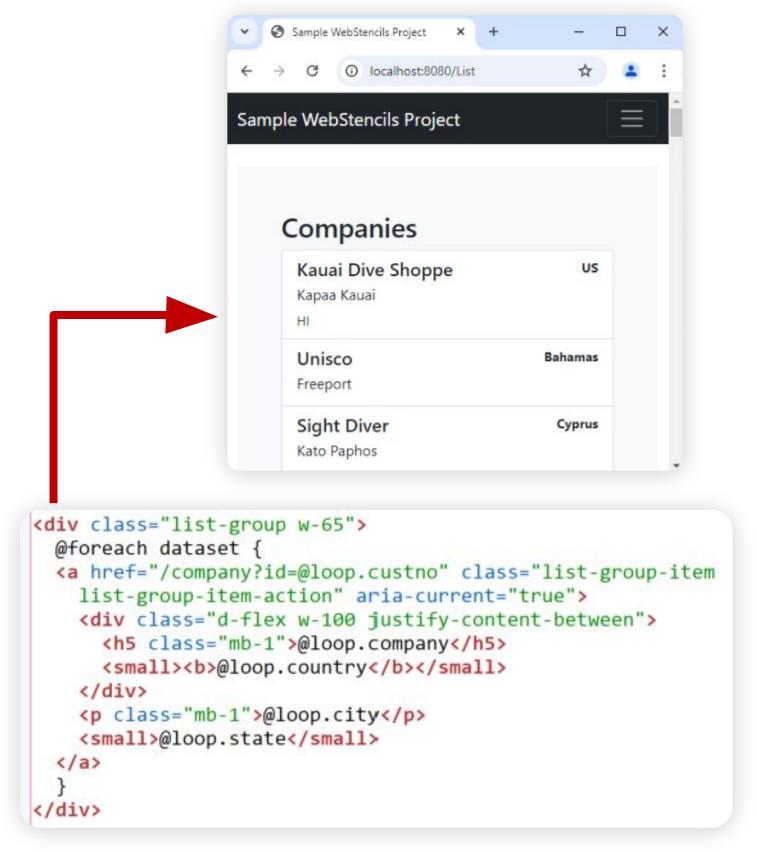




### WebStencils Template Library

#### Data access for the script

- RTTI based (but not only)
- @object.value
- OnValue event handler
- Use objects, lists, or datasets registered as script variables
- Define modules variables with attributes









### From Simple WebBroker Scenario to Mapping

#### WebBroker Actions

- Connect action to WebStencilsProcessor
- Use OnAction handler to:
  - Initialize the processor script variables
  - Run the processor
  - Return the resulting HTML
- In the script, use the variables to generate the HTML

Both WebBroker and RAD Server offer a mapping layer to associate a URL with a file script

```
WebModule1.Actions[1] TWebActionItem

Properties Events

Default ☐ False
Enabled ☑ True

MethodType mtAny

Name ActionCompanyList

PathInfo /list

Producer

ProducerContent
```

```
procedure TWebModule1.WebModule1WebActionItem1Action( Sender : TObject;
Request : TWebRequest; Response : TWebResponse; var Handled : Boolean );

begin
ClientDataSet1.Open;
ProcessorCompanyList.AddVar( 'dataset', ClientDataSet1, False ); // do not destroy
Response.Content := ProcessorCompanyList.Content;
ClientDataSet1.Close;
Handled := True;
end;
```



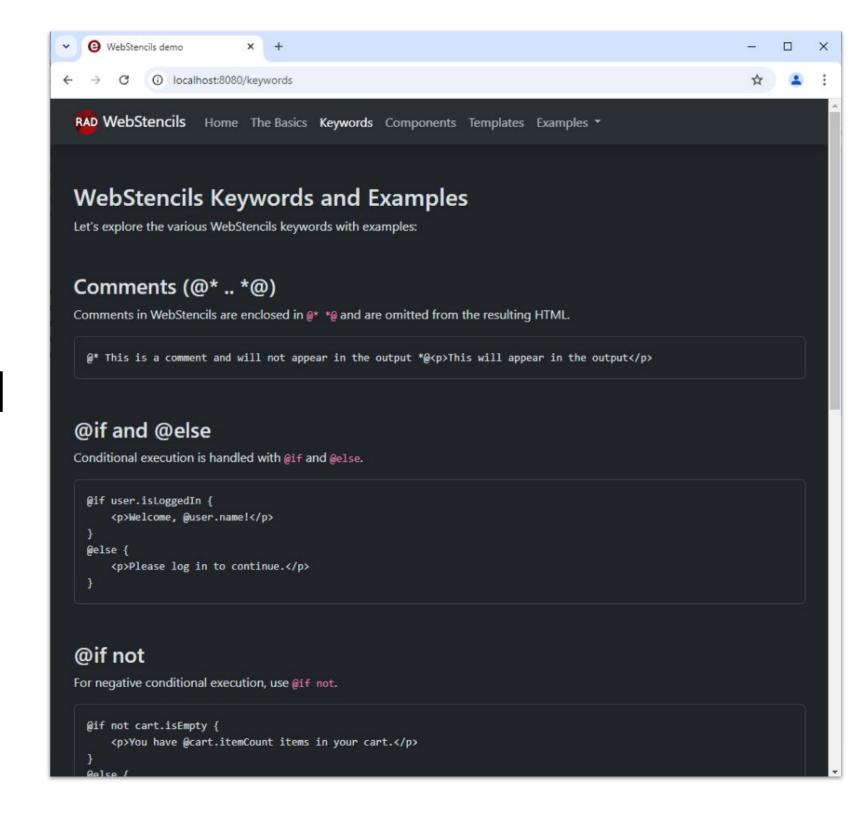




@Scaffolding

### WebStencils Keywords

```
@query - access HTTP parameters
@* .. *@ - comment
@if [not] object.value { ... } [@else { ... }]
@ForEach (var object in list) { ... }
@ForEach object { ... }
@Import
```

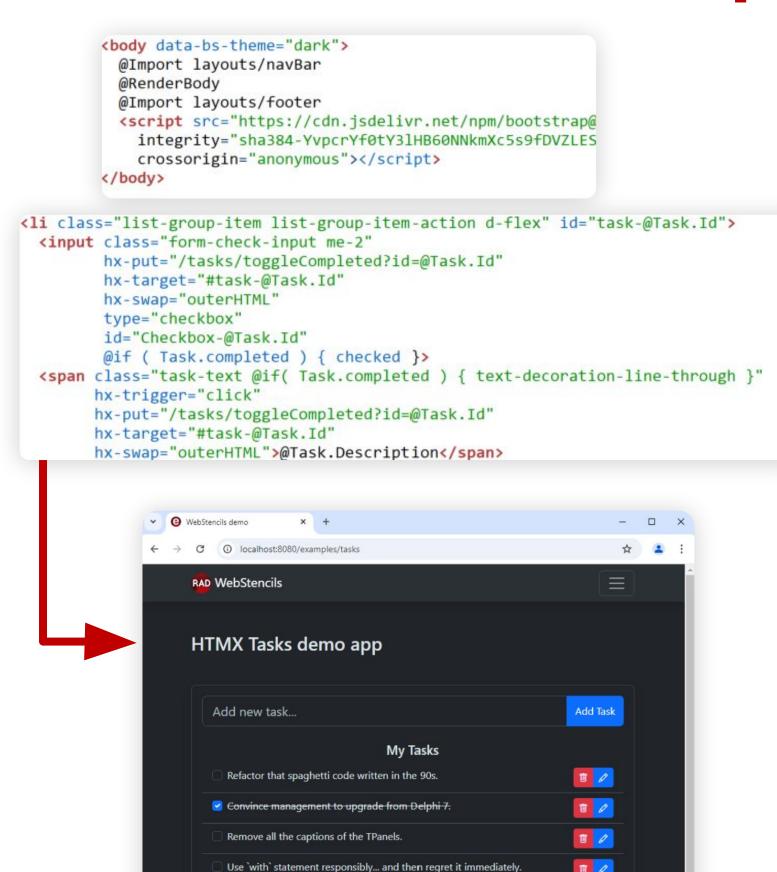








### WebStencils Template structure



#### @LayoutPage

Indicates which template file to use

#### @RenderBody

Placeholder in a template file where to place actual content

#### @ExtraHeader { ... }

Optional block of code to be added as extra header information

#### @RenderHeader

Where to add the extra header of the page





### WebStencils Template Library Components

#### TWebStencilsProcessor

Processes an individual file

Standard WebBroker Producer

Properties InputFilename, InputLines...

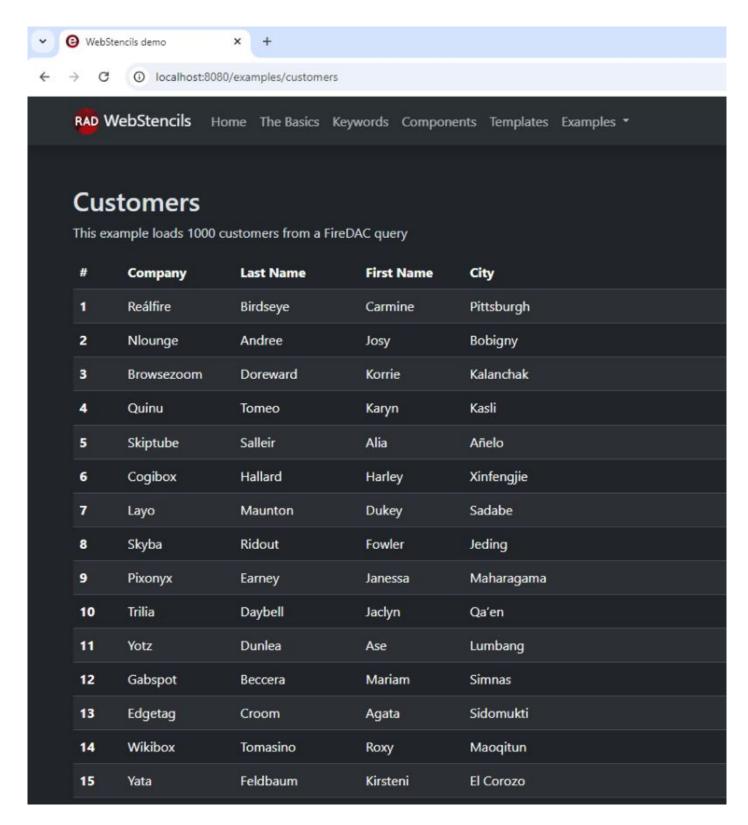
#### **TWebStencilsEngine**

Provides shared settings to individual

TWebStencilsProcessor components

Create WebStencilsProcessor comp, if needed

Properties: Dispatcher of type IWebDispatch, RootDirectory, DefaultFileExt...









### Improved Mobile Development

Significant improvements for Delphi mobile development

#### Apple platforms

- Linker updated to the most recent Apple version
- Link iOS static libraries written in Xcode, like Firebase iOS SDK

#### Android support

- Options to compress Dex files and compress native library files
- The targetSdkVersion of the manifest file can be configured in the IDE
- Import Android libraries ('.aar' files)
- Works with the Facebook SDK for Android and Firebase Analytics









### **Debugger Quality**

Several improvements in the various RAD Studio debuggers

 Delphi debugger handles repeated inline variables with the same name

 Improved the debugger error handling and the remote debuggers communication timeouts.







### **DelphiLSP Quality**

#### The DelphiLSP engine improvements

- Symbol Hints Hints work on most symbols in the class interface, including fields (was not available in 12.1)
- Local Constants and Variables Hovering over local constants and variables can now resolve their definitions
- Forwarded Type Declarations The engine now resolves forwarded type declarations in some cases

```
unit Unit2;
interface
  Winapi.Windows, Winapi.Messages, System.SysUtils, Sy
  Vcl.Controls, Vcl.Forms, Vcl.Dialogs, Vcl.Menus;
type
  TForm2 = class(TForm)
    MainMenu1: TMainMenu;
  var TForm2.MainMenu1: TMainMenu - Unit2.pas (11)
  public
    { Public declarations }
  end:
  Form2: TForm2;
implementation
{$R *.dfm}
end.
```







### Delphi RTL, VCL, and FireMonkey Quality

#### **Delphi RTL**

- New TParallelArray class (offers faster parallel operations, like sorting)
- New TorderedDictionary class
- Support for the REG\_NONE type in TRegistry (key with no type)

#### **VCL**

Primarily quality work around frames scaling, FormsTabBar, styling issues,
 High DPI issues. Quite extensive work.

#### **FireMonkey**

Further work on Android deployment, intensive quality work for many areas,
 with additional focus on edit and memo controls on mobile







### RAD Server Improvements

- WebStencils template engine support 🔥 🥳
- (RAD Server can do Web!)
- Reworked RAD Server Push Notification (and Firebase APNS)
  - Added required support for HTTP/2 (uses libCurl also on Win)
- RAD Server Swagger Documentation enhancements
  - New IEMSApiDocumentService interface (customization of the metadata in the generated swagger doc files)
  - New IEMSApiDocumentFilter interface (filter the API being documented)
  - Swagger support for YAML format in addition to JSON
  - APIDocAttributes demo updated to use Delphi multiline string literals







### **Quality Overall**

#### Customer reports fixed

- Addressed approximately 350 customer reported issues
- Implemented 28 customer feature requests
- Reported on the old or the new portal

#### Addressed issues in all areas, the top ones are

- o IDE
- VCL
- FireMonkey

- Compiler\C++
- RTL\Delphi
- Compiler\Delphi



## What's New in < RAD Studio 12.2> Thank You!

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