

What's New in Omnis Studio 5.0

Extending Omnis to New Platforms and New Markets

Computing is becoming more mobile with laptops and other handheld devices now outselling traditional desktop computers. The leading growth area in the handheld market is for so-called 'Smartphones', which have all the familiar features of mobile phones together with extended features like WiFi connectivity, satellite positioning and support for professional office applications like email, word processing, and spreadsheets. These mobile devices are becoming the must-have device for most business people, allowing them to communicate while out of the office, to have access to critical data, and to organise their work and family life more flexibly.

With the release of Omnis Studio 5, you can take advantage of this mobile revolution, by extending your new and existing Omnis applications to support these new mobile platforms and devices. Combined with all the other features in Studio 5, such as support for multiple languages (Studio 5 fully supports Unicode text and data), you can now reach new customers, in new markets, giving you greater success for your Omnis applications.

Omnis Studio 5.0 contains many new features and enhancements to further increase the power and flexibility of the Omnis development environment.

New Platforms

Support for Windows Mobile® based phones or 'Smartphones' and other mobile devices

New Markets

Full support for Unicode and extended character sets means you can localise your application for virtually any market place in the world

New features in Omnis Studio 5.0 include:

❑ Run your Apps on Windows Mobile

The new Mobile Client will allow your Omnis applications to run on Windows Mobile® based devices including Smartphones, PDAs, and other mobile devices. The new Omnis Mobile Client will allow you to extend your applications to a whole range of mobile devices, and create applications for entirely new markets.

❑ New Web and Mobile Menus for greater interactivity

A new class, a Remote menu class, has been added to provide context menus for remote forms. The new remote menu can be used in web browsers or on Windows Mobile based devices.



❑ Greater control and Security for your Web Applications

Now you can configure the Web Server plug-in via a separate configuration file, allowing greater security and control over user access to your Omnis web applications.

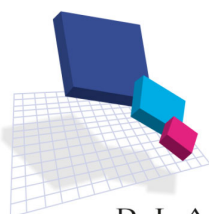
❑ Reach new customers virtually anywhere in the world

In addition to the new features, all versions of Omnis Studio 5 will support Unicode, which means you can store and display data that uses Unicode based characters. This means your Omnis applications will support thousands of foreign languages and complex symbols opening up vast new markets and potential new revenues.

❑ Reach new customers in new markets on the web

The String Label object is now available for Remote forms which means you can localize the text and strings in your Web Client based applications. In addition, two new string tables have been introduced to allow you to translate more built-in resources (strings, messages, toolbars etc) in Omnis and the Omnis Web Client.

In addition, the String Table Editor has been enhanced and now allows you to translate a whole list of strings into one or more languages automatically.



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Omnis Studio 5 allows you to create feature rich mobile applications (left) that can access all leading server databases. This version introduces brand new components including the Accordion (right) and the FishEye for interactive selection in your forms.

- ❑ Faster, Easier, Better team development in Omnis**
 Various enhancements in the Omnis VCS including the ability to create branches in a project, the Find Class option, the ability to strip Comments from builds, the Checked out classes warning, Project Property updates, and more.
- ❑ New Interactive Components and Enhanced Component API**
 The Omnis External Component interface now supports animation and transparency allowing developers to create new interactive and visually rich components. Plus we have created two new components, the Accordion and FishEye, available for window classes and remote forms, to further enhance your application development.
- ❑ Fine tune your code for faster, better performance**
 You can now collect performance data for the methods within individual classes in your application, and method lines can now have line numbers making it easier to read your code
- ❑ Access end users' machine for even greater control**
 The new Omnis RegAdmin component is a non-visual object that gives you access to the Windows Registry allowing you to manage Keys and Values within the registry.
- ❑ Greater Security for your Web communications**
 Support for secure connections has been added to the existing package of web commands. Therefore, the HTTP, FTP, SMTP and POP3 client commands that establish a connection to a server all have two new arguments, which control if and how a secure connection is used. In addition, there is a new set of commands to allow communications with an IMAP server.
- ❑ New DAM for OpenBase**
 This release includes a new Omnis DAM to allow you to connect to the OpenBase database. This DAM was previously available from OpenBase, but we have taken over the maintenance of this DAM with the release of a new version of the DAM compatible with Omnis Studio 5.

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