

Who is Who

in Firebird Project

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**A long time ago
in a shower far, far away...**

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Some Ancient history

- **1981-1984:** DEC started RDB, their first relational database. Jim got impatient and started coding his own version, named JRD.
- **1984-1985:** Jim Starkey, Ann W. Harrison and Don Depalma signed contract with Apollo Computer, a workstation company, founding Groton Database Systems
- **1986: InterBase 2**
- **1986:** Ashton-Tate invested in Interbase.
- **1988: InterBase 3.** Ashton-Tate purchased 51% of Interbase.
- **1991:** Ashton-Tate purchased all of Interbase. Borland bought Ashton-Tate.
- **1994: InterBase 4**
- **1995, April 24:** Borland sells Delphi 1. Interbase 4.0C is included.

InterBase Community

In Borland newsgroups and MERS List

- Ann W. Harrison
- Diane Brown
- Helen Borrie
- Ivan Prenosil
- Bill Karwin
- Paul Beach
- Gregory H. Deatz

From InterBase to Firebird

- **1999, December 14:** The resignation of 3 key people at ISC (Bill Karwin, Paul Beach and Wayne Ostiguy) halts InterBase development.
- **1999, December 17:** Greg Deatz discovers the facts and posts to Mers with "Bad rumors abound" subject. First fiasco. Tidal waves start flooding Borland newsgroups. The "SaveInterbase" emailing list is created by Helen Borrie to avoid losing IB forever. The IBDI Group (IB Developer's Initiative) is founded by Helen Borrie, Jason Wharton and Dalton Calford to safeguard the interests of Interbase users.
- **2000, January 3:** Borland announces IB6 will be open sourced.
- **2000, February 14:** A new company is being created. Ann Harrison accepts the challenge of being the new ISC President and Jim Starkey will be technical advisor. Paul Beach named Interbase VP Sales & Marketing
- **2000, June 30:** Second fiasco. IB6 is not released in time as expected due to pending legal issues.

From InterBase to Firebird II.

- 2000, July 25: Inprise and not ISC is the company releasing InterBase 6.0 as a free and open source database, but without the documents and without the basic test suites.
- 2000, July 28: Third fiasco. Ann Harrison resigns to her position of acting as General Manager for the Interbase part of Borland. The deal between ISC and Borland has died.
- 2000, July 31: A group of enthusiast people create the Firebird tree at Source Forge, because the InterBase tree doesn't admit external people as developers.
- 2001, November: Yaffil development is initiated by Aleksey Karyakin and Oleg Loa, based on Firebird, with improved productivity.
- 2002, January: IBDI founders announce the dissolution of the group. Technical content moved to the Firebird site.
- 2002, March 12: **Firebird 1.0 Final Release**

Early Days

- Reed Mideke (Win32 dev., ex-Borlander)
- Dave Schnepfer (Intl. support, ex-Borlander)
- Geoffrey C. Speicher (FreeBSD)
- Neil McCalden (Solaris)
- John Bellardo (MacOS)
- Dalton Calford (co-founder of IBDI)
- Frank Schlottmann-Goedde
- Paul Reeves (Win32 builds and packages)

Jim Starkey is back...



...as **Big Bad Wolf**

Who lives in Firebird-Architect

Ann W. Harrison



- Guide to the Firebird code
- IBP wizard
- Interpreter from strange Klingon dialect that Jim uses to language understandable by mere mortals
- Technical papers writer
- ...and she can also write code!

Helen Borrie



- Amazing wordsmith
- Untiring administrator
- Firebird Foundation Builder
- Wrote THE Firebird Book
- Designer of Sparky
- New Zealander who lives in Australia (NSW) and firebird-support list

Mark O'Donohue



- Firebird Project kickstarter
- Firebird Foundation Builder (and first FF president)

Paul Beach



- IB/FB business mastermind
- Cat herder and gardener
- HP-UX and MacOS port maintainer (now also Solaris)
- Current Firebird Foundation president

Claudio Valderrama C.



- Core Developer
- Code scrutineer, bug-finder and fixer, various enhancements, UDF fixer, designer and implementor

Form version 1.0 to 2.0

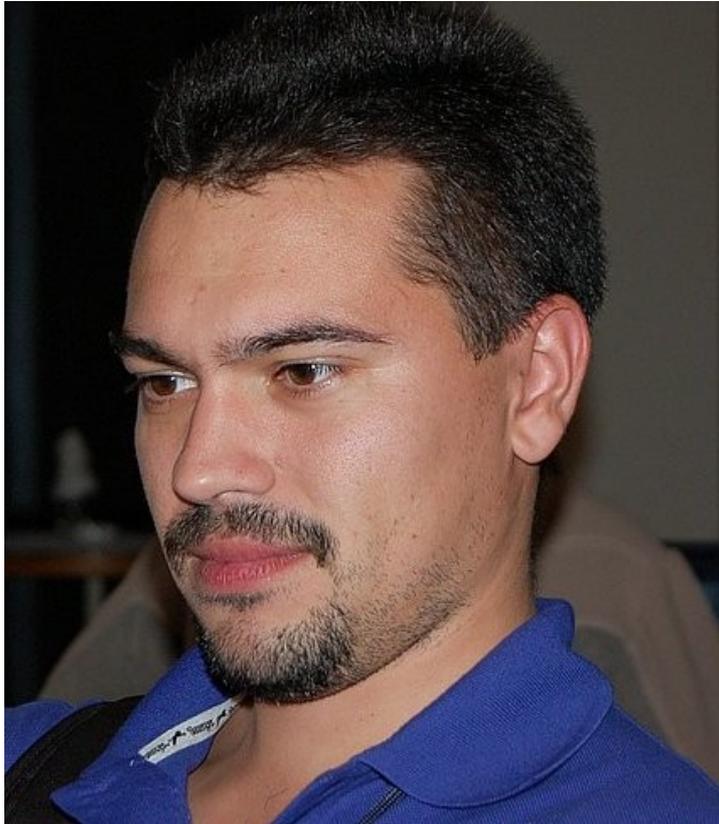
- **John Bellardo**
Implemented plug-in interface for character sets, co-ordinator, Darwin builds, initial implementor of new memory model
- **Mike Nordell**
Translated Firebird codebase to C++, performance enhancements, feature porting, bug-finder and fixer
- **Konstantin Kuznetsov**
Solaris Intel builds
- **Erik Kunze**
Bug-finder and fixer, code-cleaner, SINIX-Z builds
- **Blas Rodriguez Somoza**
Developer of new character sets, major code cleaner and tree surgeon, MinGW builds

Nickolay Samofatov



- Core Developer (2003-2005)
- Services for Classic, Savepoints, explicit locks, Nbackup, bug-finder and fixer
- Major engine reimplementations
- Architectural troubleshooter

Dmitry Yemanov



- Core developer and Core Dev. Team Leader (2001-now)
- Release coordinator, DSQL and PSQL enhancements, implementor of Embedded Server, numerous metadata enhancements, database aliasing, multi-action triggers, Windows Classic server, numerous bug-fixes

Alexander Peshkov



- Core Developer (2002-now)
- New PSQL and DSQL features, security features coordinator and author, code fixer, Linux builds, porting authority

Vlad Horsun



- Core Developer (2003-now)
- SQL feature designer/implementor, bug-finder and fixer, EXECUTE BLOCK, revamped Garbage Collection, PSQL stack trace

Arno Brinkman



- **Mr. Optimizer**
- Many new DSQL features
- New Index structure for v2.0

Jim Starkey is going to write some code...



- Codename "Vulcan"
- Fork of post-1.5 codebase.
- Big Bad Wolf domesticated in Firebird-devel (1952 msgs)
- ...but "some" turned out to be a major code and architecture overhaul.
- Over years, he got it to "mostly works" status.

...And then defected to MySQL



...But Project remains big...

- **Adriano dos Santos Fernandes**
New international character-set handling, text and text BLOB enhancements, new DSQL features, code scrutineering
- **Dimitry Sibiriyakov**
Code cleanup, MinGW builds
- **Ignacio J. Ortega**
Added PLAN feature to triggers, code cleanup
- **Sean Leyne**
Bugtracker organizer, code cleaner
- **Oleg Loa**
Yaffil sources, Bug-fixer

...and strong

- **Peter Jacobi**
Improvements, updating of character sets
- **Olivier Mascia**
Re-implementor of Win32 installation services, IBPP C++ interface developer
- **Artur Anjos**
Enhanced Win32 control panel applets, Firebird Configuration Manager
- **Philippe Makowski**
QA tester and developer
- **Dimitrios Ioannides**
New Jira bugtracker implementor and administrator
- **Evgeny Putilin**
Java stored procedures implementation

"JayBird" JDBC Driver



- **David Jencks**
JayBird designer and co-coordinator,
designer of Firebird documentation
tools
- **Roman Rokytskyy**
Jaybird implementor and co-
ordinator
- **Ryan Baldwin**
Jaybird Type 2 driver developer

Other subprojects

- **.NET Data Provider**
 - Carlos Guzman Alvarez
 - Jiri Cincura
- **ODBC Driver**
 - Vladimir Tsvigun
- **Documentation**
 - Tilo Muetze
 - Paul Vinkenoog
 - Norman Dunbar
 - Translators: Pavel Menshchikov, Tomneko Hayashi, Umberto Masotti, Thomas Steinmauer



That's all (for now)

<http://www.ibphoenix.com>
We have answers

