

IBM MIDRANGE USER GROUP

FOR USERS OF THE IBM AS/400 COMPUTER SYSTEM

January 1997 Newsletter

President's Message

As we begin again the rat race to keep up with everything we have to do this year, let's prioritize at least one event as a must do. Let's resolve to attend more **User Group** meetings, network more, and take some time to find out what's going on around us and among our fellow peers. I know I have learned a lot from associating with each of you and I thank you for your support. Remember, this is your group and you will get out of it as much as you contribute. Let's resolve to look forward to opportunities tomorrow and yet be grounded in realities as they are today. Let's put our best effort into supporting each other. Help us to help you make this another great experience this year. Thank you all very much!!!



David Larsen

This Month's Meeting

January's User Group Meeting will be on **Entering the World of Client Server with the AS/400**. Paul Coleman will discuss the methods of using the AS/400 as the server in a client server application. We will be shown how easily data can be accessed on the AS/400. While we will be talking about the methods and concepts, the



demonstration will use Delphi as its programming language.

Paul Coleman works as a Client Server Consultant for **Vitrex**. He has a wide variety of experience in the Client Server area from Network-AS/400 up to and including the Internet/Intranet. Paul has been a presenter at COMMON and will be presenting multiple sessions at the next COMMON in Boston. Among Paul's skills are Delphi, Java, C++, HTML... The list goes on so bring your questions.

Our meeting this month will be held on **Wednesday, January 8th at 11:00 a.m. at the Murray City Offices (City Council Chambers), 5025 South State Street.**

Last Month

Paul Newey of the **Salt Lake Olympic Committee** presented a very impressive address and display of the preparations for the **2002 Olympics** in Salt Lake City. Paul began by giving away some prizes such as Olympic pins. He then displayed several slides showing the various layouts and venues for the games. Sites ranging from Kearns, to Salt Lake, to Park City, and Ogden were shown. He also displayed an organizational chart for the Organizing Committee. Basically, the work for the 2002 committee is to build an organization of thousands to put on an event that lasts two weeks and then dismantle that organization in 30 days or less following the event. Paul presented some very detailed information on a broad spectrum of issues related to the organizing effort. As was indicated earlier, it was very impressive and exciting to get a preview of the events in store for the 2002 Olympics. Collectively we would like to thank Paul for this extraordinary effort and presentation. Very well done indeed!!!



Mark Your Calendar

IBM Midrange User Group

January 8, monthly meeting held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:00 AM at the Murray City Office (City Council Chambers), 5025 South State Street.



Utah Computer Society (Blue Chips)

January 9, monthly meeting held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the U of U Engineering building, room 104. For more information call 281-8339.

IBM Course: AS/400 System Operator Workshop

January 15, Denver, to enroll call (800) 426-8322 and specify course number S6029.

COMDEX PACRIM '97

January 21-23, Vancouver, British Columbia, for info. call (617) 433-1665 or www.comdex.com

IBM Course: Client Access/400 Implementation for DOS

January 22, Denver, to enroll call (800) 426-8322 and specify course number S6018.

IBM Course: AS/400 Control Language Programming

January 28, Denver, to enroll call (800) 426-8322 and specify course number S6020.

Common Regional Conference

January 29-31, Orlando, Fla.; February 19-21, San Diego; March 12-14, Denver. Contact: Common Regional Headquarters, Chicago. (800) 761-5799.

**Short Takes****1997 - Year of the Mainframe?**

Everything that goes around, comes around. Or something like that. Remember when mainframes were the way to go in computers? Remember when mini-computers were better? Then you weren't cool unless you had a micro-computer, and we all looked down on "mainframe heads." Well, the WWW is changing things again. Now we need massive disk space and gigabytes of memory with hundreds of lines to let the world access our cute little WWW pages. And which microcomputer is going to provide all that without individuals having to sell their oldest child to provide financing? It's not a microcomputer at all. As a columnist in PC WEEK recently stated, "1997 is the Year of the Mainframe."

1996 - Year of Lost Information!

Almost eight out of 10 companies surveyed across North America by Ernst & Young say they lost valuable information over the past two years to computer viruses, crackers, bitter employees, spies or disasters. Most of those losses (63%) were the result of viruses, while nearly one-third were caused by the malicious acts of insiders. Most companies refused to say how much money they lost, but E&Y says those losses were significant. Of the 30% that described their losses, 14% say they lost between \$250,000 and \$1 million, while 2% said they lost more than \$1-million. The solution is simple, toss the computers and dig out those IBM Selectric typewriters. The result would be a less stressful and happier world.

Apple Rehires Jobs, Buys NeXT

Apple Computer rehired co-founder Steve Jobs as a consultant and technology director to refurbish the Mac

operating system. Apple will buy Jobs' NeXT operating system software, betting that features like its object orientation and multitasking capabilities will entice developers to write snazzy applications programs for Macs. Jobs, who founded Apple with Stephen Wozniak, left the company in 1985.

No Employee Turnover at Kingston

Kingston Technology, a memory-chip producer, announced at its Christmas party that its more than 500 employees would receive bonuses of one to three times their annual salaries. The average bonus was \$75,000 with some as high as \$300,000. You can bet there's not much turnover in that company. What a novel idea, rewarding hard-working employees. Sadly, it will never catch on.

IBM Drives Break 5 Billion Bits

IBM has developed a computer hard-disk drive capable of storing five billion bits per square inch, or three times as much as the most advanced systems it currently sells. The new drives won't reach the consumer market for several years. IBM expects that it will reach the 10-billion bits per square inch level by the end of the decade.

Junk E-mail to Prevent Junk E-mail?

Xoom Software, a San Francisco company, sells Email Robot for \$29.95. This software filters out junk e-mail and prevents it from clogging your e-mail servers. So how did Xoom advertise it? It sent out six million individual and unsolicited copies of its e-mail announcement to Net users.

Will Uncle Sam Make the Year 2000 Deadline?

Experts say that the Federal government should have started work on the Year 2000 problem at least six years ago, but it was just last August that Congress started putting pressure on agencies to start fixing the problem. The IRS alone has more than 40 different accounting systems. The Social Security Administration has over 33 million lines of code. The Department of Defense is faced with spending \$30 billion to fix its code. If the IRS misses the deadline that may be bad for some of us and good for others. If the Department of Defense misses the deadline you're talking about launching missiles! Time is ticking and some industry experts are worried.

AS/400 Tips and Techniques**IC/400 Eliminates Routers and Emulators**

Q: I've heard that IBM's Internet Connection for AS/400 (IC/400) removes the need for Client Access or other routers and/or emulators, that IC/400 turns an AS/400 into a Web server, and that all menus on the AS/400 have Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) counterparts. So the AS/400 finally does graphics! Is it true we no longer need routers or emulators?

A: Yes. With IC/400 and the other Web products in the AS/400 market, the need for routers and emulators is gone. In their place, you need a TCP/IP connection to the AS/400 and a Web browser on the PC (such as Netscape or Microsoft's Internet Explorer). However, remember that the TCP/IP plus Web browser connection doesn't give you Client Access-type functionality (e.g., ODBC, shared folders), but it does provide a graphical interface to your 5250 displays using an on-the-fly 5250-to-HTML conversion. For more information about IC/400, see "Explore IBM's New AS/400 Web Server," (NEWS/400, July 1996), and "Internet Connection for AS/400" (NEWS/400, February 1996).

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Humor Department

The Cannibals

Two cannibals, a father and a son were elected by the tribe to go out and get something to eat. They walked deep into the jungle and waited by a path.

Before long, along came this little old man. The son said, "Ooh, Dad, there's one." "No," said the father, "There's not enough meat on that one to feed the dogs. We'll just wait."

Well, a little while later, along came this really overweight man. The son said, "Hey Dad, he's plenty big enough." "No," said the father, "We'll all die of a heart attack from the fat in that one. We'll just wait."

About an hour later, this absolutely gorgeous woman walks by. The son said, "Now there's nothing wrong with that one Dad. Let's eat her." "No," said the father, "We will not eat her either." "Why not?" asked the son. "Because we are going to take her back alive and eat your mother!"

Thanks to Garth Gelster, posted on IBM's **Forum/400**.

Classified Ads

3480 Tape Cartridges for Sale - Used 3M Blackwatch 3480 tape cartridges. Quantity: 728 at \$1.00 each or best offer. All or part. Contact Brian D. Wyatt at C.R. England 801-977-6700.

Free Terminals - Murray City has some surplus terminals to give away. Please contact David Larsen 264-2501.

Editor's Note:

It takes many hours of hard work and creativity every month to produce a newsletter full of information, wit, and wisdom. Fortunately, this isn't that kind of newsletter. That's because much of the information in this newsletter is contributed from the other User Group officers or stolen from NEWS/400, InfoWorld, PC Week, Forum/400, or any number of other electronic or printed media. I copy, revise, editorialize, condense and share it with you in the hope that you will have something interesting to read during your lunch break.

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