This Month's Meeting

Our meeting topic for the month of January will be **LANSA**. So just what is LANSA? It is a company specializing in AS/400 application development tools. The LANSA family of application development tools for the AS/400 community caters to both host-based and client/server applications:

LANSA for the AS/400, the premier AS/400 development environment

LANSA for the Web, Mission Critical Transactions for the Internet - easily, safely & consistently.

LANSA for Windows, portable development using Windows 95 or Windows NT. You can deploy multi-tier client/server applications to flexible combinations of AS/400, Windows 3.x, Windows 95, Windows NT, OS/2, AIX, or HP-UX from a single set of LANSA source code.

LANSA Open, intelligent client/server middleware for fast data access.

LANSA/Client, Windows-based graphical query, chart and reporting tool.

Come learn about this diverse company and the array of development products that can help you do your job. Our meeting this month will be held on **Wednesday, January 14th at 11:00 a.m. at the Murray City Offices (City Council Chambers), 5025 South State Street.**

Christmas Luncheon Highlights

If you missed the Christmas Luncheon last month you really missed out. We met at the Riverboat Banquet Center and had a great meeting with good food, prizes and a great keynote speaker.

Dave Allred, Vice President of PR for the Utah Jazz told many great inside stories about the Jazz. We appreciate Dave for taking the time to speak to us. We also we want to thank all our group members for their great support by attending our meetings. Thanks!

IBM Corner

Lunch and Learn

"Lunch and Learn" is an ongoing series of free conference calls for customers, Business Partners and IBMers. They include a variety of speakers, including experts from the Rochester Development Lab and consultants from the information systems industry. Plan now to take advantage of this easy, flexible way to acquire AS/400 education -- without ever having to leave your office. Have lunch delivered, sit back and learn.

AS/400 Trends & Directions
     Date: 1/13
     Time: noon ET
     Confirmation number: 379367
or
     Date: 1/15
     Time: noon CT
     Confirmation number: 379369

Join Tony Madden, AS/400 Technology Manager, as he provides you with a sneak preview of our direction for 1998.

AS/400 Resources For The Year 2000 Challenge
     Date: 1/27
     Time: noon ET
     Confirmation number: 379372
or
     Date: 1/29
     Time: noon CT
     Confirmation number: 379374

This teleconference will focus on the resources and tools available to AS/400 customers interested in becoming Year 2000 ready. Mark Christensen, an AS/400 Year 2000 Segment Manager, will discuss strategies as well as tactical requirements that an AS/400 customer should focus on now, while becoming Year 2000 ready.

AS/400 Announcement Update
     Date: 2/10
     Time: noon ET
     Confirmation number: 379375
or
     Date: 2/12
     Time: noon CT
     Confirmation number: 379376

Jennifer Clarke of AS/400 Brand Marketing will present this update on the latest AS/400e announcements. It's a great opportunity to get up-to the minute information on the newest products and features available.

TO ENROLL
Call 1-800-289-0579 and reference the corresponding confirmation number, or visit the AS/400 Web site at http://www.as400.ibm.com/usa and enroll on line. Please allow at least five business days in advance to ensure receipt of the call support materials.

You can listen to a replay of the conference call called "What to do when your Midrange System Runs Out of Gas?". This was a no-holds barred discussion by a consultant group called ASTECH positioning AS/400 plusses and minuses with UNIX and NT solutions. The replay is available through January 16 by calling 1-888-566-0792.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
There was a new version of Image on the AS/400 announced, called ImagePlus VisualInfo for AS/400 4.1. There is significant new functionality in the new product. Watch for more details on this one.

You can get a CD-ROM which is a multimedia V4R1 Technical Overview by ordering SK3T-0225. Call IBM Publications at 1-800-879-2755, Option 5 to order.

A Rochester team will be coming into Salt Lake in the next few months to do a roadshow on AS/400 e-business. I'm not sure of the dates, but it will probably be held at the Little America hotel. I'll pass the date along as soon as it's firmed up.

PROMOTIONS
There is a limited time promotion for VisualAge for Java. If you acquire a new or version upgrade to OS/400 Version 4 Release 1 (V4R1) license, OR a new or version upgrade to a V4R1 Advanced Entry Model 150 Basepak, you will receive a copy of IBM VisualAge for Java Enterprise Edition at no additional charge. V4R1 must be ordered by February 12 to qualify for this promotion. Additional information can be found at http://www.software.ibm.com.ad/as400.

Thanks very much!
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Computer History Highlights

Events in computer history this month:

1986	IBM RT PC announced
1987	Apple unveils AppleShare file server
1987	Ross Perot invests $20 million in Steve Job's start-up company, NeXT Software.
1990	S/38 withdrawn from marketing by IBM.
1990	AS/400 models B35 and B45 announced.

Free Microsoft Seminars

Microsoft is holding their free Solutions Briefing Seminars again in Utah. Unless otherwise indicated, they are all held at the new Salt Lake City office located in the Eagle Gate Plaza and Office Tower, 60 East South Temple, Suite 1570 in Salt Lake City. For directions call 801-333-8100. Register by calling 1-800-550-4300 and include the event code for the briefing you wish to attend, as well as the name, address, zip code and phone number of each attendee.

Overview of Electronic Commerce
Jam 13, 1:00-4:00 pm, event code 15063

Visual Basic Corporate Solutions
Jan 15, 9:00 am –12:00 pm, event code 15071

Managing Projects Now and in the Future
Jan 21, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, event code 15074

Desktop Database Solutions with Microsoft Access97
Feb 3, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, event code 15078

Working in the Windows NT Workstation Environment
Feb 4, 1:00-4:00 pm, event code 15080

Microsoft Office Development
Feb 10, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, event code 15084

How to Architect Distributed and Multi-tiered Solutions Leveraging Microsoft's Implementation of COM and Distributed COM
Dec 17, 8:30-12:00 pm, event code 14334

How to Access All Types of Data through a Single Data Access Model
Dec 17, 1:00-5:00pm, event code 14314

Humor Department

Not Raising Hogs
Job Opportunities in Agriculture

The following letter, was received by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Dear Sir:

My friend, Ed Peterson, over at Ute, Iowa, received a check for $1000.00 from the government for not raising 50 hogs. So, I want to go into the "not raising hogs" business next year.

What I want to know is, in your opinion, what is the best kind of farm not to raise hogs on, and what kind is the best breed of hogs not to raise? I want to be sure that I

approach this endeavor in keeping with all the government policies. I would very much prefer not to raise Razorbacks, but if that is not a good breed not to raise, then I will just as gladly not raise Yorkshires or Durocs.

As I see it, the hardest part of this program will be keeping an accurate inventory of how many hogs I haven't raised.

My friend, Peterson, is very joyful about the future of the business. He has been raising hogs for twenty years or so, and the best he ever made on them was $422.00 in 1971, and this is until this year when he received your check for $1000 for not raising 50 hogs.

If I get $1000.00 for not raising 50 hogs, will I get $2000 for not raising 100 hogs? I plan to operate on a small scale at first, holding myself down to about 4,000 hogs not raised, which will bring in about $80,000.00 the first year. Then I can afford that airplane I've been wanting.

Now another thing, these hogs I will not raise will not eat about 100,000 bushels of corn. I understand that you also pay farmers for not raising corn. Will I qualify for payments for not raising any corn to feed the 4,000 hogs I am not going to raise?

Also, I am considering the "not milking cows" business, so please send me any information your department has on this program, too.

In view of these circumstances, you understand that I will be totally unemployed and will qualify for unemployment compensation and food stamps.

Be most assured that you and the President will have my vote in the coming election.

Patriotically yours,
 Just Waiting In Iowa

P.S. Would you please notify me when you plan to distribute more surplus cheese?

Mark Your Calendar

January 12-13, and 14-15
Client/Server Programming with Visual Basic 5.0
Rochester, New York. Sponsored by Midrange Computing. For information call 1-800-477-5665 or 760-931-8615.

January 14
IBM Midrange User Group
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.

February 3
AS/400 Java Decisions One-day Summit
Anaheim, California. Call 1-800-621-1544 for conference details.

March 9-10
Client/Server Application Development for AS/400 Programmers
La Jolla, Calif. Sponsored by Midrange Computing. For information call 1-800-477-5665 or 760-931-8615.

April 19-24
COMMON Spring '98 Conference & Expo
New Orleans. For information and registration materials, call the fax back system at 1-800-426-4FAX and ask for document #7111.

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