February 1998 Newsletter

This Month's Meeting

ATTENTION: Please note meeting time and location change!

Our presentation on February 11th will be at IBM, 420 E. South Temple, 5th floor. We are pleased to announce that **Bob Boisen** from *ShowCase Corporation* of Rochester Minnesota will be our featured speaker. Bob will be having an extended presentation on Data WareHousing.
The agenda will be as follows:

Data WareHousing   9:00 am to 10:30
- X   Concepts and Processes
- X   What is it
- X   Why it is important
- X   What are the issues
- X   How to - Steps to insure success

Demonstration, Q&A   10:45 - 11:30
- X   Multi-dimensional database
- X   What is it
- X   How it relates to a relational database
- X   What it is used for
- X   How to access from spreadsheets, etc
- X   Wrap-up

This is a tremendous and rare opportunity to learn more about Data Warehousing from the experts who have done it. We would like to thank IBM for partnering with the User Group to bring you this presentation. Please join us at IBM for a great learning experience and some internet-working.

Again, our meeting this month will be held on **Wednesday, February 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the IBM Building, 420 E. South Temple, 5th floor.**

January Meeting Highlights

For our January meeting we were pleased to have **Ron Cruickshank** speak to us on the latest technology coming from **LANSA**, a company specializing in AS/400 development tools. We were treated with an amazing demonstration of tools and what they can do. The main focus was the idea of leap-frogging client/server and going to the thin client. This gives anyone with a browser access to your applications. The latest LANSA tools can take your design and generate all the code, including Java code. We appreciate Ron for a job well done.

IBM Corner

There is a major AS/400 announcement on February 10, 1997. The details will be covered by conference call as follows.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!
MAY 1 - A team from the Rochester lab will do a comprehensive 1-day seminar on e-business and a follow-up on the new announcements. Location will be the Salt Lake Hilton. This should be an outstanding way to get educated on the latest. Details will follow.

JULY 23 - COMMON will be having a regional event in Salt Lake.

Thanks very much!
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Short Takes

Undisputed Patent Champion

IBM kept its patent attorneys busy last year, winning 1,724 patent awards from the Patent and Trademark Office – more than any other company.

In IBM's dust were Canon, with 1,378; NEC with 1,095; and Motorola, with 1,058. IBM has topped the list of patent award winners for five years in a row.

Two of IBM's most remarkable '97 patents: a method for reading data from multiple layers of an optical disk, greatly increasing storage capacity; and network-savvy antivirus technology that's modeled on the human immune system.

Still, 1996 remains IBM's record year, when the company won a stunning 1,867 patents.

-Rich Levin
January 19, 1998
Information Week

Notes Moves To AS/400

IBM and its Lotus Development Corp. subsidiary this month will bolster the Domino groupware server with native support for the AS/400 platform.

Domino, the server side of Lotus' popular Notes groupware system, will run natively on the AS/400e Series and AS/400 Advanced Series models, which are equipped with 64-bit PowerPC RISC processors.

Native Domino support for AS/400 is slated to be available next month. Officials at Lotus, in Cambridge, Mass., would not disclose pricing.

January 12, 1998
PC Week

Computer History Highlights
Events in computer history this month:

1977	Apple Computer moves from Steve Job's garage to an
	office in Cupertino, California.
1977	Partners Bill Gates and Paul Allen sign an agreement
	to officially create Microsoft.
1987	The first of 150 IBM Business Partners arrive in Rochester to begin co-development of application Software for the AS/400.
1990	RS/6000 announced.
1990	AS/400 C models announced
1992	AS/400 E models announced
1993	John Akers steps down as head of IBM

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.

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

Microsoft Data Warehousing Strategy
Feb 11, 1:00 – 4:00 PM, event code 15086

Making the Most of Your Web site Using Dynamic HTML
Feb 17, 9:00 am -12:00 PM, event code 15087

Microsoft BackOffice Small Business Server
Feb 19, 1:00 – 4:00 PM, event code 15089

How to Move Traditional Applications to the Web
Feb 26, 9:00 am -12:00 PM, event code 15092

Humor Department

Webster's Dictionary definition of Windows95

Windows95: <win-doz-nin-te-fiv> n. 32 bit extensions and a graphical shell for a 16 bit patch to an 8 bit operating system originally coded for a 4 bit microprocessor, written by a 2 bit company, that can't stand 1 bit of competition.

Some Things to Think About:

Avoid run-on sentences they are hard to read.
Why put off 'til tomorrow what you'll never do anyway?
God creates things. He doesn't do repairs. (Just like Microsoft.)
Be naughty and save Santa the trip.
Why is the soup of the day different in every restaurant?
Windows would be better with curtains
What's all this about Hell's fire and Dalmatians?
WANTED: Eunuch programmers.
Marriage is a romance where the hero dies in the first chapter.
We Are Microsoft. Resistance Is Futile. You Will Be Assimilated.
If speed scares you, try Micro$oft Windows.
My computer has EMS... Won't you help?
The Definition of an Upgrade: Take old bugs out, put new ones in.
As long as there are tests, there will be prayer in public schools.
Rotisserie: A Ferris wheel for chickens.
Shell to DOS... Come in DOS, do you copy? Shell to DOS...
Computers can never replace human stupidity.
When you do a good deed, get a receipt, in case heaven is like the IRS.

The FBI called, they want to come play some cool pirated games.

If you don't live in the house, you don't know when it leaks.

Photons have mass? I didn't know they were Catholic!

ERROR LPT1 not found - use backup - Paper and Pencil

Computers are not intelligent. They only think they are.

Southern DOS: Y'all Reckon? (Yep/Nope)

Error:015: Unable to exit Windows. Try the door.

As a computer, I find your faith in technology amusing.

Stupidity is like nuclear power. It can be used for both good and evil.

You are a Redneck if you have ever vacationed in a rest area.

On the other hand, you also have five fingers.

If space is a vacuum, who changes the bags?

I don't have a license to kill. I have a learner's permit.

Microsoft Windows 95 - proof that P.T. Barnum was correct.

Talking to her about computer hardware, I make my mother board.

Windows is NOT a virus. Viruses do something.

Even notice how fast Windows runs? Neither did I.

A guy with money to burn should find a gal who wants to play with fire.

More hay, Trigger? No thanks, Roy, I'm stuffed.

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

As far as I could see, it was a dark night.

What was the best thing before sliced bread?

Atheists have faith that there is no God.

Computer Science: Solving today's problems tomorrow.

And on the eighth day God said, "Murphy, you're in charge."

I'm not lost! I'm locationally challenged.

A computer's attention span is as long as it's power cord.

Never judge a book by its mini-series.

Firefighters still make house calls.

I didn't fight my way to the top of the food chain to eat vegetables.

Homemoaner: a person who complains about property taxes.

Enter any 12 digit prime number to continue.

All mathochists suffer from calculust.

im@mi.witz.end

Good tech support is a scream saver.

Mispelled? Impossible! I have an error correcting modem.

If we can't enforce the laws we have, why make more?

Want to join my war on technology? Send me a fax.

I'll have one brain on drugs, with bacon, toast and juice.

Don't blow out another light to let yours shine.

Think. It's good practice for when the computer is down.

After they make Styrofoam, what do they ship it in?

The Earth is 98% full. Please delete anyone you can.

Intel is still number 0.9894586798

Hardware: The parts of a computer that can be kicked.

There were computers in Biblical times. Eve had an Apple.

A 350-cubic inch V8 is not an enormous can of vegetable juice.

Why Johnny can't read. Now available on VHS tape.

Multimedia: an excuse to pay $2,500 for a CD player and cheap speakers.

God made pizza, but the devil put anchovies on it.

How come wrong numbers are never busy?

I was born agnostic, and I'll diagnostic.

When everyone thinks the same, then everyone is stupid.

Mark Your Calendar

February 11
IBM Midrange User Group Meeting
9:00 to 11:30 am at the IBM Building, 420 E. South Temple, 5th floor.

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.

May 1
IBM E-Business Seminar
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July 23
COMMON Regional Event
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