



# **TSM Voice**

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## **WebSphere Studio – the new PDM**

November's presentation will be done by a group of individuals from business partners and IBM personnel. There will be a roundtable discussion after the presentation.

They will focus on the features and benefits of WebSphere Studio, and how IBM Rochester presents it as the new PDM for iSeries. They will review the roadmap used by RPG/COBOL application developers that allows them to start using the WebSphere Studio.

Learn how WebSphere Studio lets a developer start using the tools and options without requiring proficiency in JAVA. Some examples that will be discussed are: maintenance features for legacy coding, web service, HATS, Web-facing and much more.

## **Member of the Year !!!**

At our November meeting, we will draw one (1) name from all applications accepted. One person will win free TSMUG dinner meetings for the year. That includes January, March, and September of 2004 and the Vendor Show.

To be eligible, submit your application with payment prior to the November meeting.

## **November Meeting Information**

**Date:** Thursday, November 13, 2003

**Time:** 5:30 – 6:30 Networking  
6:30 – 7:30 Dinner  
7:30 – 9:00 Meeting

**Place:** Radisson Cinti Riverfront  
Riverview Revolving Restaurant  
I-75 & 5<sup>th</sup> St Exit  
Covington, Ky 41011  
859-491-1200

**Topic:** WebSphere Studio –  
The New PDM

**Cost:** (includes coffee, tea, milk & dessert)  
\$ 27.50 Members  
\$ 35.00 Non-members  
\$ 5.00 Meeting only

**Reservations required, before noon, Monday, November 10, 2003 by calling 513-357-6173 or send an email with your company name, phone number and each attendee's name to [tsmug@tsmug.org](mailto:tsmug@tsmug.org).**

**No cancellation after above date and time.**

See our web page for directions via MapQuest,  
[www.tsmug.org/meetings.html](http://www.tsmug.org/meetings.html)

**\*\* Drawing for Member of the Year \*\***

## **2004 Vendor Show**

The 2004 Vendor Show will be held on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at the Montgomery Inn Banquet Center, formerly the Gregory Center. Our new chairperson of the committee is Chris Gilmore, from PCMS Datafit. The committee is meeting with the Board on October 23<sup>rd</sup> to make plans for this great event. Volunteers are still needed.

We are planning on having well-known, top-notch industry experts who will draw a large attendance to the show. The food at Montgomery Inn is always the best. And tons of door prizes too! This will be a fun and informative event.

If you are a vendor and want to exhibit at the show, contact Chris at 513-587-3113 or any one of the Board members. If you would like to see a specific vendor, be sure to tell them about the show and have them contact Chris.

## **2003-2004 Elections**

Thank you to all of those members who attended the September meeting and participated in the election of board members. There were a few interesting write-in votes, but the TSMUG Board of Directors as nominated was elected.

The complete list is at the end of the newsletter and on the website.

## **President's Corner**

David W. Corfman, CCP

What a great kick-off meeting for the coming year! We had over fifty people attend the Web-facing & Beyond presentation that included IBM's web-facing direction AND a technical portion. Many of us were excited to see first-hand how easy it is to put a browse-based presentation on our green screen applications. Our thanks to Charles Bennett and Mike Carpenter from CGC Solutions Group for their presentation.

This topic is another indication of how much the iSeries has changed these last three years. Its capacity to host other operating systems on multiple partitions, ease of use with Operations Navigator, and improved connectivity to other systems are just a few of the enhancements that keep the iSeries at the top of its class.

While IBM has increased its marketing efforts for our beloved iSeries, we can do more locally. Continue to support TSMUG with your membership and attendance, and bring a co-worker or client with you to a meeting. Be sure to include a decision-maker in your invitations. We need to ensure the iSeries gets the exposure and support it deserves.

See you at the meetings!

## **September Meeting Review**

At our September meeting, we had Charles Bennett and Mike Carpenter from CGC Solutions Group in Scottsdale, AZ, introduce three methods of putting a web-face on existing AS/400 applications. Using WebSphere, IBM is providing their WebFacing and HATS tools for web enablement, plus the new Client Access, renamed iSeries Access in V5R2, provides a modern interface as well.

The IBM WebFacing tool converts display file source (DSPF) to JSPs and servlets. The conversion is done by setting up a project in WDSvc and was demonstrated by CGC's Director of Technology, Mike Carpenter. This seemingly simple process is done once, and the resulting screens do not require the 5250 "interactive" requirement on the new iSeries announced in January 2003. Since the conversion is done ahead of time, the performance is excellent.

HATS is a host to web HTML emulator. It does not require DDS source, and the conversion occurs at runtime. It does use the 5250 interactive process on the iSeries. Both HATS and WebFacing provide for screen customization to some degree. Charles Bennett showed when to use which product.

iSeries Access for the Web is a product that is included with iSeries Access in V5R2. Bundled with WebSphere Host Publisher, iSeries Access for the Web provides a complete web-to-host integration solution.

CGC ([www.cgcsolutionsgroup.com](http://www.cgcsolutionsgroup.com)) was one of the first implementers of IBM's WebFacing tool. They converted their own iSeries application of 18,000 screens to a web interface. From that effort, they have developed their WebFacing development toolset and methodology for converting a large number of screens quickly. Their services include running a pilot project for clients to show their capabilities and end result.

We have attended speeches of the importance of web-ifying our green screen applications before. This presentation gave us the nut and bolts of how to convert our applications, along with demonstrations of the various options available to developers. You are invited to contact Charles Bennett ([cbennett@cgcsolutionsgroup.com](mailto:cbennett@cgcsolutionsgroup.com)) or visit CGC's website listed above, where you can download a Power Point file of the presentation.

## **COMMON Conference**

It isn't too early to start planning to attend the Spring 2004 COMMON Conference. It is being held May 2-6, 2004 in San Antonio, Texas. Check out the website for more information. [www.common.org](http://www.common.org)

## **iSeries Nation**

Have you visited the IBM iSeries Nation website lately? It is a wealth of information for those of us with a common bond – an understanding and appreciation of – even a passion for the IBM eServer iSeries. <http://www-1.ibm.com/servers/eserver/series/nation>

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