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GBC/ACM and IEEE CS Meeting Tuesday, November 13th, 2007 Global Trends in the Personal, Service and Mobile Robotics Market

Speaker: Dan Kara,

President, Robotics Trends

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm **Location:** MIT E51-345

Directions: http://whereis.mit.edu/bin/

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The red building is Bldg. E51; the T symbol at the top is the Kendall T-Station. Building E51 is located near the Eastern extremity of MIT, on Memorial Drive close to the Longfellow Bridge. It also adjoins Amherst Street and Wadsworth Street.

Details: http://www.gbcacm.org/website/semInfo.php?id=1139

Joint meeting of Boston/Central New England Chapters of IEEE Computer and Robotics and Automation Societies and GBC/ACM

Overview: Advancements in robotics technology in the form of software, sensors, microprocessors, micromechanics and microelectronics, coupled with the economics of volume production, now make it possible to develop wholly new, low-cost, highly functional robotic products and robotically enhance existing product lines, as well as automate complex tasks formally handled by humans. As a result, individuals, businesses and governments across the globe are hard at work developing new robotic applications to meet critical needs in many areas such as medical care, the environment and defense, as well as less serious robotic devices that entertain and educate us. In this session attendees will learn how areas of the world differ in their approach to the new

GBC/ACM and IEEE CS Meeting Thursday, November 15th, 2007 Visualizing Wikipedia: A tale of life, love,

and bureaucracy

Speaker: Fernanda Viegas and

Martin Wattenberg,

IBM Visual Communication Lab

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm **Location:** MIT E51-325

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Joint meeting of Boston/Central New England Chapter of IEEE Computer Society, ICCA and GBC/ACM

Overview: We report on Wikipedia's evolution from a curiosity to a point of first reference for millions. Applying data visualization techniques to Wikipedia's historical archives uncovers a story in three acts: life, love, and bureaucracy. "Life" refers to the impressive ability of Wikipedia to heal itself after vandalism and errors. "Love" is reflected in the overwhelming scale of individual production and the passion shown by devoted editors. And bureaucracy--an unexpected aspect of a free-spirited community--is becoming prevalent as the site scales, with emerging formalized processes and roles that help ensure quality.

Lecturer's Biography: Fernanda Viégas and Martin Wattenberg are research scientists in IBM's Visual

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Nov/Dec Meetings

Software Quality Group of New England (SQGNE)

Topic: Goal-Question-Metric (GQM) and Software Quality

Speaker: Howie Dow

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 14th, 2007, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

6:00 - 6:30 Networking

6:30 - 8:00 Business and Presentation **Location:** Sun Microsystems, Burlington, MA

Directions: http://www.swqual.com/SQGNE/directions.html

Managing Up: Communicating the Value of Testing Throughout the Organization, December 12th, 2007, Dan Koloski, Empirix

Transforming into Security Testers, January 9th, 2008, Marc Rene

Agile: Adopting a New Methodology at Harvard Business School, Sarah Olivier, Susan Borges, Jennifer Gilmore, February 13th, 2008

Boston Area Windows Server User Group

Topic: Wireshark demo / Introduction – Jack Daniels **Date/Time:** Wednesday, November 7th, 2007, 6:00 pm

Location: Microsoft, Waltham, MA

Directions: http://www.microsoft.com/mscorp/info/usaoffices/neweng-

land/waltham.mspx

Lou – Wireless Project – 802.11, GPS, WEP Encryption and Cracking Equalogic – ISCSI and new features, December 5th, 2007

Boston Linux and Unix Group

Topic: The Making of MythDora, Jarod Wilson, Red Hat Software

Location: MIT Building E-51, Room 315

Time and Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2007 - 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Details: http://www.blu.org/cgi-bin/calendar/2007-nov

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GBC/ACM and IEEE CS Meeting Tuesday, December 11th, 2007 The Open Cell Project: Analysis, Design and Construction of Simple Living Systems

Speaker: Tom Knight, MIT CSAIL

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: Broad Institute Auditorium

Details: http://www.gbcacm.org/website/semInfo.

php?id=1141

Joint meeting of Boston/Central New England Chapter of IEEE Computer Society and GBC/ACM (cosponsored and hosted by the Broad Institute)

Overview: The science of biology typically studies systems at a level of complexity far beyond our understanding. As we attempt to approach biology from an engineering perspective, this complexity becomes a major impediment to progress. As engineers, our approach is to design and build systems from well-understood, simple parts, assembled with tried and true techniques. My recent work has centered on the understanding and modification of a particularly simple living system -- one which could be said to be barely alive. I'll explain how we are approaching the level of understanding of this organism necessary for its engineering, and how we hope to create an open access platform for construction of novel and simple living systems.

Lecturer's Biography: TK has been extending the reach of computer science in new directions for several decades. You can find more information on Tom Knight's web page at http://www.csail.mit.edu/biographies/PI/bioprint.php?PeopleID=2033.

The meeting will be held at the Broad Institute Auditorium. MIT Building NE30 (also known as the Broad Institute) is next to the Whitehead Institute on Main St. between Vassar and Ames Streets. You can find it on MIT's map server at http://whereis.mit.edu/map-jpg?selection=L13;selectlayer=Landmarks;select fie ld=Loc_ID;zoom=level2;centerx=711002;centery=496995. The main auditorium is on the first floor near the entrance. More detailed directions are available at http://www.broad.mit.edu/info/visiting.html. the social forms of data analysis it enables.

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Communication Lab. Viégas is known for her pioneering work on depicting chat histories and email. Wattenberg's visualizations of the stock market and baby names are considered internet classics. The two became a team in 2003 when they decided to visualize Wikipedia, leading to the "history flow" project, discussed in this talk, that revealed the self-healing nature of the online encyclopedia. They are currently exploring the power of web-based visualization and the social forms of data analysis it enables.

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personal, service and mobile robotics industry, in terms of areas of focus, funding, as well as design and development approaches. The topic of careers in robotics will also be discussed as well as design and development approaches. The topic of careers in robotics will also be discussed.

Lecturers Biography: Dan Kara is President of Robotics Trends, a division of EH Publishing, an integrated media firm focusing on the personal, service and mobile robotics industry. Prior to forming Robotics Trends, Dan was co-founder, Executive Vice President and Chief Technical Officer of Intermedia Group, a leading integrated conference and media company focused on emerging information technology markets. He has also served as VP of Advanced Information Technology Research at Sentry Group, VP and Director of Research at Ullo International, and as Senior Vice President and Chief Technical Officer of Software Productivity Group, an integrated publishing, conference and analyst services firm focused on the enterprise software marketplace. He holds a M.S. in Computer Science from Boston University.

Upcoming conferences of interest

The Spring Experience: Interface 21 and NoFluff Just Stuff Java Symposiums (NFJS) are pleased to announce The Spring Experience, the first ever conference exclusively for the Spring Framework community. This international event will take place December 07 - 10, 2005 at the Sheraton Bal Harbour Beach Resort in South Florida. To register reference the JUG promo code: tse 2007 jug 100 which will gives all NEJUG members a \$100 discount good thru November 5th.

Pearson's Google Web Toolkit (GWT) conference in San Fran (December 3-6, 2007): Google Web Toolkit enables developers to use their favorite Java tools to build AJAX applications without having to tackle the steep learning curve and quirks of JavaScript and CSS. The Voices That Matter: Google Web Toolkit Conference will insure you understand why this is so and how you can leverage the power and functionality of GWT for your applications. Best of all, NEJUG members are entitled to a \$100 discount off any core conference package if you enter 'GW-GATL' as the priority code.

Boston CHI contd...

How to push back when there are conflicting interests on a project

Bio: Nicole Yankelovich is Principal Investigator of the Collaborative Environments project at Sun Microsystems Laboratories in Burlington, MA, where she has worked for the past 16 years. Her areas of expertise include collaborative computing, speech applications, hypertext, and user experience design. Recent collaboration prototypes include MPK20, a virtual world for business collaboration; Porta-Person, a telepresence device; Meeting Central, a suite of tools to augment audio conferences; Awarenex, an instant messaging client with advanced presence features; and SharedShell, a multi-user terminal program that works across firewalls. Nicole holds six patents related to interaction design and has published numerous articles and book chapters on collaborative environments, speech applications, and hypertext. She has served on the organizing and program committees of conferences such as CHI, CSCW, UIST, ASSETS, and Hypertext, and she is the Venue Coordinator for BostonCHI.

Boston SPIN

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About the speaker: Marie Gunnerson has been supporting the project management profession as a member and volunteer to The Project Management Institute (PMI) since 1993. Since that time she has witnessed tremendous growth in both the organization as well as world-wide interest in project management.

Marie is currently Chapter Lead for the PMBOK® Guide, 4th Edition. Her involvement in PMI's standards began in 2003 when she joined the PMI Practice Standard for Scheduling (released at the PMI Global Congress in Hungary in 2007) as a Core Team member. Marie was also accepted into PMI's elite year-long first class of the PMI Leadership Institute (2001).

As a member of the local PMI chapter, the PMI Mass Bay Chapter, she served on the Board of Directors (1997-2006) and has served as President (2001-2002). She currently serves on the Past President's Advisory Council.

Software Security Weaknesses -- Avoiding and Testing, Robert Martin, December 11 2007

Integrated System Framework for Excellence, Lisa Adams, January 15 2008

What's up RUP, Joe Krebs, February 19 2008

Using Software Configuration Management to Enable Agility, Steve Berczuk, March 18 2008

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Boston SPIN

Topic: Upcoming Revisions to Worldwide Standards in

Project Management

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2007, 6:00 PM-8:30 PM

Speaker: Marie Gunnerson

Venue: MITRE, Bedford, MA

Abstract: The Project Management Institute (PMI) has set the world-wide standard for project management with A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide). PMI is currently developing the next version of the PMBOK® Guide that will replace the current 3rd Edition. There are many forces and events that come into play in the development of the PMBOK® Guide. This presentation focuses on how is the standard developed and explores how it will affect you.

The PMBOK® Guide is an ANSI standard and can not be left on the shelf to grow stale. To maintain its leadership role as the world's premier project management organization, as well as to maintain its ANSI accreditation, PMI's standards must undergo regular updates to reflect the management practices that are being used and established by practitioners like you. PMI's members the world's project management community expect no less.

From her experience on developing two of PMI's standards the speaker will provide insight into the inner workings of how standards such as the PMBOK® Guide are developed at PMI as well as how standards affect the way you work and conduct your business. And, how you can still have a say in the yet unreleased next version of the PMBOK® Guide, 4th Edition. Discover all this at the November 13th meeting of Boston SPIN.

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Boston CHI

Topic: 'Umm, No, I Don't Actually Think That's Such a Good Idea' OR How to Say Things your Client Doesn't Want to Hear

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2007 - 6:30 PM

Speaker: Ilise Benun, Marketing Mentor

Venue: Sun Microsystems, Burlington, MA

Refreshments at 6:30 pm. Meeting at 7:00 pm.Meetings are free and open to the public.Please RSVP when possible to BostonCHI@sun.com (Those who have not RSVP'd are always welcome.)

A photo ID is required to gain admittance to Sun. Wheel chair accessible.

Abstract: Succeeding in business requires self-confidence and solid communication skills. But in the user experience world, it also requires a dispassionate assertiveness for the times when what you have to say isn't likely to be good news. In this interactive presentation and discussion, Ilise Benun, author of "Stop Pushing Me Around: A Workplace Guide for the Timid, Shy and Less Assertive" (Career Press, 2006) will share simple strategies and practical tips for presenting yourself in the workplace and dealing with the social situations that arise, including:

- How to talk about yourself and your accomplishments without bragging
- How to make the most of all kinds of networking opportunities
- How to present your ideas when recipients aren't exactly open to them
- How to make the best of "ugly baby" syndrome
- How to master the person-to-person contact inherent in working on a team

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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead

BostonPHP User Group

Topic: How to get your OSS venture off the ground

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 7th, 2007,6:30pm

Location: IBM/Lotus
1 Rogers Street

Cambridge, MA 02142

Map: http://maps.google.com/maps?q=1+Rogers+Stre et+Cambridge+MA+02142+USA&hl=en

Join Michael Skok (North Bridge Venture Partners) and Jay Batson (Founder of Acquia, Inc.) as they discuss what's needed to turn your PHP/OSS idea into a living, breathing business....in other words, the things that are important to have in place in order to fund your open source software technology company.

We will explore what's necessary (beyond simply building a better mouse trap) to get your idea to the altar and how to live happily ever after...

- * What do investors look for;
- * how do you build a team;
- * where do you find talent;
- * methods of validating business models:
- * What else is needed, and
- * where do you find it?
- * ...and a whole lot more.

Michael Skok, General Partner, North Bridge Venture Partners: Michael Skok joined North Bridge Venture Partners in 2002. Prior to this Michael had been an entrepreneur and CEO in the software business for over 20 years. Michael founded, led and attracted over \$100m in private equity to his investments in several successful software companies ranging from CAD/CAM, Document Management, Workflow, Imaging and Collaboration, Security to Analytics and spanning the Mini Computer, Workstation, PC, Client Server and Internet eras.

Six of these companies were successfully acquired by Siebel, Platinum, Filenet, Banyan and IBM and two went Public, including Symantec for whom he built Symantec UK into their most profitable international business.

Michael has served on many private and public company boards as well as supported various software industry groups such as the Software Publishers association where he was Chairman for a number of years in Europe. He is currently active on the boards of all his recent investments including Acquia, Active Endpoints, Demandware, Lumigent, MyPerfectGig, rPath and wis. dm.

Jay Batson, Founder of Acquia, Inc.: Acquia, Inc is a venture-backed open source software company recently launched in the Boston area. Prior to Acquia, Jay was the founder and CEO of Pingtel, an open source voice over IP PBX software company, which was financed by leading venture firms and strategic partners. Jay has over 20 years experience in the software and hardware technology business. He has held various management and technical positions including BBN, Cayman Systems, and ON Technology, as well as working as the leading analyst for Forrester Research into IP internetworking and Internet industries in the mid 1990's.

January User Group:: Developing, pricing and delivering OSS applications

Wednesday, January 9th, 2007, 6:30pm

Your software chops are sharp; you've got the latest in hardware and development tools; now for that minor point: how do you price, develop and deliver the project without losing your shirt, pulling your hair out, or ending up in court.

Join Boston PHP and Seth Gottlieb (owner Content Here), Norm ONeil (owner eNorm) and Cliff Hirsch (owner Pinestream Communications) in a panel discussion as we explore

- * Enterprise level OSS CMS consulting
- * Entrepreneurial OSS deployment
- * Off-shoring/bootstrap OSS development

About: Cliff Hirsch is the president of Pinestream Communications, a publisher of newsletters focused on semiconductor and next generation network startups and emerging technologies for the investment community. He is over educated, possessing B.S, M.B.A, and Master of Electrical Engineering degrees from Cornell University, and spent the early years of his career immersed in the semiconductor industry.

NEJUG - The New England Java Users Group

Topics: EJB 3 and the Spring Framework: A Comparative

Analysis

Date/Time: Thursday, November 8th, 2007, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Speaker(s): Reza Rahman

Location: Sun Microsystems Burlington Campus

Directions: http://nejug.org/directions sun.jsp

Overview:

The recent years have seen the Spring Framework displace EJB2 as the default middleware platform for many enterprise Java developers. EJB 3 is a huge leap forward from yesteryear's heavyweight EJB development model. However, are the improvements to EJB 3 enough to change the enterprise Java landscape yet again?

This session offers a comparative analysis of EJB 3 and the Spring Framework to see how they really stack up with each other. The analysis takes a holistic view covering both development and architectural concerns. The session will chart different courses of action depending on what is important for your application. A comparison matrix will help you decide whether you should integrate parts of EJB 3 with Spring, use EJB 3 with some Spring features, move to EJB 3 altogether or use Spring without EJB 3.

About the speaker:

Reza Rahman is the chief architect at Tripod Technologies, an IT solutions company focusing on Java EE in the Baltimore-NYC corridor.

He is the co-author of "EJB 3 in Action" from Manning Publishing. Reza has been working with Java EE since its inception in the mid-nineties. He has developed enterprise systems in the publishing, financial, telecommunications and manufacturing industries. Reza has been fortunate to have worked with both EJB and Spring/Hibernate. He is a frequent speaker at seminars, conferences and Java user groups. Reza is an expert group member for the Java EE 6 and EJB 3.1 specifications. He coordinates the Philadelphia JBoss User Group.

Web Services with Mark Hansen, Thursday, January 8, 2008

JBOSS ESB Deep Dive with Kurt Stam and Burr Sutter, Thursday, March 13, 2008

Beantown.NET

Meeting Location: Hollister, Inc.

75 State St., 9th Floor

Boston, MA

http://www.hollisterstaff.com/

Time: 6:00 – 8:00pm

Meeting is open to everyone so bring your friends and coworkers. If you're planning to come, please send an RSVP using the contact form on the blog (http://blog.benday.com/ contact.aspx)

- November 1 Michael Stiefel (Reliable Software) on Software-Oriented Architecture
- December 6 Josh Smith (New York Times) on WPF

New England Visual Basic Professionals

Topic: WPF Means Business

Date: November 1st, 2007, 6:30pm to 8:30pm **Speaker:** Michael Hennessy, Networkers, Inc.

Location: Microsoft, Waltham, MA

WPF brings advances to the User Interface on an order similar to the CUI to GUI transition over a decade ago. WPF applications draw the UI quickly by utilizing an inexpensive graphics card – nearly CUI performance with GUI capability. Improvements in data binding and other areas reduce code. In many ways, WPF is more for less.

This presentation will take a practical walk around building a WPF business application using Visual Studio 2008 beta 2 and Visual Basic 2008.

Michael Hennessy is a software consultant at Networkers, Inc., a company he founded over 20 years ago. Networkers provides enterprise quality custom software solutions for large and small businesses. Significant development with Microsoft technologies started in 1992, XML in 1998 and Microsoft .NET in 2001. Networkers thrives on improving business competitiveness with technology and is successful with Microsoft products in delivering long term solutions. Outside of work, you will likely find Michael in one of the family gardens or dingy sailing on Long Island Sound.

New England SQL Server User Group

Topic: User-Defined Functions in SQL Server 2005 and Beyond

Date: Thursday, November 8, 2007, 6:30PM

Location: Microsoft, Waltham, MA

Speaker: Andrew Novick - Novick Software, Inc.

Overview: User-Defined Functions (UDFs) are unfamiliar to many SQL Server DBAs and programmers. This presentation sheds some light on both T-SQL and SQLCLR UDFs. Differences between SQL Server 2005 and SQL Server 2000 are pointed out as they are encountered. We'll also discuss new features in SQL Server 2008 that effect UDFs. Included will be information on how to create and use the various types of T-SQL and CLR UDFs, using the CROSS APPLY and OUTER APPLY operators, and performance, permissions, and debugging as they apply to UDFs.

Topic: Performance Point Server 2007

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2007, 6:30PM

Location: Microsoft, Waltham, MA

Speaker: Sunil Kadimdiwan - InfoTrove, Inc.

Overview: Office PerformancePoint Server 2007 provides all of the functionality that is needed for performance management. This includes scorecards, dashboards, management reporting, analytics, planning, budgeting, forecasting, and consolidation. The application can benefit various employees and business functions (finance, operations, marketing, sales, and human resources). What does this mean from a DBA or developer perspective? In this presentation we will look at how you can get started on using and deriving value from this application.

New England User Group Events

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NH Seacoast Linux Users,
"Panaramic Photo Processing",
UNH Morse Hall, Durham NH

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Cold Fusion Users,

"AIR and ColdFusion"

NE M Users, "Cache at Athena Labs", 6pm

Wellesley Gateway Bldg

Boston Voice Users, topic TBD, 7:30pm

MIT 2-135

PC Users of RI, topic TBD, 7pm

NE Inst of Tech, Warwick RI

NH Seacoast Mac Users, 6:15pm

Leaping into Leopard, Rye Jr High, Rye NH

6pm

1-4pm

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

DBUG (DataCAD Boston Users Group) 6 pm
BSA's Build Boston, World Trade Center
Worcester Linux, topic TBD, 7pm
WPI Morgan Hall
So NE SQL Server Users, "Using CLR Assemblies",
NE Inst of Tech, Warwick RI 6pm
Mac Users (BMAC), "Leopard", 7pm
MIT Building E51
Avid Users, "Editing Frontline", 6pm
National Video, Brookline

Friday, November 16, 2007

SIBMUG: A PC User Group,
"System maintenance, Powerpoint", 7pm
Adult Learning Ctr, Dover NH

Wednesday, November 21, 2007

Access Day, Intro & Intermediate sessions,

Microsoft, Waltham, MA
Access Day, Developer sessions,
Microsoft, Waltham, MA
So NE Network Users, "XenEnterprise",
Gibbs College, Cranston RI

4-8:30pm
7pm

Tuesday, December 04, 2007

Network Users, topic TBD, 7pm Microsoft, Waltham, MA NH Comp Society, "Software Engineering Standards and Gaming Development", 7pm So NH Univ, Manchester, NH

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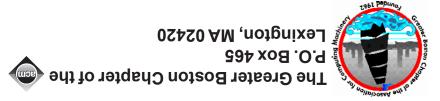
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