Tampa Bay OS/2 USERS' GROUP

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The Newsletter of the Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group (TBOUG) - April 1996

PLATINUM TECHNOLOGIES FEATURED AT APRIL 3RD MEETING

The next meeting of the Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group will be held Wednesday evening, April 3rd at IBM's LakePointe offices in Tampa.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS (5:45 - 6:45)

Three committee meetings will be held in parallel prior to our main meeting:

END USER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The End User Committee will review the **Arcada Backup software for OS/2 Warp**. A copy of the product will also be raffled off.

PRODUCTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairman Paul Wylie will demonstrate the **Predator/2, version 2.1, programmmable editor, from Compuware Corporation.**

OS/2 SUPPORT COMMITTEE

The group will continue its special sessions entitled "Pick Brian's Brain." In preparation for the meeting, please submit subjects for discussion on the meeting registration form. - Brian Lowe, Committee Chairman

MAIN MEETING (7:30 - 9:00)

The featured speaker will be **Mr. Bob Thompkins**, Sales Support Engineer, from **Platinum Technologies**. He will present the following products:

InfoTransport - a reliable, high speed tool for moving data extracted from DB2, IMS, VSAM, and sequential files, to DB2/2 for OS/2, DB2/6000, ORACLE, SYBASE, INFORMIX, and Microsoft SQL Server.

InfoPump - a client/server middleware tool that automates the process of replicating, moving, and integrating data in heterogeneous environments on a scheduled or event-driven basis. InfoPump can replicate or synchro-

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AGENDA

Committee Meetings (5:45 - 6:45)
(Parallel Sessions)

- Production Committee
- OS/2 Support Committee
- End User Education Committee

Dinner (6:45 - 7:30)

Main Meeting (7:30 - 9:00)

- Announcements
- IBM Updates
- Featured Speaker: Bob Thompkins - Platinum Technologies

The registration fee for the meeting is $13 for members who pre-register; $15 for pre-registered guests. **Please make your reservations early (no later than March 29th).** The registration fee for those who do not pre-register is $15 for members and $17 for guests. **NOTE:** If you have a ***"standing"*** reservation for monthly meetings it is not necessary to confirm reservations (except to cancel). For cancellations, please call no later than two days prior to the meeting. See the meeting registration form to make reservations.

LOCATION

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MAIN MEETING (continued from page 1)

nize data from many sources to many targets, including legacy mainframe data, through Platinum's InfoHub or other gateways to RDBMs such as DB2/2 for OS/2, DB2/6000, SYBASE, ORACLE, INFORMIX, and Microsoft SQL Server; to Lotus Notes and to PC data bases via OBDC.

Additional information about these and other Platinum products can be found on the Platinum home page at http://www.platinum.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Some exciting things have happened this past month. Our TBOUG meeting featured Joel Krautheim from SPG, Inc. He demonstrated ColorWorks image processing software, a native, 32-bit OS/2 program. I think it was one of the best software demonstrations we've had. The power of the product is incredible and it maximally utilizes OS/2's strong points: multithreading, multitasking and SMP. If you are an Adobe fan, or need to do high-power graphics, this product is highly recommended - and it's only available on OS/2!

As you are all aware, IBM officially announced it's OS/2 Warp Server product on February 26, 1996. It's amazing to note that the product was shipping the next day! Lou Gerstner said he was going to meet announced shipping times, and it seems that IBM is doing just that.

OS/2 Warp Server was reviewed in the March 11, 1996 issue of *InfoWorld* (page 105), and they had some good things to say. *"Enterprises that want to run applications from the server, run Lotus Notes Server on Intel, or ease TCP/IP connectivity should consider implementing OS/2 Warp Server Advanced. This is a no brainer upgrade for OS/2 LAN Server sites."* This is high praise indeed. This is the kind of review OS/2 OS's need -- and deserve. I urge you all to get a copy of the review or go to InfoWorld's web site and read it for yourself. Their address is http://www.infoworld.com

- Scott M. Baker, D.C., M.P.S., F.A.A.B.T.
Chiropractic Physician
TBOUG President

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PROS/2 is the official newsletter of the Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group (TBOUG), a not-for-profit, vendor-independent users' group dedicated to the effective use of IBM's OS/2 operating system. Letters and manuscripts are welcomed and reviewed for possible publication. Please supply narrative in ASCII text format.

Any OS/2 licensee within the Tampa Bay area of Florida is eligible to become a member of TBOUG. Annual Corporate membership is $200; individual membership is $20; membership fees are prorated on a quarterly basis. TBOUG was founded in December 1993 and its Federal Tax Id is 59-3212323.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 30-31 - The Computer Show & Sale; Florida State Fairgounds, Expo Park, Tampa; Tel: 301/365-2424

April 3 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

April 22-26 - IBM Technical Interchange, Nashville, TN; Tel: 800-872-7109 or 508-443-4990

April 27 - 2nd Annual Discovery Day (OS/2 exhibited); Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, FL; Tel: 813/864-8213 (Roger Sorochty)

May 1 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

May 14-15 - GTE University (free one day seminar on telecommunications technologies - two sessions scheduled); Tampa; 800/227-4374

May 30-31 - DPMA Region 7 Conference; Tampa, FL; Tel: 813/572-2601

June 3-6 - COMDEX; Chicago, IL; Tel: 617/449-6600

June 9-13 - GUIDE Spring '96; Washington, DC; Tel: 312-245-1599

July 10 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

August 7 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

September 11 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

October 2 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

October 13-18 - ColoradOS/2 Conference; Keystone, Colorado; Tel: 800/481-3389 or 719/481-3389; E-Mail: wkovsky@colos2.com; CompuServe: 76711,1221; WWW: http://www.colos2.com

ALSO LOOK FOR TBOUG MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE TAMPA TRIBUNE, ST. PETERSBURG TIMES, AMERICA ONLINE, IBM LINK, COMPUSERVE, AND THE TBOUG BBS.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Charles O. Wilson - St. Petersburg

DISCOVERY DAY SET FOR APRIL 27TH AT ECKERD COLLEGE

The 2nd Annual Discovery Day is scheduled for April 27th at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg. The purpose of the day long free event is to showcase technological developments, particularly those in computing. As with last year's event, the Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group (TBOUG) will be exhibiting OS/2 (what else?).

We are, therefore, soliciting TBOUG members to help us demonstrate OS/2 at Discovery Day. All we need is a little of your time. Judging by last year's show, you'll find demonstrating OS/2 both enjoyable and rewarding. Our booth was one of the most well attended by the general public than anyone else's (including Microsoft's who was demonstrating the beta version of Windows 95!).

If you would like to participate at the TBOUG booth please contact Tim Bryce at 813/786-4567.

If you would like general information on Discovery Day, contact the event's organizer, Roger Sorochty, at 813/864-8213.

NEW ON THE TBOUG BBS: 813/786-4864

CON0496.ZIP - OS/2 CONNECT Newsletter for April 1996 in INF format suitable for use with the standard OS/2 "View" utility (VIEW.EXE).

WEBX103B.ZIP - IBM WebExplorer, Version 1.03B, from IBM. Uploaded by: Paul Wylie

SERVER.ZIP - OS/2 Warp Server bitmap (WS3F_64.BMP) as produced by IBM. Uploaded by: Tim Bryce

MEMS0396.ZIP - TBOUG membership log as of March 7, 1996. Uploaded by Tim Bryce

Plus many other freeware and shareware products.

THANKS TO ALL OF THE TBOUG MEMBERS WHO MADE CONTRIBUTIONS!

MEETING REGISTRATION - APRIL 3RD MEETING

Please make reservations for the following individuals to attend the April 3rd meeting of the Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group. ***Please make reservations no later than March 29th!***

Person	Title	Telephone
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Address ____

City ______________________ State ______ Zip ____________

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Please indicate the committee meeting you plan to attend:

_____ End User Education
_____ Production
_____ OS/2 Support
Subjects to be discussed at OS/2 Support:
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Check here if you will not have dinner _____

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