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

"NOTHING BUT NET!" INTERNET NIGHT - MAY 1ST

The TBOUG meeting on May 1, 1996, will be devoted to the Internet. If you don't know a WWW from an FTP, or want to find out what a YAHOO is, this meeting on how to use the Internetis for you. Instead of our normal agenda and format, we will conduct three concurrent sessions on the Internet beginning at 5:45pm, followed by the dinner break and general announcements, and then repeating the three sessions (so that you can attend a session you may have missed the first time).

SESSION 1 - "Internet Introduction" - Joe May will introduce the different aspects of the Internet, (e.g. FTP, GOPHER, and the Web) with an emphasis on finding information. This will primarily be a verbal presentation and is geared toward the end-user who wants to access the Internet beyond e-mail. Contingent upon phone line availability, a computer demonstration will be provided. Primary goals of the presentation are to give the user an overall perspective on the Internet, as well as providing information on which tools are likely to retrieve the desired information.

SESSION 2 - "Writing HTML" - Tim Bryce will present a session on how to write a web page with HTML (HyperText Markup Language). During his demonstration Tim will show how to implement text, graphics, sound and motion, along with establishing links to other web sites. Tim's presentation will be based on his experience in designing and developing one of the best known OS/2 sources of information available on the Internet, the *OS/2 CONNECT* Newsletter.

SESSION 3 - "Commercial Networks" - John Tardy will present a session on using America Online (AOL) as an Internet provider and how to use it to do some of the things Joe May will present in his session. In addition, time permitting, he will present some OS/2 sites on the WEB and where to get OS/2 information on both AOL and CompuServe.

If you are interested in learning about the Internet and its uses, this meeting is for you. If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact TBOUG VP/Program Chairman John Tardy at 813/985-7481 (day) or 813/579-4552 (evening) or e-mail: Jupiler@aol.com or 73373.3507@compuserve.com.

AGENDA

Parallel Sessions (5:45 - 6:45)

- SESSION 1 - "Internet Introduction"
- SESSION 2 - "Writing HTML"
- SESSION 3 - "Commercial Networks"

Dinner (6:45 - 7:30)
Announcements (7:30 - 8:00)

Parallel Sessions (8:00 - 9:00)

- SESSION 1 - "Internet Introduction"
- SESSION 2 - "Writing HTML"
- SESSION 3 - "Commercial Networks"

The registration fee for the dinner is $13 for members who pre-register; $15 for pre-registered guests. **Please make your reservations early (no later than April 26th).** 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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This newsletter is available on the TBOUG BBS in the following formats: ASCII text, PostScript, and INF (uses the OS/2 VIEW utility). To download the files, members can call the BBS at: 813/786-4864 It is also available on America Online, CompuServe, or, on the Internet at: ftp://hobbes.nmsu.edu (/os2/newsltr) or (/incoming) or (/new), and ftp://ftp-os2.cdrom.com (/pub/os2/incoming) or (/pub/os2/newsltr) .

MERLIN TO INCLUDE INTEGRATED SPEECH NAVIGATION AND DICTATION

Details of the next release of OS/2, code named "Merlin," are beginning to surface. Although it has long been known that Merlin will include a new graphical interface and better client support for all major network operating systems, inclusion of voice support has been questionable. Until now. IBM has confirmed that Merlin will include integrated speech navigation and dictation. This will allow a user to interact with the computer more easily. Incorporation of speech recognition has been long anticipated and will be one of the main selling features of the product.

Additional details regarding Merlin will be released at the IBM OS/2 Warp TeleSeminar scheduled for Monday, April 29th. For details, see:

http://www.austin.ibm.com/pspinfo/telesemi.html

Release of the beta-version of Merlin may come as early as late May.

- Tim Bryce
April 23, 1996

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Michael Downey - Digital Lightwave - Brandon

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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. TBOUG logo designed by Albert Tatenborn.

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

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; "Using the Internet"; 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 5 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

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

November 6 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; Tel: 813/786-4567; E-Mail: TimB1557@aol.com

November 17-21 - GUIDE Fall '95; San Antonio, TX; Tel: 312-245-1599

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

NEW ON THE TBOUG BBS: 813/786-4864

CON0596.ZIP - OS/2 CONNECT Newsletter for May 1996 in INF format suitable for use with the standard OS/2 "View" utility (VIEW.EXE). See included README.TXT file for instructions. Newsletter includes the names, numbers, and addresses (including Internet and BBS') of key OS/2 contacts in the industry, along with news and a calendar of events.

MEMS0496.ZIP - TBOUG membership log as of April 4, 1996 Uploaded by: Tim Bryce

IC203.ZIP - InterComm Internet telephone software, V2.03 from Rev. Software. Shareware. Uploaded by: Tim Bryce

EXPLORE.TXT - QuickList entries for the WebExplorer EXPLORE.INI file. Includes the web addresses for several web (http) and ftp sites of interest TBOUG members. Uploaded by: Tim Bryce

APPTYPE.ZIP - Handy executable that can determine whether another exe is OS/2, Windows or DOS. Uploaded by Joe May.

DINFO.ZIP - DiskInfo continually monitors the current swapper.dat size & free disk size. Uploaded by Joe May.

PMIC10.ZIP - PM I-Cat is a powerful image cataloger (i.e., collects thumbnail views). Uploaded by Joe May.

PMGB32.ZIP - PM Globe renders any view of the planet and references the time by the computer clock. Uploaded by Joe May.

INETTIME.ZIP - Handy app that uses OS/2's IAK CONNECT.LOG to list internet time used by month. Uploaded by Joe May.

NISTP.ZIP - Contains an OS/2 & a DOS app--uses a modem to synchronize your computer to the atomic clock. Uploaded by Joe May.

Plus many other freeware and shareware products.

THANKS TO ALL OF THE TBOUG MEMBERS WHO MADE CONTRIBUTIONS!

MEETING REGISTRATION - MAY 1ST MEETING

Please make reservations for the following individuals to attend the May 1st meeting of the Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group. ***Please make reservations no later than <u>April 26th!</u>***

Person	Title	Telephone

Company ______________________________

Address ______________________________

City ____________________ State ______ Zip ____________

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Either Phone or Mail your registration to:

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