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The Newsletter of the Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group (TBOUG) - November 1994

"REMOTE CONTROL/2" BY COMPUWARE FEATURED AT NOVEMBER 2ND MEETING

The next meeting of the Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group will be held Wednesday evening, November 2nd 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 next committee meeting will feature a demonstration of the **ProImage Poster Printer** by Linda Burke of Audio Visual Innovations in Tampa. ProImage is an OS/2 supported printer capable of printing large graphics, such as posters and banners. Such graphics are extremely useful for preparing presentation materials, promotional items, and technical graphics.

PRODUCTION COMMITTEE

At the October session, Committee Chairman Paul Wylie will lead a discussion on **procedures for the selection, installation, support and control of licensed software**. Participants are encouraged to bring procedures, forms, and freeware for software installation, anti-piracy, and virus protection.

APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Committee Chairman Steve Schmeer will continue discussion on **REXX** related issues, including a demonstration of VisPro REXX from Hockware and/or VX-REXX from Watcom.

MAIN MEETING (7:30 - 9:00)

Our main meeting will feature a presentation by Compuware Corporation on their **RemoteControl/2** product. RemoteControl/2 is Compuware's answer to client/server management for the OS/2 environment. It is designed to provide centralized administration, configuration and monitoring of networked OS/2 systems, including both

AGENDA

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

- Production Committee
- Application Development Committee
- End User Education Committee

Dinner (6:45 - 7:30)

Main Meeting (7:30 - 9:00)

- Announcements
- IBM Updates
- Featured Speaker: Compuware

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 October 28th)**. The registration fee for those who do not pre-register is \$15 for members and \$17 for guests. See the last page of the newsletter to make your reservations.

LOCATION

IBM Tampa Services Center
4th Floor, LakePointe One Building
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Tampa

For directions, contact IBM at Tel: 813/872-2277 or Brad Brown at 813/872-2156

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"OS/2 Warp 3.0 - Smart Moves by IBM"

There were over 350 people on hand for the roll-out announcement of the next generation of OS/2 in Orlando on October 11th. I interpret this as a good sign, particularly since invitations were distributed at short notice. The announcement included a slick presentation via satellite hook-up to New York and consisted of a Star Trek theme featuring Leonard Nimoy.

The list price for OS/2 Warp 3.0 (the upgrade version for OS/2 for Windows) will be \$129, with an expected retail price of less than \$80. This, coupled with IBM's \$25 rebate, means people will be purchasing the new version for approximately \$55. The second "full pack" of OS/2 (OS/2 with WIN-OS/2 support) will be available shortly thereafter at a retail price of less than \$130.

The significance of Warp is not so much the new features it includes, but the problem areas of OS/2 it addresses. As we all know, the major criticisms of OS/2 has been the lack of OS/2 applications and the lack of computer vendors pre-loading OS/2. With Warp, IBM is finally making some smart moves in addressing these problems.

First, IBM is accelerating contracts with vendors to pre-load OS/2. At the Warp roll-out they announced new agreements with Dell and Toshiba to pre-load OS/2. This, coupled with agreements with Compaq, AST, and others finally gives IBM the ability to fairly compete with Microsoft's Windows.

In terms of applications, Warp comes equipped with the new "IBM Office" (a take-off of the "Microsoft Office"). This includes a robust set of apps for Word Processing, Spreadsheets, Graphics, and a lot more; much better than the mini-apps associated with the old "Productivity" folder. This, coupled with the Warp bonus pack (including a fax package, a better terminal emulator, access to the Information Highway, and more), gives the user considerable power at the desktop.

But perhaps the most significant aspect of the Warp announcement was how IBM is encouraging application development for OS/2. For example, the IBM Developer's Toolkit will now be made available on CD-ROM as a normal part of The Developer's Connection for OS/2. Prior to this release, it was available as a separate product. But more importantly, IBM announced that it will make

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MAIN MEETING (continued)

workstations and database servers. This presentation will be of particular interest to OS/2 users operating in a LAN based network environment, and to users in a distributed data base environment.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

widely available a new, enhanced version of One Up Corp.'s SMART, Source Migration Analysis Reporting Toolset(R), to help developers migrate 16-bit and 32-bit Windows applications to Warp as well as other versions of OS/2. The Source Migration Tool (tentatively named "Warp Conversion Toolkit") automatically converts as much as 70 percent, or more in some cases, of the API and message code to 32-bit OS/2 code. In the past, the SMART product was marketed for \$10,000. Now, IBM is providing it to developers free of charge. This may just be the impetus developers have been looking for to move over to the OS/2 desktop.

Developer's who wish to subscribe and receive the SMART toolset can call IBM at 800-6DEVCON (800-633-8266) or at 407-982-6408.

Finally, the last aspect of Warp that I liked was the hook-ups to the Information Highway. Yes, this will affect companies offering network services, such as Prodigy. But for IBM to maintain momentum, they have to provide a forum for OS/2 users to exchange ideas and resolve problems.

Warp is a smart strategic move on IBM's part, very smart. I only hope the press will understand its significance.

- Tim Bryce

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following is a list of events of interest to OS/2 users in the Tampa Bay area:

Oct 30-Nov 4 - 3rd Annual ColoradOS/2 Developers Conference; Colorado Springs; 1-800-481-3389.

Nov 6-11 - GUIDE; Atlanta, GA; Tel: 312/644-6610

Nov 9-10 - OS/2 LAN Tour '94; Sponsored by IBM; Tampa, FL; Tel: 800/947-8688

Nov 14-18 - COMDEX; Las Vegas, NV; Tel: 617/449-6600

Dec 6 - Project Management Institute; Tampa; Tel: 813/541-6681

Dec 7 - Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group meeting; Tel: 813/786-4567

Dec 8 - OS/2 Software Showdown (free seminar); Tampa, FL; Tel: 800/766-4344

Feb 19-22 - OS/2 Professional Interchange; Phoenix, AZ; Tel: 800/438-6720

June 11-15 - Int'l DB2 Users Group; 7th Annual North American Conference; Orlando, FL; Tel: 312/644-6610

July 18-21, - OS/2 World Conference & Exhibition; Boston, MA; Tel: 415/905-2220

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Tyler Bain - ISSC - Tampa
Kenneth Buker - Publix Super Markets, Inc.
Thomas Justice - University of South Florida - Tampa
Michael Kocsis - SunTrust Service Corp. - Tampa
John Meroth - Mersoft - Tampa
L. Lee Osburn - Tampa Bay Technical High School
Steven Phillippy - University of South Florida - Tampa

MEETING REGISTRATION - NOVEMBER 2ND MEETING

Please make reservations for the following individuals to attend the November meeting of the Tampa Bay OS/2 Users' Group. ***Please make reservations no later than October 28th!***

Person	Title	Telephone
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Please indicate the committee meeting you plan to attend:

_____ Production
_____ Application Development
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