The Omni User

Pizza Party with Alison Butterill

Tuesday, January 20, 2009

IBM Conference Rooms 2 Lincoln Centre Oakbrook Terrace

OMNI is kicking off 2009 with a double-barreled free[*] pizza party combined with twin presentations from IBM's Allison Butterill.

 3:30 Registration

4:00 IBM i Developers Road Atlas

> The IBM i Developers Road Atlas continues to be a key initiative within the IBM i Team as well as the WebSphere and Rational business units. It is a map of options designed to review and position all the development technologies that are used by i developers of all persuasions. The Atlas will review three major paths, all having a common goal - the industry standard Service Oriented Architecture (SOA). The first path describes the incorporation of traditional application code, the second path reviews various languages and tools for developing new components and the last path shows how to populate business components with existing code from elsewhere. Since its introduction, the Road Atlas continues to be enhanced and extended based on feedback and industry experience. This presentation will focus on the most current version of the Road Atlas.

5:45 Pizza Party

6:00 Dessert and Omni Business Meeting

January Dinner Meeting Continued…

6:15 Moving RPG to SOA: A Step by Step Approach

> SOA is architecture. It has become an industry standard allowing business function to be located in the most appropriate place - distributing as business requirements dictate. It can be implemented using a variety of languages and a variety of techniques. Learn how to exploit the strengths of existing applications, while creating agile applications and positioning your business for the future. This session will demonstrate a step-by-step approach for taking existing applications and implement a Services Oriented Architecture.

* Yes, the pizza party is free to paid OMNI members. However, annual memberships begin in January, so you'll have to renew yours when you register. Check out the details and get registered for this great meeting at http://omniuser.org

If you choose not to purchase an OMNI membership at this time, the meeting will be $20 if you register in advance or $25 at the door

Alison Butterill works on the Power Systems Software Team which has responsibility for all of the various software product offerings for IBM i, whether on the Power or Blades Servers. Her responsibilities include Application Development Offerings and other IBM i topics. Alison is an IBM Certified Consulting I/T Specialist; certified in Application Development, WebSphere and System i. In her present position, Alison is working with a variety of teams to develop strategic direction and offerings for developers on the IBM i. One of the IBM I strategic initiatives, the IBM i Developers Road Atlas is a key component of her current responsibilities.

 Having worked in the mid-range area for more than 25 years, Alison has held a wide variety of positions at IBM, primarily with midrange servers and software. She has held a range of positions including field Systems Engineer, an instructor in Customer Technical Education, national support representative for IBM Canada, and Worldwide Technical Marketing support rep for the development tools and compilers from the IBM Toronto Laboratory.

Alison is a regular speaker to user groups, technical conferences, COMMON events and IBM customers in many countries around the world. She holds numerous Speaker Excellence medals from COMMON North America.
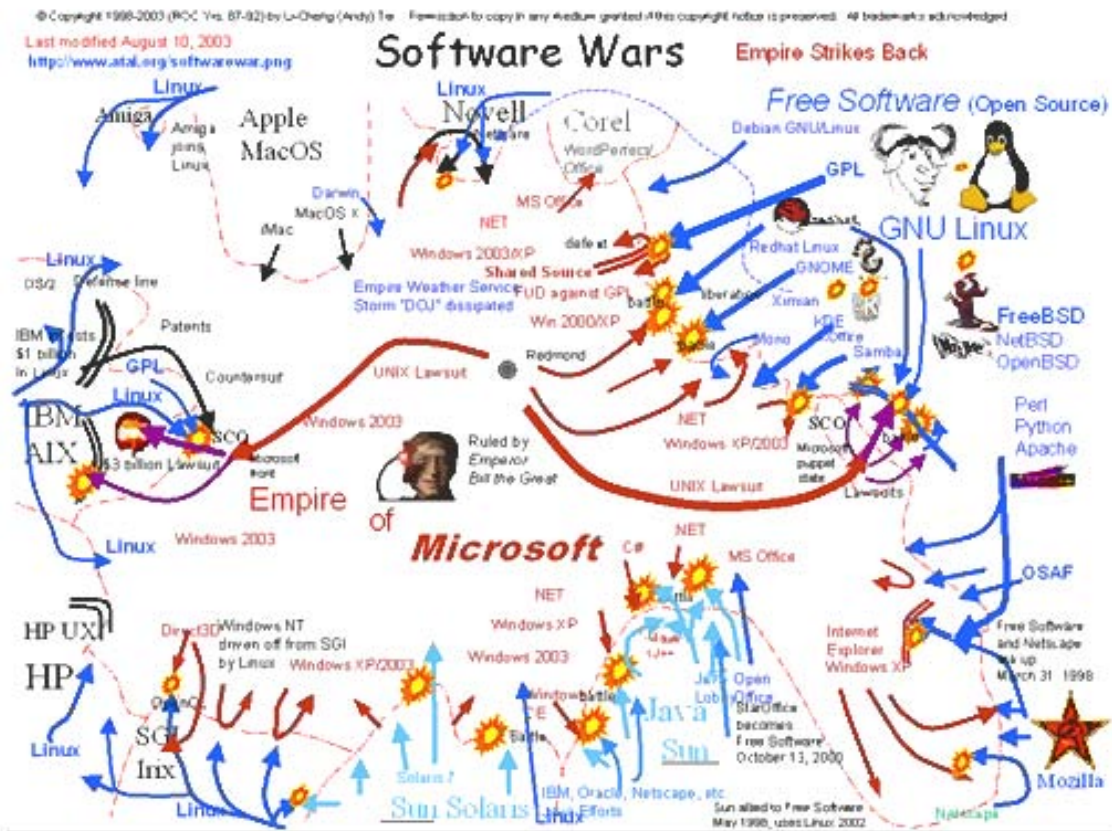
Website Update

Vince Salomon

Have you checked out OMNI's website lately? If you have, you probably noticed the look of the website changing, bit by bit. I'm not sure how long the old zigzag pattern had been there, but I decided it was time for it to go. Whenever I talk to people about website design, usually the first thing I point out is that I'm not a graphic artist but I do tend to dabble. I stayed up way too late one Friday night in the fall and came up with the new OMNI website banner. If you look closely at the picture, you'll notice that not all of the towers in the Chicago skyline are skyscrapers. I was hoping to come up with an image that would in some way represent what OMNI is all about. I hope you enjoy the new look.

I have added CAPTCHA to some of our forms to help cut down on spam. I have some other changes for the website in mind. Some of them will be behind the scenes and help out with the administration. Some of the changes will help the website to be more dynamic and keep you in the loop on industry events. Make sure you visit the site from time to time to keep up with the latest at http://omniuser.org

Also, if you have any ideas that you'd like to see more questions or comments about the changes being made. Please feel free to send me an e-mail at kingsalomon@gmail.com.
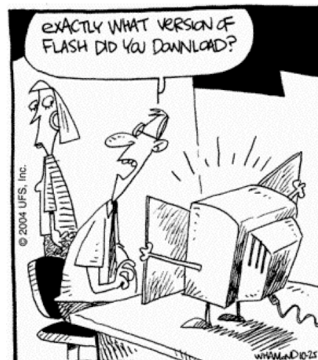
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System i Events

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