

# – TUG MoM Review –

## The November 2003 Meeting of Members

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### Introducing the 6<sup>th</sup> W!

I remember back in my early school years, an English teacher telling us about the 5 W's of writing. Who? What? When? Where and Why? The who were Doug Fulmer of IBM and the packed house that came to see his presentation on WebSphere.

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Guest Speaker: Doug Fulmer

The where and when was the TUG meeting of members held on November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Travelodge Hotel at Keele and the 401. All that is left are the Why and What. These can be answered with one word: **WEBSHERE**.



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The meeting started with our president **Eveline Gaede**, introducing our guest speaker for the evening, **Doug Fulmer** of IBM. Doug spoke to the large group that had gathered to hear about this thing we keep running into called WebSphere.

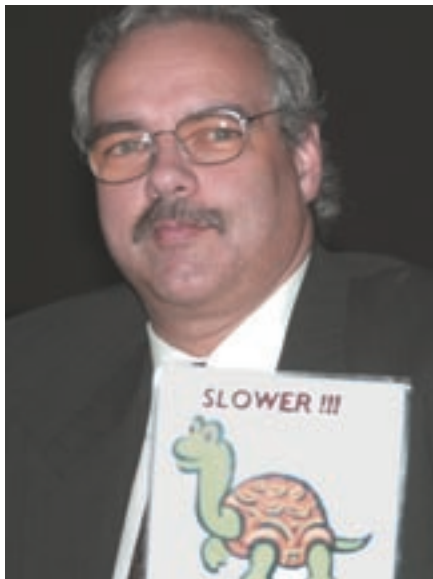
His first presentation, “Why WebSphere?” focused on the famous question. Why do we want to do this? Business wants to see results from the money that it spends on IT. Whether it's business-to-business, business to consumer, inter company collaboration and the list goes on. You need the infrastructure to support the task, or it will not function as desired. This Java based product, as Doug pointed out “is the strategic direction for cross platform deployment of enterprise applications.” Whether jazzing up the old 5250 green screen applications with a new front end or building an E-Business strategy, WebSphere will play a role.

Due to a late start, Doug's first presentation ran into the scheduled break. During the break, **Glenn Gundermann** reminded us that the TEC2004 conference is set to go for April 20, 21.



Terrence Enger, Eveline Gaede, Bob Lesiw, with Doug Fulmer

With only two MoMs left before the conference, be sure to stay tuned for details of this must attend event. You won't want to miss the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual TUG TEC.



**Jerry Dmytrasz (setting the pace)**

At the start of the evening, members were asked to identify the location of their place of work and home on a map of the GTA and surrounding areas. This is part of an effort to determine the geographical demographics of those members who attend our meetings.

After the break, Doug continued with his presentation on, "Why WebSphere?" and, without missing a beat, moved on to, "What is WebSphere?" Doug told us that WebSphere is not a single product, but a collection of individual products that are designed to work together. These include, WebSphere Commerce, Portal Sever, MQ



**Wende Boddy presenting speaker's gift to Doug Fulmer**


Series, Development Studio, Host Integration and Application Server. There is also a product suite called WebSphere Express, which includes its own version of Commerce, Portal Server, MQ Series, Item Synchronization and Application Server.

Doug explained how IBM is currently bundling WebSphere with new systems and the system requirements for running these applications. For those with Application Server, IBM has provided an out of the box, "phone directory" application to demonstrate the power of WebSphere.



Doug had so much to tell us about WebSphere that he promised to keep talking until the last member had left. However, he underestimated our members, as the majority stayed

until he wrapped up his presentation shortly before 9pm.

With the continuing growth of e-commerce. The 6<sup>th</sup> "W" – WebSphere will ensure that the iSeries plays a significant role, now and in the future. 

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