



THE AGENDA

 for our next Meeting of Members
Wednesday, March 23, 2005 (A Taste of TEC)

LOCATION: Meridian Banquet Hall, 2301 Keele Street

5:00pm: Session 1 – Developing Web Applications With JavaServer Faces (JSF) and Enterprise Generation Language (EGL), Speaker: Kushal Munir



Abstract: This session will discuss two key new technologies from IBM that simplify the process of Web development: JavaServer Faces and Enterprise Generation Language. The first offers dramatically simplified development of Web applications, using drag and drop technology and data based Web UI controls. The latter builds on these new tools and runtime technologies, but offers an alternative to Java for the business logic and 2nd tier scripting language: EGL, a business language that RPG and COBOL programmers will be comfortable with. EGL offers a fourth generation language that can generate to Java or COBOL, keeping up with the latest standards and best practices on your behalf. If you are doing Web development now, or are looking to do Web development in the future, and want to leverage your existing skills, come to this session to learn about JSF and EGL.

Biography: **Kushal Munir** has been a software developer at the IBM Toronto Laboratory since 2001. He is responsible for the design, development, testing and maintenance of Websphere Development Studio Client for iSeries. Kushal has a Bachelor of Applied Science in Computer Engineering from the University of Toronto.

6:00 pm Intermission TUG Meeting of Members (MoM)



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7:00pm: Session 2 – IBM's Investment in RPG: Past, Present, and Future, Speaker: George Farr

Abstract: Do you want to know if IBM is investing in RPG? In the first part of this session George will start by taking you thru some of the history of RPG IV and IBM's investment in it as well as covers the new functions recently introduced in the RPG IV compiler in V5R3 as well as future RPG features that will be coming soon to an iSeries near you! In the second part we will demo and highlight the latest enhancements in the Remote System Explorer. Time will be allocated at the end to allow customers to voice their requirements and any other Q&A on RPG as well as the tooling. So come with all your questions and new ideas that you would like to see not just for RPG IV but WDS as well.



Biography: **George Farr** joined the IBM Toronto Laboratory in May 1985 and worked with the RPG development team for seven years where he developed many functions in the compiler. After spending a year with the AS/400 languages architecture and planning team he joined the visual development organization as the compiler development team leader for the first release of VARPG and later became the Visual RPG Development Manager. Currently he is the Technical Manager for all of the RPG compilers on the iSeries and Windows platforms. In addition, he is the technical development manager for a new generation of tooling based on the eclipse technology. A frequent award-winning speaker at COMMON and user groups worldwide, George has published numerous articles on the subject of AS/400 languages and environments. He authored many books including *ILE- A First Look*, *RPG IV By Example*, and most recently he co-authored, with **Phil Coulthard** the books: *Java for RPG Programmers*, and *Java for COBOL Programmers On OS/390 and OS/400*.

What topics would you like to see in future? Drop us a line with your suggestions at: leo@tug.ca

