

– TUG MoM Review –

The May 2004 Meeting of Members

By Stephen Bingham

Is it the end of the year, or a new beginning? ... It depends.

Afternoon Session

Looking back over the year, I think this might have been one of my favorite MoM's. Possibly because of the fantastic lineup that the Woodbine Race Track has at their buffet. However, back in the meeting room, TUG had a star studded line up of its own. First out of the gate was **Dave**

Smith of The Waterstone Group Ltd. on the Personal Information Protection & Electronic Documents Act or PIPEDA.

PIPEDa is the federal privacy legislation that came into effect in January of 2004. Please note that the provinces of Quebec, Alberta and British Colum-



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TUG members return to Woodbine Racetrack for the May Meeting



bia also have their own privacy legislation. The presentation opened with a cartoon depicting a fortune teller in front of her computer, telling her client about all the information available on-line about him. This information included information on his finances, family pet, medical condition and that he was becoming alarmed at the amount of personal information available on-line to complete strangers.

There are ten main principals to this legislation. They include the following:

1. Accountability
2. Accuracy
3. Identifying Purposes
4. Safeguards
5. Consent
6. Openness
7. Limiting Collection
8. Individual Access
9. Limiting use, disclosure and retention
10. Providing Recourse

As Dave told us, some of these principals are written in stone and others are not. What does that mean? Well, it depends. This legislation is designed to protect the privacy of the individual but relies in part on the judgment of the company collecting the information to determine how to handle it.

The collector of information must be able to demonstrate what information they are collecting, why they are collecting it, how long the information will be retained and most importantly that they have consent to collect and retain the information. In addition they must be able to demonstrate that the information is required for business purposes. In effect, all additional personal informa-

tion on individuals not required for the purpose of the business should be removed.

Consent can be implied or explicit. Walking into a room that has a sign on the door that reads, "The premises are under video surveillance" is implied consent. Explicit consent can be written or verbal. If it is verbal, it should be documented.

Companies should designate a Chief Privacy Officer. The purpose of this position would be to ensure current and continued compliance with federal and provincial privacy legislation. They should have access to all levels of the company and to third parties who may have access to their systems. In addition they should act as a resource for public complaints and inquiries. What does this mean for IT? Since much of the information collected will be stored on computers, policies and procedures must be put into place to ensure compliance with corporate directives.



The amazing Woodbine buffet

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This could result in changes to applications to ensure and document that



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consent has been received, and that the cleanup of existing databases of extraneous personal information has been done.

Intermission

As we were all left to ponder the ramifications of this legislation on our work place, we enjoyed the buffet and discussed strategies for picking the winning horse for the races later that evening. During the break a commercial for the COMMON users group conference in Toronto was shown. Don't miss your chance to attend COMMON this fall. Since TUG will be the host Local Users Group, we will have lots of activities planned with COMMON, including a special TUG Meeting of Members on-site at the conference.

Glenn Gundermann (who is chairperson of the TEC committee) thanked everyone who participated in making TEC 2004 a success, and announced that plans are already underway for TEC 2005!



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Richard Dolewski then took the mic to remind everyone about the TUG Golf Tournament on June 18th. (See photo coverage on page 11 of this issue.)

Evening Session

After the break, our president **Eveline Gaede** introduced our second speaker of the evening, **Dale Perkins** of IBM. Dale is a former IBM liaison to TUG. On May 4th IBM announced the next generation in the AS/400 family: the i5, and its new operating system: i5/OS V5R3.

The i5 is the industry's first POWER5-based series of servers, and although it continues to more closely share a common hardware platform with the pSeries, the i5 gets the new chip technology first. (It is rumored that there will be a "p5" sometime next year.) IBM is completing its vision of the on-demand operating environment, introducing the first implementation of the IBM Virtualization Engine and extending the value of open integration with i5/OS and WebSphere.



IBM's POWER5 chip

i5/OS V5R3 is an integrated operating system that is built on, and extends the capabilities of OS/400 V5R2. The new release of the operating system will run on the IBM i5 servers and IBM



Richard Dolewski



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AS/400 and ISeries servers models 170, 720, 730 and 740.



Some of the highlights include:

- Automated backup for i5/OS hosted Windows, Linux, AIX and Domino Servers.
- Rapid checkpoint save while active
- Enabling real-time file system virus protection scanning tools.

The on demand operating environment comes in two flavors. The Standard and Enterprise editions. The Standard edition is aggressively priced for E-Business workloads. The Enterprise edition includes maximum on demand capabilities including the following:

- Maximum interactive 5250 CPW
- Processor activation for Linux or AIX 5L Integrated xSeries Server.
- License for popular e-business and data center management software.

The IBM Virtualization Engine includes the following features:

- Dynamic Logical Partitioning – The new POWER Hypervisor supports i5/OS, AIX 5L and Linux and up to 254 partitions.

Internet Business Simplified

sofCast Inc. now offers the Decentrix Web Site Solution: a secure, centrally hosted service that allows you to create, modify, and manage a professional Web site, all from a standard Web browser.



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Wende Boddy (middle) presenting speakers' gifts to Dale Perkins (left) and Dave Smith (right)

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- Improved fault tolerance and lower partition management costs.
- Replacing the Primary partition with the Hardware Management Console (HMC).

With this announcement, IBM is providing a copy of WebSphere Application Server Express with every eserver i5 or upgrade to i5/OS V5R3. Maintenance is now a part of Software Subscription.

i5/OS V5R3 became generally available on June 11, 2004.

The release of V5R3 and the i5 will make for lots of interesting reading this summer and into the fall. IBM has brought the i5 into the forefront with the POWER5 chip. Let's hope this is the boost our favorite system needs to attract new business and solidify the existing user base.

Have a great summer everyone and see you in the fall!



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