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CFUN2K

Last month, CF developers who simply couldn't wait for the November Allaire Developer Conference had the opportunity to gather with their compatriots and spend time learning CF tricks and techniques from some of the most popular CF speakers. Now, if you're fortunate enough to have a CF user group in your area, you may find that announcement only mildly interesting. CF User groups are popular and meet all over the country, many of them monthly.



But this was no ordinary "CF User Group". It was CFUN-2k. No, when Michael Smith of TeraTech began planning and then put out the call for this meeting, billed

the CFUN-2K, he had much bigger plans. He arranged a huge auditorium at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. He decided to charge no fee, and he invited some of the most popular CF speakers in the country. They responded, some from across the country. And they also agreed to speak at no charge. Then he sent out invitations to thousands of CF developers worldwide. And they responded, by the hundreds.

And they spread the word, and invited others. In the end, more than a thousand people registered, and the TeraTech staff and a group of dedicated co-sponsors began the arduous task of organizing, registering, and pulling off a tremendous example of CF community building. We had done it the year before, so we knew what we were getting ourselves into. The CFUN-2K was on, and it was going to be bigger than any CF gathering to date. Bigger than the previous year, and yes! even bigger than last year's CF Developer conference.



This was a weekend event. Not just one, but two days during one of the loveliest summers on record in Washington. Yet still they came. Seven hundred CF developers hungry to learn and willing to sit for several hours each day just watching and listening as speakers covered subjects from basics to business issues to advanced techniques. So many, in fact, an overflow room with video feed was arranged. Many of the participants and several of the speakers traveled long distances (in a few cases from several hundred miles). It wasn't all work, though, as there were not only breaks for refreshments and lunch, but there were constant give-aways including books, software, t-shirts, and more. And to break the ice even further, there was the clever and well-received CF Family Feud and Who Wants to Be a CF Millionaire.

The meeting was a single-track format with 40-minute presentations. The roster of seventeen speakers included many of the most popular local and national CF personalities. They were:

- Adam Churvis - Commerce Blocks
- Christine Pascarella - VirtualScape
- Charlie Arehart - SystemManage
- John Paul Ashenfelter - WebDatabase.org
- Michael Smith - TeraTech, Inc
- Howie Hamlin - CoolFusion.com
- Hal Helms, a well known CFDJ writer
- Robi Sen - Granularity.com
- Steve Nelson - SecretAgents.com
- Bill Rogers - Ektron.com
- Leon Chalnick, - Advanta Solutions
- April Fleming - Federal Data Corp
- Shlomy Gantz - CoreActive ACG
- Steve Drucker - Fig Leaf Software
- Michael Dinowitz - CoreActive ACG
- Dave Watts - Fig Leaf Software
- Michael Imhoff - OmniCypher

FuseBox Conference

The first ever Fusebox conference is set for Saturday, September 16, 2000. Fusebox is a coding methodology and naming convention that makes it faster to write ColdFusion code, debug it and document it! It is great for team projects. The Fusebox method itself is free - this conference will show you how to apply it to your projects and explain advanced Fusebox techniques. The conference, sponsored by TeraTech and Steve Nelson's SecretAgents.com, will be a 9 to 5 FuseFeast full of lectures and information about the methodology, and includes a free copy of the forthcoming Fusebox book. Speakers include national Fusebox people:

- Hal Helms
- Steve Nelson
- Nat Papovich
- Gabe Roffman
- Fred T. Sanders
- Michael Smith

Location: Charlottesville, VA, at the Best Western Cavalier Inn, 105 Emmet, Charlottesville, VA 22904-0201.

Price of admission is \$99, which includes book and lunch (but not hotel accommodations). FAQ and to sign up today, go to:

<http://www.fusebox.org/conference/>
And find out how to speed up your CF projects with Fusebox!

Current TeraTech Projects

TeraTech is currently working on three projects for National Cancer Institute.

- Colorectal Cancer
- NCI Resources
- Pancreatic Cancer PRG

These three projects are ColdFusion and Access based. For more information:

<http://www.cancer.gov/resources/>

MD ColdFusion Users Group.

We host the MDCFUG meeting every second Tuesday of the month. For more information on past meetings and next meetings topics visit:

<http://www.cfug-md.org/>

ColdFusion 101

TeraTech along with MDCFUG, CPCUG, and Allaire will host a free seminar on basics of ColdFusion programming on September 9, 2000. For more information:

<http://www.cfconf.com/cf101>

Quote of the Month

" I like the community feeling you foster at CFUN-2K" - Jeremy Riddut.

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