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### New TeraTech Team Member

TeraTech welcomes our newest salesperson, Kathleen Herrington, to the team!

A Maryland native, Kathleen Herrington main area of expertise is in sales and marketing. After studying Psychology and Business Administration at University of Maryland, Baltimore County she began her career at NationsBanc Mortgage and in that industry she stayed for over 15 years. She is excited to learn more about web application development. She decided to come to TeraTech "because of the people and TeraTech's philosophy towards its own people. Michael [Smith] has an open-door attitude that everyone has something to contribute."



That she has lived in Montgomery County in Silver Spring and Rockville her whole life, it makes sense that she's made a home for herself in Gaithersburg with her "husband and assorted children and pets," she says. Welcome Kathleen!

### Adobe Fireworks CS3 Review

Simply put Adobe Fireworks is an intuitive and easy to use program to create graphics for small additions on websites to constructing entire website's look and feel. It has become a web graphics staple to all professionals in the field and is quite frankly easy to use for people who may not be ask professional. That is, it as easy to learn as it is to use.

There are quite a number of tools to create bitmap and vector graphics which you can combine for entire website designs, and lets you edit virtually everything you could want with the help of photo-editing tools and animation tools. Fireworks can also export JavaScript that can control swapping images for rollovers and pop-up menus, as well as creating animated GIFs and can use XML files to import text into images.

Being that Fireworks has been around for about a decade now, the latest updates seem to be pretty great and just what users wanted/needed. One may now integrate into Photoshop and Illustrator, as well as Adobe Flex and Bridge. There is improved bitmap scaling and layer management. People are saying that it is still the best web graphics tool around, and has now made it easier for prototyping with its compatibility with other programs.

### TeraTech Training Class Schedule

TeraTech offers training classes for ColdFusion and Fusebox for every skill level. Here are some upcoming classes you can sign up for.

#### Intro to ColdFusion: September 16<sup>th</sup>, 10am-5

Taught by resident CF Expert Ajay Sathuluri, this class is a beginners guide to ColdFusion. He begins with a basic introduction to ColdFusion, it's uses and applications, and then moves on to CF Tag Processing and Sever versus Client Processing. A discussion of dynamic pages follows which includes talk about using variables and functions, using custom tags, and using CFMAIL to generate Email.

#### Intermediate ColdFusion: September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10am-5

More info at <http://www.teratech.com/go/training/>

### MDCFUG Lunch

Leaps and bounds! It seems everywhere TeraTech takes the MDCFUG lunch, we get more and more people to attend. Last month we ate at the eatery at Union Station and people had a few comments. One, they weren't sure if it was upstairs near the Corner Bakery or downstairs where all the 30 or so small food shops are that we were meeting. Two, it was brought to

my attention that we are hosting the **Maryland** ColdFusion User Group Lunch, not the Washington DC ColdFusion User Group Lunch.

We will be having the MDCFUG Lunch again at the Union Station Eatery and we will meet at 1:00 On September 1st, downstairs as close as I can possibly sit to the front of the eatery. In other words, as close to the stairs and escalator as is humanly possible. Again I will be in my green ColdFusion shirt, and if you plan on attending, you can email me and I will give you my cell phone number. As for the second query regarding a Maryland lunch being held in Washington, D.C.; many people who attend MDCFUG work in Washington D.C, many more than those who live in Annapolis, and the people who have requested a lunch set up near them have done so mostly in the District. If you are from Waldorf or Baltimore or anywhere else in Maryland and would like a lunch set up near you, don't hesitate to contact me (Matt@TeraTech.com) and we can work something out.

Like our monthly MDCFUG meetings at TeraTech's Rockville headquarters, lunch is a great way to connect with other people working in ColdFusion and to discuss related issues in an informal setting. Also like our monthly MDCFUG meetings, the MDCFUG lunch will be completely free, with exception to the price of your own food.

If you are interested in having a lunch, but are not close to the location we chose, please let us know. All questions, comments, concerns and suggestions should likewise be directed to me, Matt Weiss, Matt (at) teratech.com. Also, please contact me if you plan on coming so I can provide a contact number for the day of the event. I will send out an email the morning of the lunch to remind people. Hope to see you all there!

### **Fusebox Core Leader: Adam Haskell**

Sean Corfield, the core leader for Fusebox 5, has stepped down from his position and entirely leaving the Fusebox project to focus on other goals. In the past two and a half years he has contributed greatly to the project with every effort. Though it is with regret that Corfield must leave, the newly announced core leader, Adam Haskell, is sure to keep the project running smoothly.

Adam Haskell comes from The Kroger Company where he served as Lead Architect and was in charge of their framework stack. He hopes to expand the trend away from XML and look at different ways to reach out to all those people who may have turned away from Fusebox in the past.

For the source blog article, go to <http://www.fusebox.org/go/news/new-fusebox-core-leader-adam-haskell-announced>.

### **Boxes Don't Hamper Creativity Everybody has a box.**

That's right. And no matter how hard you try, you'll never really think outside it.

Heresy? No.

The idea that boxes are bad is a function of how you interpret them.

**It's not the box that matters, but its size and how you address that.**

Steve Jobs and Steven Spielberg's boxes are immense, far larger than most, yet they both continue to enlarge them.

And therein lays one of the secrets of a creative organization.

**It's not about encouraging your people to 'think outside the box,' it's helping each to understand their box and how to enlarge it.**

Because that's how it works.

As soon as you get outside your own box, a new one forms. **Once you totally use up its content and find its sides you go outside that box, a new one forms and the process begins again.**

If you work at it, this process continues throughout your life although some never start it and some get comfortable in a certain box and retain it.

**But the most wonderful thing about boxes is that it's your choice and within your control.**

There will always be a box, but with effort you can enlarge it enough to encompass galaxies and even entire universes.



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