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Hurray for May!

As April has come to a close, May has started blossoming from the sunshine of a new month. With all of the continued success of both business and community service activities, we at TeraTech are feeling great and prospering as well. This issue introduces two new faces at TeraTech, recap our recycling efforts that are expanding in new ways, and a whole lot more. And don't forget, Stellr is working on exciting improvements for this year's annual CFUnited 2009 Conference at the Lansdowne Resort in Virginia: [http://cfunited.com/!](http://cfunited.com/)



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Association Conference Registration

We recently helped the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors with a ColdFusion conference registration system. There were many price levels and special events, which instead of hardcoding, we put in a database so that next year the same code will work without change.

“NAIFA recently brought in an outside development group (TeraTech) to help us with a

rather complex project that we needed to get up and running in a very short time-frame: Exactly two weeks from start to finish. I was really impressed with the caliber of the developers and the level of support we received from TeraTech...By the way, we managed to get the project done—on time and on budget.”

Mark Rogers,
VP of Information Systems, NAIFA

Why Load Test Your Apps?

You just finished coding your latest web app and have even gone the extra step of running functional tests to eliminate bugs and make sure that all of the features work correctly. Now it is ready to be released into the world! But not so fast... If you have more than a few hundred users, you could be looking forward to having your users find embarrassing new bugs or your server crashing under load.

To read more please visit:
<http://www.teratech.com/blog/index.cfm/2009/5/1/2/Why-Load-Test-Your-Apps>

TeraTech TAKE-Shelf:

Using Everything to its Fullest Potential

At TeraTech, we are always looking for ways to improve ourselves, both individually and as a team. This is how the TeraTech TAKE-Shelf came to be. A lot of the TeraTech staff is thrifty and quite a number of us have used Freecycle (www.freecycle.org) to obtain or to get rid of unwanted items.



There is a shelf, in our kitchen area that is now denoted as the TeraTech TAKE-Shelf. When one

of us has an item we no longer use or want, we bring it in, date it and leave it there for another to take. If the item remains there over 30 days, it is removed and donated to Goodwill or the Salvation Army.

Please feel free to bring your item(s) in as well and/or peruse our TeraTech TAKE-Shelf the next time you are in the office—possibly for an MDCFUG meeting? Note, however, that if your item is too large to fit on a regular size shelf of a tall bookcase please bring a photo of the item to leave on the shelf and provide your contact information alongside.

Could you begin something like this at your location?

New TeraTech Team Members

TeraTech, Inc. proudly welcomes two more new faces to its team: Fareeha Chowdhury (CFUnited Conference Intern) and Joshua Booth (IT Intern).

Fareeha Chowdhury

Although born in Bangkok, Thailand, Fareeha and her family moved to Bangladesh when she was only a year old. There she attended school in Dhaka, and was involved in many extracurricular activities throughout her middle and high school years. Among these activities was her membership in a group called SERSHA, where she organized a number of charity concerts, fashion shows, and fund raisers to raise money for flood and acid victims, orphans etc.



In March of 2007 she was accepted to UMD's College Park campus where she currently majors in Communications and PR. She plans to graduate with her undergraduate degree from the UMD, College Park by Fall 2011 from its college of Arts and Humanities. She currently interns at TeraTech, Inc with Stellr, its conference department.

Joshua Booth

Originally from New Jersey, Joshua Booth has recently been living in Potomac, MD, where he attends college and spends a great deal of time with his girlfriend. He is currently studying online at Thomas Edison State College for a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science.



His interests include seeing live music, writing software, and reading books. Additionally, he is teaching himself how to play the Bass Guitar, and possibly aspires to start a band. He

currently interns at TeraTech, Inc. and is learning ColdFusion, among other languages.

The Mood Cure

The Four-Part Mood Type Questionnaire

- Part 1: Are You Under a Dark Cloud?
- Part 2: Are You Suffering From the Blues?
- Part 3: Is Stress Your Problem?
- Part 4: Are You Too Sensitive to Life's Plan?

To read more please visit:
<http://www.teratech.com/blog/index.cfm/2009/5/4/The-Mood-Cure-The-Four-Part-MoodType-Questionnaire>

The Rise of the MBA and the Fall of Business

*By Miki Saxon,
May 1st, 2009*

I've never been a lover of the MBA, its almost holy status, depending on the school, and especially its dominance on Wall Street.



In a recent post [Justine Larbalestier](#) said, *"I was fascinated by Background Briefing's recent documentary about the emergence of business schools and their effect on corporate culture and its relationship to the current crisis: MBA: Mostly Bloody Awful."*

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