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Welcome to the latest Worldwide Institute of Software Architects (WWISA) New Zealand Chapter newsletter.

WHAT'S ON IN WELLINGTON?

The next meeting in Wellington will be held on:

Monday 27 January 2003

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Equinox Room
Level 5
Equinox House
111 The Terrace (or 222 Lambton Quay)
Wellington

The speaker will be Bill Ross, Senior Consultant, Equinox Limited (<http://www.equinox.co.nz>).

Bill's presentation will be "Comparing IT Architecture with Building Architecture: Pushing the Analogy to the Edge!"

Bill has over 15 years experience in the IT industry, nearly all of it in the software development area. He has been involved in a wide variety of projects as a senior developer through to software development manager. In these roles, Bill has developed solid practical experience in applying several software engineering methodologies to ensure quality results. He also enjoys keeping up to speed with evolving object oriented software architectures and tools, especially J2EE and Microsoft .NET.

AND ALSO IN AUCKLAND?

The next meeting in Auckland will be held on:

Thursday 27 February 2003

5:30pm - 7:30pm

Rational Software
Level 16
151 Queen Street
Auckland

The speaker will be Professor Bob McQueen, Associate Professor, Management Systems Department, Waikato University (<http://www.mngt.waikato.ac.nz/mnss>).

Bob will be discussing Knowledge Management Architectures.

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There is much interest in Knowledge Management in the business community and IT often gets lumbered with the solution - often without knowing the problem. Knowledge management has wider implications than IT and systems, yet systems are what people see as immediate and hard deliverables.

Knowledge Management equally shares the rule of "garbage in, garbage out" and those attending will gain from Bob's research with NASA and other leading Knowledge Management structures and architectures.

THE CATWALK OF COMPUTING

John Fisher, Principal of Open HorizoNZ (<http://www.kotare.co.nz>) gave a comprehensive presentation on "The Catwalk of Computing: The Use and Abuse of Models" at our last meeting in Wellington.

John defined a model as an abstraction of the real world which:

- promotes understanding
- facilitates system implementation, and
- facilitates system simulation.

John went on to set out the basic principles which enhance the value and use of models, including the consistent use of standards covering such areas as symbols, conventions, colour and layout.

In addition to addressing many of the familiar "formal" modelling techniques (covering such areas as process, data, logic and behaviour), an interesting aspect of John's presentation was his discussion on use of "informal" models. These included standardised diagrams and what John simply termed "pretty pictures" - but all based on the principle of helping to develop a shared understanding of often complex areas.

And why model? A model provides new insight into a problem and the formality of modelling forces completeness on a solution.

SOFTWARE ARCHITECTURE WORKSHOP

Just a reminder that Dana Bredemeyer is returning to New Zealand to conduct another highly acclaimed "Software Architecture Workshop".

Dana is an internationally regarded software architect with over 20 years experience architecting, designing and developing software systems including 16 years with Hewlett-Packard. He is currently co-authoring a book on software architecture for Prentice-Hall, and his site is one of the best on the web.

The four-day Software Architecture Workshop will be held in Auckland on Monday 17 - Thursday 20 March 2003.

The cost is US\$2,000 plus NZ GST, with a US\$100 discount for NZCS or WWISA members.

Full details can be found at <http://www.bredemeyer.com/Workshops/AucklandNZ.htm>.

Make sure you book your place today!

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Don't miss this premier event - Software Education's "2003 Software Development Conference".

Held at the Duxton Hotel in Wellington on Monday 10 March 2003 - Wednesday 12 March 2003, this conference brings you some of the world's best thinkers and practitioners in the field of software development.

Keynote speakers include Karl Wieggers (an internationally recognised leader in the area of requirements, project and process management), Scott Ambler (contributing editor at "Software Development" magazine and author of a number of highly regarded books) and Satyendra Kumar (Vice-President and Head of Quality at Infosys Technologies, India's largest software developer).

Check out the details on this special conference at <http://www.softed.com/sdc2003>.

SOFTWARE EDUCATION COURSE SCHEDULE

Software Education - New Zealand's only specialist software development training company - has just released its public course schedule for January to June 2003.

A copy of the schedule is attached and full descriptions of all courses can be found at <http://www.softed.com/courses/index.htm>.

THANK YOU

As a voluntary, non-profit organisation we are reliant on a wide range of individuals and organisations for support.

We would particularly like to thank:

- the New Zealand Computer Society (<http://www.nzcs.org.nz>) for their support and promotion of the Software Architecture Workshop
- Ian Mitchell (<http://www.aboutit.co.nz>) and the Auckland Branch of the New Zealand Computer Society (<http://www.iminit.co.nz>) for their promotion of Auckland meetings and events.

MAILING LIST

If this newsletter has been forwarded on to you and you'd like to be added to our mailing list, just enter your details on our chapter website at <http://www.wvisa.org.nz/MailingList.asp>. You'll then be registered to receive notice of upcoming meetings, workshops and other significant chapter events.

Our mailing list is used for no other purposes, and your right to privacy is respected at all times.

BOOKMARKS

- "Practical Software Architecture for the Enterprise: Software Architect's Toolbox"
<http://www.safe-house.org/SH-Book/safe-house-book.htm>
A draft book by Boris Monin, WWISA Practicing Member and founder of SAFE House (Software Architecture for the Enterprise) - a community and resource centre for Software Architects and Systems Engineers.
- The Open Group Architectural Framework (TOGAF) Version 8 - "Enterprise Edition"
<http://www.opengroup.org/architecture/togaf>
TOGAF Version 8 was published in December 2002 and is a superset of this well-established framework. It has been expanded to cover the other domains of an overall Enterprise Architecture - the Business Architecture, Data Architecture and Application Architecture - as well as the Technical Architecture covered by previous versions of TOGAF.
- US Chief Information Officers Council - Enterprise Architecture Document Library
<http://www.cio.gov/enterprise%20architecture>
This site provides a wide range of resources including the Federal Enterprise Architecture Framework (FEAF) Version 1.1.

- US Federal Enterprise Architecture - Program Management Office (FEAPMO)

<http://www.feapmo.gov>

Don't forget to check out our chapter website (<http://www.wwisa.org.nz/Links.asp>) which includes links to a wide range of related sites.

QUOTABLE VALUE

"Why model when a thousand confusing words will do!"

- John Fisher

Kind regards ... Paul

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