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Happy New Year and welcome to the latest Worldwide Institute of Software Architects (WWISA) New Zealand Chapter newsletter.

In this issue we look at:

- What's next in Wellington?
- Activities in Auckland
- Enterprise architecture: a strategic asset
- Be a slave to the domain: countering implementation cults, and
- Some light-hearted websites to ease you into the New Year!

### WHAT'S NEXT IN WELLINGTON?

Our first meeting for the New Year will be held in Wellington on:

Monday 26 January 2004

12:00pm for 12:10pm - 1:00pm

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

The speaker will be Ido Lelie, Solutions Architect at SolNet Solutions Limited (<http://www.solnetsolutions.co.nz>).

Ido's role focuses on pre-sales support, adding a consistent architecture view to RFI and RFP responses, and researching new products, technologies and methodologies.

Having close to twenty years experience in the IT industry, a Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering as well as growing up with two architects in his family and currently building his second house, Ido has plenty of opinions on the relationship between architecture and IT.

Since it is the start of a New Year, it is the right time for some reflection on WWISA's goals and light-hearted discussion on "IT Architecture: Art or Science?" It will also include a number of observations made while researching some of the latest product technologies.

Please feel free to extend an invitation to attend to any interested friends or colleagues (there is currently no cost involved with any chapter events).

### ACTIVITIES IN AUCKLAND

Our next meeting in Auckland will be held on:

Thursday 19 February 2004

6:00pm for 6:30pm - 7:50pm

Although full details have yet to be confirmed, this meeting will look at 3G mobile technologies and their effect on our day-to-day work.

## ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE: A STRATEGIC ASSET

Nitish Verma gave an excellent presentation on "Enterprise Architecture: A Strategic Asset" at our last meeting in Wellington.

Using the seven criteria of performance excellence (see the New Zealand Business Excellence Foundation website at <http://www.nzbef.org.nz> for more information), Nitish explored how leading organisations have used these criteria to leverage their investment in architecture.

A full copy of Nitish's presentation can be found on the Chapter website at <http://www.wwisa.org.nz/downloads.asp> and includes:

- Value creation
- Driving up value: the path to business excellence
- Governance frameworks
- How architecture facilitates organisational development
- Success stories
- Lessons learned.

His presentation was also covered in Computerworld New Zealand under the heading "Architecture good for governance".

A full copy of the article can be found on the Computerworld website at:  
<http://www.computerworld.co.nz/news.nsf/UNID/AA2F412835C9DBBECC256DF0007053CB!opendocument>

## BE A SLAVE TO THE DOMAIN: COUNTERING IMPLEMENTATION CULTS

With a title like this, Jorn Bettin's presentation at our last meeting in Auckland was bound to attract some interest!

Jorn explored Domain-Driven Development (3D) which covers a range of emerging technologies, including Model-Driven Architecture, Product-Line Engineering, Aspect-Oriented Modelling, Generative Programming and Intentional Programming.

A full copy of Jorn's presentation can be found on the Chapter website at <http://www.wwisa.org.nz/downloads.asp> and covers:

- Background
- What's in a name?
- Direct product assembly
- Hype
- Frustration
- Motivation
- Domain engineering
- Design by contract
- Generative programming
- Iterative development
- A new set of values
- Related concepts
- Mass customisation
- User-driven innovation
- Domain-driven design
- Model-driven architecture

- Summary
- Supporting resources and appendices.

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## BOOKMARKS

Finally, as promised, some light-hearted websites to ease you into the New Year:

- Dating Design Patterns (a new spin on the "Design Patterns" classic)  
<http://www.datingdesignpatterns.com>

- Project Management Proverbs  
<http://www.project-training-uk.freemove.co.uk>

- Urban Legends  
<http://www.urbanlegends.com/ulz>

- Monopoly (one way to learn about business strategy)  
<http://www.monopoly.co.uk>

- Crayola Creativity Central  
<http://www.crayola.com>

- Omri's Computer Humour Page  
<http://www.cs.bgu.ac.il/~omri/humor>

- Coffee Universe (if all else fails!)  
<http://www.coffeeuniverse.com>

## QUOTABLE VALUE

"I'd be unstoppable if I could just get started."

- Anon

Kind regards ... Paul

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