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New TeraTech Website coming in June

We are renovating our website! By June we will have a newly designed website with all new features including ways to contact us directly and photos of all our staff. We have been working on how to better serve our clients, and it was time our website got a tune up. Watch out for our newly designed website that will be up just in time for CFUnited '08!

CFUnited 2008 update

TeraTech is in total conference mode. Everyday we are getting closer to this years CFUnited (June 18th – 21st) and everyone in the office is getting more and more excited.

There's still a bunch to get done, and

everyone is excited about the new location in DC



This year will be the best year ever with great speakers (including TeraTech President Michael Smith and Adobe's Senior Technical Evangelist and all-around genius, Ben Forta), all the events and topics are going to be fascinating, and all the "extra-curricular" events are going to be outstanding. In

fact, we have some secret events up our sleeves that will only be announced at the conference.

There are still tickets available, but they are going fast. To register for the conference, go to <http://cfunited.com> and click on the "Register" tab.

TeraTech Training Class Schedule

TeraTech offers training classes for ColdFusion and Fusebox for every skill level. This months highlighted class is

ACT 101 – ActionScript 3 for Flex Developers

Taught by Theo Rushin, Jr., this course introduces the Flex developer to the Actionscript 3.0 programming language. The course starts by covering basic syntax and working with variables; moves through looping and control structures; then covers working with display object; and finally focuses on event handling and object-oriented programming concepts. Throughout the course we will be creating many sample apps that will help to reinforce your knowledge to Flex 3 and the language of ActionScript 3

The class will be held at 10am – 5pm on June 10th, and like all classes, will be held at TeraTech's Rockville headquarters. To sign up for these classes, or for a full class schedule list, go to <http://www.teratech.com/go/training/class-schedule>.

MDCFUG Lunch in DC

Our MD ColdFusion Lunch idea is really taking off. Last months lunch had more than twice as many attendees as did the previous months, so hopefully this months will have twice as many as that!



This month we're going to change the location slightly to Potbelly's at 1701 Pennsylvania Ave., NW. They have a great selection of sandwiches for all tastes, and are pretty cheap. Like the last two, this month's lunch will be held on the last Monday of the month, May 26th at 1:30.

A MD ColdFusion Lunch is an opportunity for people to meet up in an informal environment to network with other ColdFusion users. TeraTech holds monthly meetings at our offices in Rockville every second Tuesday, but this is an effort to accommodate those who cannot make it that far on a Tuesday evenings. As like our monthly meetings, these will be free (except for the cost of your own lunch).

If you are interested in having a lunch, but are not close to the location we chose this time, please let us know. All questions, comments, concerns and suggestions should likewise be directed to Matt Weiss, matt (at) teratech.com. If you plan on attending please email me so I can send you an email reminder the day of lunch. Hope to see you all there!

Where did TeraTech come from?

I sat down with TeraTech President and Co-Founder, Michael Smith, to truly understand the vision behind TeraTech. From its 1989 inception TeraTech (partially a play on "Microsoft", micro = one millionth, terra = one trillion) has proved itself as experts in ColdFusion and gurus at solving complex web based problems.

In 1989, Smith, originally from England, came off a programming project in the Netherlands and decided to travel to see what he wanted to do next. He landed in Rockville, Maryland with the idea of opening his own business, one that focused on software quality, did not adhere to the typical 9-5 work-week, and that treated its clients and employees with mutual respect. "Certainly, the atmosphere is what's important to me," he notes. He met up with Liz Whitaker to actual begin this business on their own terms and with their own rules.

They began by working on Clipper Programming for the World Bank in 1989 and soon acquired ProBas, a basic DOS library, in 1991. Quickly, things started picking up and getting bigger. Also in '91, they started doing Visual Basic for Windows programming. 1993 however saw the passing of co-founder Liz Whitaker. Remaining true to his goals, Smith continued pursuing his vision of TeraTech. In 1997, TeraTech took a turn that would ultimately change its course. Smith decided that the newly released Allaire ColdFusion web development language was the direction the company should go, and has since never looked back. In 1998, TeraTech became the leader of the Maryland ColdFusion User Group, and has held a meeting in Rockville every month since. 1999 saw the first annual CFUnited convention, hosted in Bethesda, MD, which has since grown from a weekend event to a 4-day, 1000 person convention attended by every big name in the ColdFusion community.

The sense of community stayed close to Smith. He realized what the CF community had given him, and wanted to find ways to give back. In 2000, he created a ColdFusion tag poster, set up classes training in ColdFusion and Fusebox, and began running websites www.cfbughunt.org as a public forum to track bugs, and www.cfconf.org which gives the latest updates on all events in the CF community. He has spoken at many ColdFusion user groups and events around the world.

This long journey is far from over for TeraTech. We are still striving to improve software quality worldwide and solve complex programming problems and sick servers.

Crowd Chess

Is one single person smarter than an enormous group of people? Is a crowd better at making decisions than one trained expert? Crowdchess.com is taking this idea and putting it to the ultimate test, a mass exhibition of the ultimate strategy game where it is literally the world versus chess Grand Master Gawain Jones, one of England's highest rated players.

It goes like this: everyone enrolled gets to vote on a move the team should make and has 12 hours to do so. The move that gets the most votes will take place, and then Mr. Jones will have 12 hours to decide on his move.

While this may not be a completely comprehensive test, the results should be pretty exciting. Challenging a Grand Master is no easy task but I for one believe that with all persons dedicated to the game and the ability to mill over every possible outcome for 12 hours means that the odds are in the crowd's favor. Another test of crowd wisdom could be a group of people boxing against the heavy-weight champion of the world, but chess may be a bit more civil. Visit CrowdChess.com to learn more.

Advanced Fusebox 101 Class Praise

In addition to group training sessions on ColdFusion, Fusebox, Flex, SQL and server tuning TeraTech holds one-on-one training sessions for anyone interested. Resident ColdFusion and Fusebox expert, Ajay Sathuluri, held a one-on-one session with Mr. Arnaud Lebegue of the JEDEC association for two days where "Ajay covered everything I wanted," said Lebegue. He went on to say "this was my dream goal and the best class I have ever attended." Call TeraTech today for your ColdFusion or Fusebox training needs.

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