



2002 VisualAge Generator Users Group Meeting Asia-Pacific



Overview:

IBM and the WebSphere Enterprise Developers User Group Association is pleased to announce the 2002 User Group Meeting for VisualAge Generator/Java and WebSphere Studio Enterprise Developers.

Come and join us in scenic Sydney Australia, on March 6th, 7th and 8th 2002, for informative sessions presented by current customers, IBM Business Partners, and RTP Development personnel.

Our feature presentation is from Michael Rhoads, IBM WorldWide WebSphere Solutions – Business Unit Executive, who will be speaking on the WebSphere Platform for e-Business. Other topics of major interest include VisualAge for Java – Futures; IBM's Enterprise Modernisation Strategy; VisualAge Generator updates – WebSphere Studio Enterprise Developer; and a variety of success stories presented by current customers, including 3M Australia, HCF, and Qantas Airways Ltd.

Following the sessions on the first day, IBM Australia will host a dinner for the current and prospective customers present at the meeting. Networking with other customers and prospects proved to be invaluable to last year's attendees. This event, plus coffee breaks and lunches, should give everyone ample opportunity to meet and talk with other VA Gen users.

Conference Costs:

Thanks to the generous sponsorship from IBM, Independent Systems Integrators (ISI) and Cirrus Technologies we have been able to significantly reduce attendance fees.

An attendance fee of AUD \$200 (per delegate) covers conference admission, tea/coffee breaks, conference dinner and social events.

For those delegates requiring accommodation, the User-Group has secured a limited number of rooms at the luxurious Merchant Court Hotel, Sydney.

Venue:

Level 10, IBM Tower – Darling Park, Sydney Australia

Further Information:

For questions relating to the meeting, please email weduga@bigfoot.com or telephone our conference coordinator: Anthony Woods, Qantas Airways, on +61(2) 9691 2481

See also the IBM web site:

<http://www.ibm.com/software/ad/visgen/>

Agenda

Wednesday, 6th March 2002

- 09:00 Registration & Morning Tea – Sponsored by IBM Australia
- 09:30 Welcome and introductions
- 10:00 VA Generator V4.5 Update [IBM]
- 11:00 User Group Association (Present & Future)
- 11:15 Experiences with VAG & Web Transactions [3M]
- 12:00 Lunch Break
- 13:00 WebSphere Platform for e-Business [IBM]
- 13:45 Migrating Legacy Systems to VAGen [XACT]
- 14:45 Afternoon Tea – Sponsored by IBM Australia
- 15:00 All you need to know about Linux [IBM]
- 15:45 VAG (Java) & WebSphere Integration [TroyTech]
- 16:30 (Close of day 1)
- 16:30 Pre-dinner drinks – Sponsored by ISI Australia
- 19:00 Customer/Prospect Dinner – Sponsored by IBM Australia

Thursday, 7th March 2002

- 08:45 Regroup & Welcome Back
- 09:00 VA Java Futures – WSAD & Demo [IBM]
- 10:00 True RAD with VAGTemplates [Kimputing]
- 11:15 Morning Tea – Sponsored by IBM Australia
- 11:30 Data Warehousing with VAG – DMR
- 12:15 Lunch Break
- 13:15 Customer Success Story – ASIST Belgium
- 14:15 VAG / WSED Supermarket Sweep
- 15:00 Customer Success Story – QANTAS Airways
- 15:30 Afternoon Tea – Sponsored by IBM Australia
- 15:40 Improving Communications & VAG Support Update
- 16:00 Common Connector Framework [TroyTech]
- 17:00 (Close of day 2)
- 18:30 Social Event – Sponsored by DMR Consulting

Friday, 8th March 2002

- 09:00 Regroup & Welcome Back
- 09:15 Enterprise Modernisation Strategy [IBM]
- 10:15 Customer Success Story – HCF
- 11:00 Morning Tea – Sponsored by IBM Australia
- 11:15 Web Services – their use and architecture [Cirrus]
- 12:15 Lunch – Sponsored by Cirrus Technologies
- 13:15 Versata System for WebSphere [ISI Australia]
- 14:15 WebSphere Studio Enterprise Developer [IBM]
- 15:15 Afternoon Tea – Sponsored by IBM Australia
- 15:30 2003 Event – Election of Committee Members
- 16:00 Conference Closing

Session Descriptions

"All you need to know about Linux"

Ivan Kladnig, IBM Australia

This presentation will cover Linux in general, but with IBM's focus on the service, software, hardware and open source areas. Linux on S/390 – where are we now, and how can Linux and S/390 cooperate.

"Customer Success Story – ASIST"

Isabelle Devis, ASIST

A presentation regarding ASIST's successes with VisualAge Java customisations for their customers.

"Customer Success Story – HCF"

Graham Ray, HCF Australia

HCF's experiences and solutions, using VisualAge Generator, in building their Campaign Tracking System.

"Customer Success Story – QANTAS"

Tom Earle, Qantas Airways Ltd

Driving down IT costs through standardisation of architectures

Significant costs reductions can be achieved by simplifying and standardising the IT development and operational infrastructures. Qantas has standardised its architectures and is migrating its development to this standard environment.

The presentation will highlight Qantas experiences in implementing architecture standards including a case study on VAG.

"Common Connector Framework"

Troy Chung, TroyTech, Taiwan

Common Connector Framework (CCF) - Connecting your EIS from WebSphere. Using the VisualAge Generator and VisualAge for Java EAB to connect back-end EIS server by CICS Transaction Gateway (CTG) and MQ-Series.

"Data Warehousing with VAG"

Peter Anderson, DMR Consulting – Asia Pacific

A case study on the design and construction of a corporate Data Warehouse using VisualAge Generator. A decision was made to develop the Data Warehouse using VAG version 4.5. What did VAG do for our development and what did we do with VAG to achieve our goals.

"Enterprise Modernisation Strategy"

Steve Choquette, IBM Americas

The presentation provides an overview of IBM's current Application Development products, as well as insight of the future direction of Application Development tooling as it moves towards the Eclipse platform.

"Experiences with VAG and Web Transactions"

Ramon Chau, 3M Australia, Sydney Australia

Presentation will have a short overview of 3M's usage of VAG over the last few years with a predominant CICS, Cobol, DB2, MQ series usage on OS390. Most of the presentation will cover our latest projects of implementing web transactions which see us using JSP's on WebSphere NT with a sprinkling of DB2 on OS390, MQ and CICS backend transactions.

"Improving Communications & Support Update"

IBM Australia

This session focuses on the communication channels between IBM Australia and its customers, plus provides insight on common support issues and areas.

"Meet the VisualAge Developers at RTP "

This session is a time where client technical staff can ask questions directly with the people who develop VisualAge Generator and WebSphere Enterprise Developer (WSED).

"Migrating Legacy Systems to VisualAge Generator"

XACT, Denmark

Using the automated conversion service from Xact it is possible to convert existing legacy systems from eg. Cobol, Seer*HPS, CA-Ideal to VisualAge Generator. This presentation will show the benefits of using Xact's three-layer rule based conversion model and by examples show some of the challenges doing 100% automated code conversions.

"True RAD with VAGTemplates "

Kim Filiatrault, Kimputing Inc., Texas

Implementing or maintaining a VisualAge development environment can be a complex and time consuming task. You need to worry about everything from deployment platforms to code quality, developer styles to standards enforcement.

This session is based on the use of Templates at the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The benefits of Templates and the obstacles met during implementation. Plus, insights into Kimputing's add-on tool for VAGT that simplifies the whole process.

Session Descriptions – continued...

"User Group Association – Present & Future"

Anthony Woods, WEDUGA, Sydney Australia

A discussion about WEDUGA (WebSphere Enterprise Developers User Group Association), what it does and how it can benefit you, your organisation and the VisualAge Generator user community.

"VAG / WSED Supermarket Sweep"

Steve Choquette, IBM Americas

This session is where IBM allows you, the client, to influence where IBM invests in the VisualAge and WebSphere products.

"Versata System for WebSphere"

John Lunardi, ISI Australia

The Versata System for WebSphere is a complete software solution for creating, deploying, and maintaining complex, distributed business rules-based applications through a multi-tiered, enterprise application architecture. The automation provided by the Versata System is vital to creating and maintaining continually changing business rules and applications. The Versata System for WebSphere can compliment VisualAge Generator to provide an overall e-business solution and they can be easily integrated using the WebSphere tools and Application Server.

"VisualAge Generator V4.5 Update"

Steve Choquette, IBM Americas, RTP North Carolina

This presentation provides a brief overview of VisualAge Generator V4.5 functionalities, and an update on capabilities that have been added to, or enhanced within, the product since its general release in September 2000.

"VisualAge Generator, bridging the gap between new technology and existing technology"

ASIST, Belgium

The people of ASIST are running a competition within their organisation for the best presentation. The winning employee gets the opportunity to deliver the presentation in Sydney.

"VisualAge Generator, VisualAge for Java and WebSphere Integration"

Troy Chung, TroyTech, Taiwan

This session focuses on how to use the VisualAge Generator application design patterns, integrating with WebSphere Application Server for Enterprise Information Systems. It also includes a presentation and demonstration of the VAGen Servlets, Java beans and 4GL integration using the WebSphere test environment to link and test all together.

"WebSphere Platform for e-Business"

Michael Rhoads, IBM World-Wide

IBM's WebSphere Software Platform represents the most comprehensive set of e-business middleware offerings in the industry. From web application servers, development tools, portals, message brokers, e-commerce packages and more, the WebSphere Software platform has it all. It's all built on well-established standards and open API's, that have attracted an overwhelming number of complementary partner solutions. Customer acceptance has been phenomenal, resulting in triple digit growth and leading market share. Come to this overview session to learn more about IBM's comprehensive WebSphere Software Platform and why customers around the world have so successfully embraced it.

"WebSphere Studio Enterprise Developer"

Steve Choquette, IBM RTP

This session provides an insight into the upcoming WebSphere Studio Enterprise Developer; as well as an update on the current status and plans regarding the evolution of VisualAge Generator functionality onto the Eclipse-base development platform.

"Web Services – Their Use and Architecture"

David Poole, Cirrus Technologies

Web Services represent an exciting new architecture and set of standards for application integration. Envisaged as a means for B-to-B integration, many implementations, particularly in the early years, will be for integration of applications internally. This presentation will give an overview of Web Services and how IBM tools can be used to build integration solutions.

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