



## >> Welcome

Welcome to the May 2002 issue of Iowa Technology! This month's issue includes a printable calendar to give you an at-a-glance view of the best technology events in Iowa. Tape it by your desk so you will always have the hotline to the best stuff going on in Iowa.

Iowa Technology's continuing goal is to continue to offer original content and ideas with a strong Iowa focus. Original articles are [welcomed](#).

## >> Focus

### **PDA's and Handhelds: Toy or Tool?**

The PDA has morphed from a must-have accessory to a serious business tool. Can your business benefit from the use of PDAs? [Read on](#).

### **Life After the Training Budget**

Remember the good old days, when IT training budgets supported weeklong getaways to warm places to immerse you in learning something new? Here's how to [keep your skills intact](#) in the post-Gold Rush era.

## >> Events

### **SITI Explains: .NET**

Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM  
Des Moines

SITI Explains: .NET is designed for experienced developers and software project managers. Your takeaways from the seminar will include an overview of what .NET means for software developers and how it is changing the way software is developed. A group discussion will follow. Seating is limited. Member, \$7; non-member, \$10. [RSVP](#) required.

### **Evaluating the Microsoft Business Desktop**

Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
Davenport (event code 109803077)

OR

Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
West Des Moines (event code 109803092)

This Microsoft event will clarify the advantages for upgrading to Windows XP, Office XP, and Visio XP. Attendees will receive full evaluation copies of the software. [RSVP](#) required.

### **Small Business Solutions Seminar**

Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Dubuque (event code 105250328)

This seminar is designed to show you how to maximize your productivity using Windows XP Professional, Windows 2000 Server, Office XP products, Microsoft Small Business Server, and bCentral's online services. [RSVP](#) required.

### **Refactoring Techniques**

Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM  
Johnston

Refactoring is the process of changing software systems so that the external behavior of the code remains the same, yet improves the internal structure to make it easier to understand and cheaper to modify. It represents a disciplined way to clean up code and minimizes the chances of introducing bugs. The goal of refactoring is to improve the design of the code after it has been written.

Join Central Iowa Java User Group ([CIJUG](#)) for a presentation on refactoring techniques, presented by Raj Chandromohan. The speaker will discuss why refactoring is important, how to identify areas requiring refactoring, and a how-to guide for developing a refactoring technique to use on your software projects.

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Iowa Technology's new calendar format shows all of the high-tech events in Iowa at a glance. You can find the most updated version of this calendar at <http://www.auraweb.com/pdfs/calendar.pdf>. Have we missed your organization's event? Email Iowa Technology's [editorial team](#).

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