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## >> Welcome

Welcome to the April 2002 issue of Iowa Technology! This month's issue includes a new printable calendar to give you an at-a-glance view of the best technology events in Iowa.

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

## >> Focus

What are the [newest best practices for project management](#)? John Bridenstine takes us on a tour of five new ideas for IT project managers.

## >> Events

**SITI Explains: IT Project Management**  
Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM  
Des Moines

Project management in the IT world has unique challenges. PMI certified project manager John Bridenstine of AURA Consulting will lead a panel discussion of these challenges and some new approaches for IT project management. This event is ideal for both those new to project management and established project managers. Panelists will include Nate Fagen, a professor with DMACC, and Dino Lack, president of AURA Consulting. Seating is limited. Member, \$7; non-member, \$10. [RSVP](#) required.

### **Extreme Programming in a Large J2EE Environment**

[Central Iowa Java User's Group \(CIJUG\)](#)  
Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM  
Johnston

To effectively build J2EE applications, you need more than just an ad hoc development process. Traditional methodologies work out to be too rigid and slow to work in the compressed timeframes that we see today. As a result, many organizations have been experimenting with the ideas that grew out of the C3 project at Chrysler under the name XP (Extreme Programming). Originally conceived as a set of disciplines for software development on small projects, XP has matured and grown to include ideas about project planning, tracking and delivery. The application of XP to larger Java enterprise developments has been relatively unexplored. Led by Cara Taber of Thoughtworks, this session will cover aspects of testing, paired programming, documentation, and delivery.

### **SITI Annual Meeting**

Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM  
West Des Moines

[SITI](#)'s Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup>. Speakers include industry leaders and Iowa Governor Vilsack. Attendees will have the opportunity to network, have a great dinner, and enjoy the blues and beyond sound of the Instigators. Member, \$40; non-member, \$50. [RSVP](#) required.

### **Microsoft Government Get Secure, Stay Secure RoadShow**

Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
Des Moines

Learn the latest from Microsoft's security experts-who are committed to helping you Get Secure: Stay Secure. Includes information about securing Outlook and Exchange. [RSVP](#) required.

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## >> User Groups

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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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2 <a href="#">High-Tech HappE Hour, Des Moines</a>	3	4 <a href="#">Digital Arts Group, Des Moines</a>  <a href="#">Iowa Oracle Users Group, Des Moines</a>  <a href="#">SITI After Hours, Ames</a>	5
8	9 <a href="#">Central Iowa Java Users Group (CIJUG), Des Moines</a>  <a href="#">Des Moines ColdFusion User Group, Des Moines</a>  <a href="#">Central Iowa Computer Users Group (CIACUG), Des Moines</a>	10 <a href="#">Ames Area Free Unix Group on Information Technology, Ames</a>	11 <a href="#">Iowa Notes Users Group, Des Moines</a>	12 <a href="#">SITI 5th Annual Meeting, Des Moines</a>
15 <a href="#">SITI Explains: IT Project Management, Des Moines</a>	16 <a href="#">Software Patenting Lunch &amp; Learn, Des Moines</a>  <a href="#">Microsoft Government Get Secure, Stay Secure RoadShow, Des Moines</a>  <a href="#">Small Business Solutions Seminars, Sioux City</a>	17	18 <a href="#">Software Patenting Lunch &amp; Learn, Des Moines</a>  <a href="#">SITI After Hours, Cedar Rapids</a>  <a href="#">Small Business Solutions Seminars, Waterloo</a>  <a href="#">Project Management Institute, Des Moines</a>	19
22	23	24	25 <a href="#">SITI After Hours, Des Moines</a>	26
29	30 <a href="#">Netware 6 Workshop, Des Moines</a>			

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