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

### >> focus

#### Surviving the Iowa IT Job Market

Last year, the lowa IT job market was moving swiftly. Has the fun stopped? Find out how employers have changed their candidate search strategies. As a candidate in a tight market, how can you gain an edge in the lowa IT job market?

#### A Developer's Guide to .NET

Heard about .NET but aren't really sure what it is or if it is right for your company? <u>Learn the lingo of .NET</u> and how it may change the way you develop software.

#### Ten Tips for Website Usability

What makes a good website design? Beyond slick graphics, the answer is simple: users need to be able to find their way easily through the maze of content that is common on corporate sites. Does your site make the grade?

### >> Events

#### Microsoft TechNet Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM Des Moines

TechNet is designed to teach IT professionals and managers about new functionality, features, and tools. This session will offer four breakout sessions:

- Deploying Applications to XP Embedded Terminals
- Deploying Desktops "With No Hands"
- ISA Server 2000 Best Practices and Troubleshooting
- Securing Microsoft Exchange 2000 and Outlook Web Access with ISA Server 2000

Registration required. Event code 109866247.

#### SITI Lunch & Learn: Disaster Recovery Planning Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM Des Moines

Learn from the experiences of the SunGard Crisis Management team about continuity planning. Most U.S. companies will suffer a business interruption. How long would it take your company to resume operations? This presentation will cover personnel loss, technologies, logistics, and communications. Member, \$15; non-member, \$25. Registration required.

#### Iowa SAS User Group Mini-Conference Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00 Am to 5:00 PM Des Moines

For those users who rely on SAS tools for analyzing information, or are curious about what version 9 has to offer, don't miss the lowa SAS User Group's Mini-Conference. This is a great chance to meet fellow SAS Users, learn from the pros, and see live software demonstrations. Registration required. Cost, \$50.

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Project 2002 Launch Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM Des Moines

Join Microsoft for the launch of Project 2002. Enhanced with enterprise functionality and analytical tools, the NEW Microsoft Project 2002 family provides intuitive project management, accessibility and collaboration, plus a powerful project management platform. At this event you'll learn how Microsoft Project 2002 can help your business better manage its major initiatives and ensure that activities and resources stay focused on strategic objectives. Registration required. Event code 109616436.

#### MSDN Live! Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM Des Moines

This event begins with general session discussing ASP .NET tips and tricks. Four technical breakout sessions will then be offered:

- How to Implement Security in .NET
- Best Practices for Building Web Services with VS.NET
- Best Practices for .NET Development
- How to Use ADO.NET and Visual Studio.NET to Build Data Entry and Management Applications Registration required. Event code 109866281.

#### SITI Business Boot Camp Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 AM Des Moines

BootCamp is a one-day seminar designed to give entrepreneurs and small business owners the tools to help their businesses grow. Participants will attend panel discussions that feature business executives/entrepreneurs addressing topics from business plan development, and raising capital to operations, human resources and marketing. BootCamp is an opportunity to hear first-hand how people and companies have achieved success!

Who should attend? Entrepreneurs, small business owners and other professionals who want practical advice about what it takes to start and manage a successful business. The guest speaker will be Steven G. Zylstra, President & CEO of the Pittsburgh Technology Council & Catalyst Connection. Member, \$99; non-member, \$129. Registration required.

SITI Explains: ITQ Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM Des Moines

Join SITI and Ashley Super, Iowa Department of General Services, for an informative look at Iowa's new ITQ (Invitation to Qualify) process for prequalify and authorize vendors to perform services or provide goods to the department or the state. Navigating this process successfully will be critical for IT consultants and staff augmentation service providers. Member, \$35; non-member, \$50. Registration required.

## CRICNET Coming Soon!

Interested in .NET? Live in the Cedar Rapids area? CRICNET (Cedar Rapids-Iowa City .NET) is starting a new user group. If you have an interest in:

- Helping and encouraging the learning of this new and powerful platform
- Building a strong network within the community for programming assistance and support

... then CRICNET is for you. Contact bob@inav.net for more info. The target for the first meeting is mid-September 2002.

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# >> User Groups

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

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