



# MUUG Lines

Manitoba UNIX® User Group

Newsletter of the Manitoba UNIX® User Group

## The SIG

The MUUG SIG will be on again this month at ISM (400 Ellice Avenue) on March 19, 7:30 PM. No program has been announced, but don't forget that there will be a round-table discussion for all your Unix-related questions. Also present will be the various books and CDs in MUUG's library available for lending. One popular item is the LUGnut Linux CD. If you are interested in purchasing your own copy of this item, speak to Doug Jackson at the SIG meeting to place your order! ➡

## A Strategic Briefing

Dataquest, Digital Equipment of Canada and Microsoft have issued an invitation to an "informative and strategic briefing on introducing today's new technologies". The half-day program includes a keynote address by Dataquest, and sessions on Technology Migration, Outtasking Your Help Desk, Treating Desktop Computing as a Utility and Internet Strategy. The event comes to Winnipeg on March 14 and will be presented at the Sheraton Winnipeg. For more information or to register, call 1-800-993-0096. ➡

## Diversions

As the newsletter production staff is in transition this month, we thought we'd distract you with some items sent to Scott Adams of 'Dilbert' fame.

This story comes from a hospital worker in Santa Cruz:

At a recent Process Improvement Team (PIT) meeting, one of the Food service staff brought up a problem she thought should be listed as an "issue statement."

It seems that there was a problem with staff not

knowing when it was OK to enter a patient's room. She wanted to know if maybe signs could be put up informing the staff when an exam was in progress; if the patient was on a bedpan; if the patient was sleeping etc,etc. After about 20 minutes of discussion, I suggested what I thought was the obvious answer. "How about just knocking on the door?"

The food service worker said that that might work in a lot of cases, but what about when the patient was dead? I asked if that was really a big problem. She said "OH YES! Why just last week one of my co-workers was trying to feed yogurt to a person who turned out to be dead."

This being a group of VERY professional people with a VERY serious mission we all tried VERY hard not to laugh. We were not VERY successful. After the not too well concealed laughter finally died down the guy sitting next to me leaned over and showed me his list of issue statements. On the last line he had written, "Sometimes dead people won't eat their yogurt."

Maybe you had to be there for that one, Scott, but I nearly died.

[Editorial note: That's where I'd like to die, so I can get one last yogurt.]

## Dilbert Does Oman

A reader in the Sultanate of Oman reports that a Dilbert strip that ran in their English language paper was apparently modified to accommodate local norms.

The original Line: "You screwed up, huh?"

Oman version: "You managed, huh?"

Supply your own joke here. ➡

## This Month's Meeting

### Meeting Location:

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, at 7:30 PM. Once again, the meeting will be held in the auditorium of the St-Boniface Hospital Research Centre, just south of the hospital itself, at 351 Taché. You don't have to sign in at the security desk — just say you're attending the meeting of the Manitoba UNIX User Group. The auditorium is on the main floor, and is easily found from the entrance.

**Meeting Agenda:** See elsewhere in this issue for details.

## Group Information

The Manitoba UNIX User Group meets on the second Tuesday of every month, except July and August. The newsletter is mailed to all paid-up members one week prior to the meeting. Membership dues are \$25 annually and are due as indicated by the renewal date on your newsletter's mailing label. Membership dues are accepted at any meeting, or by mail.

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# Agenda

for

Tuesday, March 12, 1996, 7:30 PM

Samuel N. Cohen Auditorium

St-Boniface Hospital Research Centre

Main Floor, 351 Taché

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| 1. | President's Welcome               | 7:30 |
| 2. | Business Meeting                  | 7:35 |
| 3. | Short Topic                       | 7:40 |
| 4. | Coffee Break, Informal Discussion | 7:50 |
| 5. | Feature Topic                     | 8:00 |

**Note:** Please try to arrive at the meeting between 7:15 and 7:30, to avoid disrupting the meeting in progress.

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# Tonight's Feature Topic by BMC Software

There are numerous ways to learn. Listen. Watching. Talking. Experience them all at BMC Software's presentation on **MANAGING CLIENT/SERVER HIGH AVAILABILITY**.

If it seems like you are spending all your time fighting fires and trying to track down the cause of problems, you'll benefit from this presentation. You'll hear about some of the most common and persistent problems in the distributed environments, whether you're working in a heterogeneous or homogeneous environment.

And whether you're dealing with databases, applications, underlying technologies or all of it. But we won't stop with the problems, we'll focus on solving these problems with real-world, common sense solutions.

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