

Michigan Informix User Group
NOTICE OF MEETING
Monday, September 10, 2001, 4–6 PM
***** IBM/Informix: Still There For You! *****
IBM Offices, Southfield, MI

IBM welcomes Informix users! NO ENTRY FEES! The next MIUG meeting will be held on MONDAY, September 10, in the IBM office on 9 Mile and Southfield Rd. We'll supply the **updated Informix product roadmap** and **other critical information** for Informix users—you'll find out that Informix is going to provide long-term support for all Informix users. Meet **Brian Staff, Director of Marketing, IBM Informix Products**. Meet local IBM technical and sales representatives as well as **Jean-Georges Schwartz, President of 4Js**. We'll also talk about **version 9.30 of IDS and Foundation** and provide a **brief technical comparison of DB2 and IDS**. Come early and network: Beat the traffic: the meeting will start at 4:00 PM; doors open at 3:30.

*****IBM/Informix Transition and the Latest Product Roadmap, User Conference *****

PRESENTERS: Brian Staff, Director of Marketing, IBM Informix Products (1 hour)
Mike Koss, Sales Manager for Data Management group of IBM, and other local IBM staff

The IBM merger is complete and Informix users want to know about the future of their products. IBM has shown a big commitment to the Informix products and its users, though many users still have apprehensions. *Will my products be supported? Will I be forced to migrate to DB2? What about enhancements to IDS?* These issues have been burning in the minds of just about every Informix user and IBM is aware of them. Brian Staff, Mike Koss, and others will provide details on the Informix product roadmap, which — based on user input and further analysis by IBM — has changed since the roadmap presented in May. Please come with your questions and find out about IBM's commitment to your products, including classics like OnLine, SE, 4GL, Foundation, IDS, XPS, and Informix's many other databases and tools. Also, find out about the IBM Informix Conference (www.thenextstep.net) and meet some of the local IBM staff, who can further assist you.

***** Version 9.30 of Foundation and IDS: enhancements and performance improvements *****

PRESENTER: Ken Crum, local IBM Informix Systems Engineer (15 minutes)

Via Informix's technical community and the IIUG's worldwide user community, Informix has collected a large number of feature requests for its flagship Foundation and IDS products, currently in version 9.2x. Ken Crum will provide slides and answer questions about all of the features in the upcoming releases 9.3 and "9.next".

***** IDS and DB2: Really that different? *****

PRESENTERS: Ron Flannery, President of One Point Solutions and the Michigan Informix User Group
Ken Crum, local IBM Informix Systems Engineer (15 minutes)

With the purchase of Informix by IBM, the Informix user community gained access to a plethora of new products through IBM. Besides the many database-related products in IBM's Data Management group, IBM offers DB2 UDB, a relational database that runs on everything from Unix to mainframes. IBM offers its users the choice of the Informix database products and DB2. In this brief technical presentation, discover the similarities and differences.

***** 4JS Development Tools: The view from the founder *****

PRESENTER: Jean-Georges Schwartz, President of Four J's Development Tools (15 minutes)

4Js provides a viable alternative to Informix-4GL. Its products provide users with the ability to use existing or new 4GL code to create applications that run on Web, character, Windows, and other formats. The new product works closely with XML! Meet and network with the man who started it all, as he briefly discusses the products and answers questions.

Directions.... to IBM at 18000 West 9 Mile in Southfield (large building), 248-552-4089. **1) From 696:** Take I-696 to Greenfield Road. Go south on Greenfield Road, proceed to 9 Mile Road. Turn right on 9 Mile Road (west) to IBM (on right side, approx. 1 mile). **2) From the Lodge:** Take the Lodge (M-10) to 9 Mile Road. Go east on 9 Mile Road (look for the large building) and proceed to IBM (on the left after the overpasses). **3) More directions:**
<http://www-1.ibm.com/services/continuity/recover1.nsf/centers/Michigan-Detroit-Site+directions>

Giveaways, Food and drinks.. IBM will supply prizes, soft drinks and pizza.

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**Next meeting at IBM on September 10, 2001!
See inside for details.**

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