Good morning,
LinuxWorld Canada Conference & Expo and NetworkWorld Conference & Expo
in Toronto kicks off Monday next week at the Metro Toronto Convention
Centre, North Building. I've included the show preview release below.
Several companies have pre-announced their new products in this
release. You can also find the event highlights.

If you would like a media badge, and haven't already registered for
one, please email me until Sunday night. Onsite call me at the Media
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Innovative Product Launches Take Center Stage at Next Week's LinuxWorld
& NetworkWorld Canada Conference & Expo in Toronto

The IT industry will gather in Toronto to learn about new products,
developments in the Open Source and Networking marketplace

Toronto, ON, April 18, 2006 – IT World Expo Canada & IDG World Expo,
the leading producers of world-class tradeshows, conferences and events
for technology markets around the globe, today provided a preview of
the new product announcements expected at next week's LinuxWorld and
NetworkWorld Canada, as well as a first look at the event's top
attractions. This year the event hosts the Smalltalk Solutions
Conference. Smalltalk is a coding language, and by hosting the
Smalltalk Solutions conference it will bring even more members of the
IT community together. Linux, Network and Smalltalk users from around
Canada, the United States and globally will arrive at Toronto's Metro
Convention Center next week to examine the latest products and
solutions, hear about new developments in the industry, and learn best
practices from some of the most active users of Open & Closed
technologies.

LinuxWorld and NetworkWorld Canada runs April 24-26, 2006 at the Metro
Toronto Convention Center. The exhibit floor opens on Tuesday, April 25
at 11:00 a.m. Exhibit hall passes are free on or before April 23, 2006
– passes cost $50.00 after April 23, 2006. Register for free exhibit
hall passes at http://www.exporeg.com/lwnw

The exhibit floor will feature key companies driving the future of
Linux, Open Source, Smalltalk and Networking including IBM, HP,
Samsung, Novell, Red Hat, Quint Wellington Redwood, Gemstone, Cincom,
Instantiations, Kensington, 3com, ESET, Userful and many more. The
event also provides a forum for new companies entering this space.

Keynote presentations will be done by a senior executive from each platinum sponsor. All attendees have access to the keynotes. Here is the schedule:

Tuesday April 25, 2006
9:45am – 10:45am
Dr. Ajay Royyuru, Senior Manager, Computational Biology
IBM Research

Tuesday April 25, 2006
2:00pm – 3:00pm
Bdale Garbee, Open Source & Linux CTO
Hewlett-Packard Canada

Wednesday April 26, 2006
9:45am – 10:45am
Bob Park, Marketing Director Information
Samsung Electronics Canada Inc.

Wednesday April 26, 2006
2:00pm – 3:00pm
Ross Chevalier, CTO/CIO
Novell Canada Ltd.

Companies who are having Press Conferences specifically for members of the Press:

IBM CANADA – Tuesday April 25, 12-1pm, Room 204
IBM Canada will be hosting a media roundtable with Bank of Canada, University of Toronto, istockphoto.com and others. These organizations will be sharing their experiences with Linux and it is changing they way they do business and operate.

Companies who have given a sneak preview of product announcements they plan to make at LinuxWorld & NetworkWorld Canada include the following:

3Com offers a 10% discount
*3Com | Booth #629
3Com is a leading provider of secure, converged voice and data networking products & solutions. Visit their booth to see demonstrations of the latest in VoIP and Wireless, plus find out how you can qualify for a 10% discount.

Black Box Networking Products Online
*Black Box Canada | Booth #1115
The Black Box catalogue and our Web site at www.blackbox.com are packed with 90,000+ products. Find Cables & Connectors, Cabinets & Racks, ServSwitch products, Networking products and much more.

Canadian Linux Users Exchange performs email 'key signings'
*CLUE | Booth #704
Will be offering a public service at their booth by performing email "key signings" at no charge to all show attendees. Key signing is an important part of the process of securing your email by allowing for digital signatures and, for the most sensitive communications, encrypted email.

Check Point & NCI focuses on End Point Security
*Check Point & NCI | Booth #1017
End Point Security is Check Point & NCI's main focus as more
information surrounding this emerges. Further information about their
solutions is available at:
http://www.checkpoint.com/products/endpoint.html

Cincom Smalltalk Winter Edition Now Available
*Cincom Smalltalk | Booth #1133
Cincom Systems is announcing the immediate release of Cincom Smalltalk
Winter Edition, which is comprised of VisualWorks® 7.4 and
ObjectStudio® 7.1. It acts as an object-oriented development tool used
for mission-critical business applications.

IBM Canada Reveals Features of Open Computing
*IBM | Booth #615
Find out about IBM's Linux-based solutions and the advice, assistance,
consulting and support they can provide. A half-hour presentation at
the Product Demonstration Stage will reveal the various features of
Open Computing with IBM.

Internap & IT Channel Group's award-winning Flow Control Platform
*Internap & IT Channel Group | Booth #914
Visit Internap's booth to see real-time demos of BusinessNet Service,
which accelerates large file transfers across intercontinental
distances for performance improvements up to 10X. Also see Internap's
award-winning Flow Control Platform, a unique network-based appliance
that provides real-time visibility and control to help save on
bandwidth costs and improve your IP traffic performance.

Hewlett-Packard Canada has a portfolio of offerings
*HP Canada | Booth #315
Explore HP's comprehensive portfolio of offerings, covering systems,
peripherals, software and services. Bdale Garbee, CTO of Open Source &
Linux, is also one of the Exhibit Keynote speakers: Reaping the
Benefits of the Community Development Model.

Knowledge4You to Demonstrate State-of-the-Art Business Intelligence
*Knowledge4You | Booth #1019
Knowledge4You addresses the gap that exists in many organizations
between large amounts of data and how to use it in a meaningful way.
They have developed and will demonstrate state of the art Business
Intelligence software to transform raw data into business intelligence
that can be applied to making decisions and driving appropriate
actions.

Kyocera Mita Canada Introduces Next Generation Workgroup Monochrome
Printers
*Kyocera Mita Canada, Ltd. | Booth # 1015
As one of the world's leading document imaging companies, Kyocera Mita
introduced the FS-2000D/DN and the FS-4000DN workgroup monochrome
printers. These high performance solutions provide all the needs of a
reliable workgroup printer, including speed, productivity, versatility
and quality output at an ultra low cost.

Netmon Inc. Adds Cisco NetFlow Support

*Netmon Inc. | Booth #402
Independent software vendor Netmon Inc. recently announced the release
of Netmon 4.0 Professional Edition, the seventh generation of its
flagship network monitoring system. This latest release features
integrated support for Cisco's NetFlow protocol suite.

Novell gives the inside scoop on SUSE Linux Enterprise 10
*Novell | Booth #415
Delivering software for the Open Enterprise, Novell will answer
questions about SUSE Linux Enterprise 10, before its release in summer
2006. Also, listen to Ross Chevalier, CTO/CIO of Novell Canada speak on
'The Year for Linux on the Corporate Desktop.'

Perfect Mail E-Mail Filtering from XPMsoftware
*XPMsoftware | Booth #425
Spam, Viruses, Spyware and malicious E-Mail traffic constitute a very
real threat to your organization. PerfectMail from XPMsoftware is the
answer.

Raritan is Simplifying Life
*Raritan | Booth #114
Dominion SX simplifies life for System Administrators. You can work
with any operating system, via just about any browser. GUI or CLI. SSH
or SSL. Stop by Raritan's booth to learn more and enter to win an Apple
iPod Nano.

Samsung Electronics Canada (SECA) provides in-depth product
demonstrations
*Samsung | Booth #215
Samsung focuses on consumer electronics, information systems products
and wireless networks. They will be displaying their Large Format
Network monitors including the 40" and 46" models. In addition, they
will be showcasing their entire printer lineup including network and
non-network including the CLP300. An in-depth product demonstration will
take place on the tradeshow floor.

Solana Networks Bring IP Route Analytics Technology to the Small/Medium
Business (SMB)
*Solana Networks | Booth #406
Solana Networks, an intelligent IP solutions vendor, introduces
FalconView, an affordable route analytics appliance never before
available to the SMB. FalconView's first major appearance will be at
LinuxWorld and NetworkWorld Canada. This solution utilizes proprietary
technology that discovers, monitors and diagnoses routed IP networks
thereby allowing for reduced downtime and operating costs.

Xandros Presents a Simplified & Centralized Approach to Remotely
Connect Users & Services
*Xandros | Booth #902
At the Open Standards Desktop Live feature on the exhibit floor, you
will find Xandros Server, built on top of Debian Linux. It provides a
powerful "Managed Community" model with consolidated system monitoring
and workflow automation to address the issues normally encountered when
administering SMB systems. Through the all-graphical Xandros Management
Console (xMC), users and services can be administered through a simple
and centralized approach. It is compatible with any existing Windows
domain and networking infrastructure, offering a plug-and-play

replacement to costly Windows servers. Try it out for free right on the exhibit floor.

Attendees can also network with their peers and obtain valuable education at a wide variety of informative conference sessions, special events and forums. These include:

Vendor Technology Demonstrations

Vendors will be demonstrating their products with live presentations on a separate stage right on the trade show floor. There are numerous complimentary Linux, Open Source and Networking educational sessions by industry experts. Some of the companies presenting are: HP, IBM, Samsung Net Direct more! It will give Expo attendees a taste of the world-class training that takes place in the Conference portion of the event.

ITIL Foundation Certification & ITIL/Service Management/Governance track
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ITIL 2-DAY CERTIFICATION **SOLD OUT
Those registered in this course will obtain their EXIN ITIL Foundation Certificate in IT Service Management and join one of the fastest growing communities of IT professionals. EXIN (the Examination Institute for Information Science) works closely with the ISEB, the CCTA and the itSMF to ensure a common standard for internationally recognized certification in IT Service Management.
With the growing importance of ITIL/Service Management/Governance, the event has created a new track specifically for this area of business.

Free Linux Certification

The Linux Professional Institute (LPI), the premier Linux certification organization worldwide (http://www.lpi.org/), will offer free Linux certification testing. April 25th at 12:15pm and April 26th at 3:00pm, LPI will be conducting the LPI 101 and 201 exams. The proctored exams are free to all conference delegates, and a special discounted price of $50 is also offered to all exhibitors and exhibit hall attendees. All candidates must pre-register at the LPI Web site for an LPI ID number at https://www.lpi.org/en/register.html. Exam candidates should bring valid photo identification and their LPI ID number to the exam lab.

Open Standards Desktop Live

This feature presentation is sponsored by Intel, Xandros and MCR Rental Solutions. Open Standards Desktop Live brings open source to the desktop – replacing Microsoft products for low (or no) cost software solutions. Find out for yourself at Open Standards Desktop Live, a demo area featuring desktop operating systems from Xandros on Intel-powered machines. Here you can take open source office suites, media players, games and more for a test drive: a hands-on look at the future of desktop computing.

Birds-of-a-Feather Meetings

Meet and discuss current issues with like-minded open source and
professionals during these informal meetings, all held by Industry
Assocations. Choose from 8 sessions with topics ranging from "Linux
Distribution Choices" to "Interoperability: Dealing with the Diversity
of Today's IT Marketplace" to "Becoming an Accredited Internet
Professional".

Conference Program

LinuxWorld and NetworkWorld Canada provides a comprehensive educational
experience for the entire spectrum of Open Source & Network users and
enthusiasts, including corporate and IT executives, directors,
administrators and developers. The event has made a unique move to
ensure that paying conference attendees receive valuable ROI for their
time and financial investment, by expanding to include a vendor
specific track that will be free with admission to all attendees
(tradeshow & conference). All paid conference sessions will be non-
commercial.

Smalltalk Solutions conference sessions offer smalltalkers an
educational experience by showcasing leading edge technologies where
attendees can share technical information, collaborate and build
relationships.

For more information or to register for the event, please visit
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LinuxWorld and NetworkWorld (LWNW) Canada is "Where the IT Industry
Meets!" LWNW 2006 is the number one marketplace for management and IT
professionals to interact, learn about the newest applications and
solutions, and see demonstrations of leading information technology
based products and services in a mixed environment. The world-renowned,
multi-sector event zeros in on technology pillars: security, dynamic
storage, network management, communications, systems architecture,
business solutions, server applications VOIP, ITIL, governance, web
applications, and more. Exceptional non-commercial, educational
programming conducted by renowned authors, academics and end users
includes case studies and tutorials, demonstrating real-life
applications and solutions. For more information or to register for
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About Smalltalk Solutions and the Smalltalk Industry Council

The Smalltalk Industry Council is a cohesive Smalltalk community where
information, technical issues, new ideas and concerns are openly

discussed to benefit the industry. STIC members are users and vendors of Smalltalk tools, components, databases and services. The Smalltalk Industry Council's core members include Instantiations, Cincom Systems, Inc., GemStone Systems and Knowledge Systems Corporation. STIC is a nonprofit trade association whose goal is to promote the awareness of and increase demand for Smalltalk. STIC has been the organizer of Smalltalk Solutions since 2001, the premier venue for bringing together Smalltalk users, vendors and enthusiasts.

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