



MELBOURNE DB2 USERS GROUP INC.

Dear Member,

On Wednesday November 16th MDUG are holding our next meeting at which we are pleased to include a presentation by Savio Saldanha (Computer Associates) and Scott Penrose (Digital Dimensions) on “**X-Rated DB2**”.

As this will be our final meeting for 2005, please stay around for some drinks and canapés.

Meeting Agenda:

1. Presentation – Savio Saldanha and Scott Penrose.
 2. Drinks and snacks.
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Details:

Date: Wednesday November 16th 2005.
Time: 4:15pm – 4:30pm Registration and coffee
4:30pm onwards Meeting and then drinks!
Venue: Flinders Room, Langham Hotel (formerly the Sheraton Hotel),
1 Southgate Ave, Southbank.

RSVP:

Date: Wednesday November 11th 2005.
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Yours sincerely,

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MDUG – Meeting Wednesday 16th November 2005.

Presentation Topic: “X-Rated DB2”.

Presenters: Savio Saldanha (Computer Associates)
Scott Penrose (Digital Dimensions)

Presentation Abstract:

Great things come in small packages and this is also true for Cloudscape.

This introduction to cloudscape and XML technologies will demonstrate how you can leverage the smallest database to produce effective business solutions using W3C industry standards and not worry about compatibility issues.

This presentation will demonstrate the convergence of all of these technologies so you can understand, architect and build scalable and open web solutions.

DB2 Cloudscape	An introduction to the smallest (but coolest) of the DB2 databases, once called Cloudscape; Since Cloudscape was contributed to Open source by IBM, and following the name change, it has developed into a capable, small footprint database sharing features with the very best of databases. When thinking Cloudscape – you automatically think, a Pure Java database, with the smallest footprint making it useful for those systems that require minimal resource consumption.
XML	XML Structured information contains both content (words, pictures, etc.) and some indication of what role that content plays (for example, content in a section heading has a different meaning from content in a footnote, which means something different than content in a figure caption or content in a database table, etc.) XML is playing an increasingly important role in the exchange of a wide variety of data on the Web and elsewhere.
XSL - XSLT	XSL (Extensible Stylesheet Language) is being developed to provide even richer stylistic control, and to ensure consistency of implementations. W3C is developing the Extensible Stylesheet Language (XSL), which has document manipulation capabilities beyond styling. XSL is able to transform documents. For example, XSL can be used to transform XML data into HTML/CSS documents on the Web server. This way, the two languages complement each other and can be used together. Both languages can be used to style XML documents.

XHTML	XHTML is the next generation of HTML. XHTML is the standard markup language for web documents and the successor to HTML 4. A mixture of classic (HTML) and cutting-edge (XML), this hybrid language looks and works much like HTML but is based on XML, the web's "super" markup language, and brings web pages many of XML's benefits.
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Presenter Biographies:

Savio Saldanha is a Senior Consultant with Computer Associates.

Like most DB2 specialists, he has had many years of mainframe experience (and even IMS!) working with some of the larger Australian Government and financial industries in Australia.

Recently, he has developed an interest in Open Source technologies and progressing ways they can be leveraged in today's business solutions.

Scott Penrose (Digital Dimensions) is a leading Open Source specialist and Web Architect.

Following his previous life as a DBA, Scott now specializes in delivering scalable, multi-platform web architectures and solutions and integrating them into current business activities.