CMG’11 Needs You!
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CMG is a volunteer organization. Nowhere is that made more clear than in our annual
conferences, where nearly all of the papers and presentations are created by volunteers. Each
conference starts with exactly zero papers and presentations.

In my opinion, one of the best ways to volunteer and support CMG is by writing a paper or
presentation describing your experiences with new technologies or using current technologies.
If you write a paper for CMG, you will find that the very process of organizing your thoughts about
a topic will expose any gaps in your knowledge and actually increase the depth of your technical
knowledge.

So how do you go about writing a paper for CMG’11? Next month, CMG will release the Call for
Papers, which describes how the process works, what the current Subject Areas (categories) are,
and all of the deadlines. In a nutshell, you write an abstract for your paper or presentation, select
the Subject Area you think it fits into, and submit it. The Program Committee reviews the abstract
and places it in a Subject Area. You then have until the end of June to finish writing your paper
or presentation. Mentors are available if you need them. CMG recommends that you work with a
Mentor if this is your first CMG paper, and we will be happy to assign one to you.

You can also support CMG without writing a paper. We always need paper referees, editors, and
people to help during the actual conference. You can help CMG even if you are not sure you
can attend at this time. To volunteer, just fill out the Volunteer Form at http://www.cmg.org/cgi-
bin/volunteer.pl. This form describes the options available, their time commitments, and asks
about the areas you would feel most comfortable refereeing, editing, and so forth.

CMG’11 will be in December, but we need volunteers from now through the end of the
conference. Why not fill out the Volunteer Form and join us in making CMG’11 a great
conference?

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