Friday, May 6, 2016

This is a pre-announcement for the first Connecticut Computer Measurement Group conference for the year, slated for Friday, May 6th. This Spring Meeting brings back our popular Vendor Day format, to which we invite many software and hardware companies to exhibit their offerings. Coffee and refreshments are served in the Vendor Hall, and a little more time is permitted between sessions for you to investigate their services. Fees earned on Vendor Day help us to keep our admission prices low during the rest of the year, as well.

VENDORS signed up, as of this date:

IBm  ♦  Moviri  ♦  MVS Solutions  ♦  Compuware

We’re building up the meeting plans, and we have several vendors and topics confirmed. Mainframe-related topics are very strong and we are in the process of fleshing out the rest of the program with more distributed themes. Confirmed speakers are listed below and presentation abstracts appear further down in this document.

Andrew Jepeal – Compuware
Ellis Holman – IBM
Renato Bonomini – Moviri
John Baker – MVS Solutions

Registration

We will again utilize an e-mail registration.  
**Pre-registration fee is $35.00, which includes lunch.**

To pre-register, simply e-mail your intention to attend to ccmgboard@gmail.com no later than April 29, 2016 and then pay at the door.

(Note: If you received this document from a CCMG email, then simply reply now to this email with your request to preregister.)

**On-site registration fee is $45.00.**

Please note that if you have a PayPal account you can now pre-register there by selecting the Send Money button, inserting ctcmg@yahoo.com in the “To” box, and choosing the Purchase/Services option.

*The People vs. Mainframe - Andrew Jepeal, Compuware*

The mainframe has been accused of:  1) Being an obsolete technology with a short life span.
     2)  Being too expensive to run and maintain.
     3)  Providing archaic tools preventing the younger generation from acquiring the skills necessary to develop applications.
     4)  No longer has the edge in performance compared to Intel based servers.

Andrew Jepeal will provide compelling evidence that the mainframe is innocent of these charges.
IBM’s z/OS V2.2 operating system is the most current operating system for the large scale servers marketed by IBM. z/OS V2.2 has a number of performance improvements over previous releases of z/OS. This presentation will explore some of the new performance enhancements of z/OS V2.2.

Virtual Environments Optimization: Recover Unused Capacity from Virtual Machines – Renato Bonomini, Moviri

Renato will provide the means to help identify where capacity remains available in the virtual environment—an issue common to many datacenters. He will also describe methods for reclaiming that unused capacity so you can run more workloads on the same hardware.

What are you waiting for? Speeding Performance by Understanding the Cause – John Baker, MVS Solutions

Delays are part of our daily lives. We wait in line at the grocery store, at the drive-through, and on the road in our cars. While it may not seem like it, delays are a fact of life in your mainframe as well. As amazingly fast as these machines are, there are inevitably some measurable delays in application response times and throughput. The question is: should you care about these delays? Performance Analysis is about identifying the distribution of response times and dealing with each component. Thankfully, z/OS provides great detail in this area. RMF provides a wealth of information on where z/OS and your applications are spending their time. In this presentation, we will explain the meaning of some of the most useful components and provide practical recommendations on how to improve application performance. We can't remove all of the line ups in our lives but maybe we can make them move a little faster.

Andrew Jepeal has over 30 years of experience in Mainframe Information Technology. A large part of Andrew's career was spent as an MVS Systems Programmer with an emphasis on Performance Management and Capacity Planning. Just prior to joining the Compuware team, Andrew provided technical leadership to the MVS Systems Programming team for a major US retailer. Andrew has been a part of the Compuware team for over 15 years. During this time, he has held various positions, primarily related to Compuware's Application Performance Management products. He has worked with many companies across various industries to help them achieve their mainframe APM objective and maximize their results.

Renato Bonomini leads Moviri Inc., the US subsidiary of Moviri SpA headquartered in Milan Italy. Digital Signal Processing engineer by training and big-data ante litteram while performing R&D for a major European oil and gas company, his expertise focus on: architecture and design of capacity optimization systems for large and very large enterprises; design or assessment of capacity management processes; capacity planning analysis for large-scale architectures; data crunching and visualization; High Performance Computing.

His industry experience spans telco, oil and gas, finance, banking and insurance, leisure and travel, retail and public sectors.

Ellis Holman is an Open Group certified infrastructure architect who works in the Finance, Insurance and Government industries. He has worked with many clients over the years performing assessments, health checks, network engineering, performance analysis and tuning. He has Ph.D.s in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering. Ellis holds a master certification for the z System platform, is a Cisco CCNA, and has certified for network engineering in a high voltage environment. He also holds CISSP, PMI, UX Master Certification and is ITIL V3 foundation certified.

John Baker is the principal performance specialist at MVS Solutions, the creators of ThruPut Manager. Over 20 years in the IT industry as both a customer and consultant. As a customer, John designed, implemented and maintained many critical projects such as WLM Goal Mode, GDPS/Data Mirroring, and merging datacenters. As a consultant, John has assisted many of the world's largest datacenters with their z/OS performance challenges. John has held Subject Area Chair positions with CMG for both Storage and Capacity
Planning and is a popular speaker at Share and IBM conferences. John is the System z chair for the CMG 2016 conference.

We’re still working on the last few topics, so please stay tuned: check our new website https://www.cmg.org/regions/connecticut-cmg/ regularly during the upcoming weeks. And for now, at least, you can put a placeholder on your calendar and plan to join us on May 6th.

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