The Bytes of Las Vegas

April, 2010

PLEASE NOTE THE SPECIAL PRESENTER FOR THE MEETING

More details for the meeting located on page 3, that describes the program in detail.

We should have a very interesting presentation by a very experanced computer person with a very good subject.

by editor for

Wendy Jaroslawski
President

Attend the May meeting and see what is happening in the computer world as it changes every day with something new, the only thing that we will see is that new technoligy is moving forward. A new need or way to do things better and faster will allways be the leading edge.This means the technoligy will get better and cost less than the present which is good for all of us users.
by editor

Next Meeting May 5, 2010 at 6:15 p.m.
At West Charleston Library located at 6301 W.
Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas NV
Please contact www.lvpcug.org for the latest info.

Announcements

The Special Interest Groups (SIG) will be meeting at their regular times. Be sure to check the calendar on the website. We are looking for a new place for our General meetings and SIGs. If you have any suggestions, please email us at info@lvpcug.org

Check the website at www.lvpcug.org for the calendar dates and times.
Would you like to share a computer talent you have or would be interested in learning about a certain topic. We would appreciate your ideas!

RECYCLING BRINGS REWARDS

The LVPCUG is receiving rebates for recycling ink cartridges and cell phones. The Recycling Committee urges members to set aside those used ink cartridges and cell phones and bring them to the general meeting. You might also spread the word to family members and friends to save them for you too. There is no cost to the club, only your time in gathering the material and the committee members' time to package it.
If you have any questions, please see Charles Finnila at the General Meeting at the West Charleston Library.

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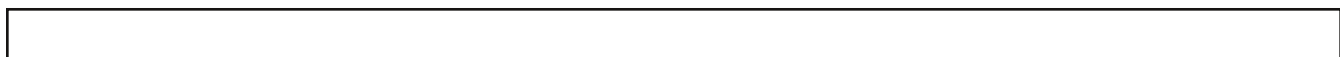
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15 th of each month to editor@www.lvpcug.org

Next General Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 6th, 2010
Time: 6:15 – 8:15 p.m. Place: West Charleston Library
6301 W Charleston Blvd (East of Torrey Pines)

Dave Whittle To Share the Secrets of Making Professional-looking Slide Shows and Music Videos, and How to Know What's Cool, What's Hot, and What's Not in Technology

Dave Whittle, one of the most popular PC user group speakers of the last decade, is returning this month to share with us some tips about the best, most wanted, and worst that technology has to offer. You won't want to miss Dave's informative and enlightening presentation, titled: "The Secrets of Making Perfect Slide Shows & Music Videos and Knowing Which Digital Products Are Cool, Hot, or Not."

Have you ever tried making mashing up your digital photos and digital videos into a slide show or music video or a DVD that looks as if a professional created it? If so, you'll know that it's not as easy as it sounds – unless you're using the right software.

Have you ever discovered a tech product that you loved? Have you ever bought one that brought you nothing but grief? Imagine: what if you could quickly and easily share your personal experience with others and then learn from the combined wisdom of the masses which tech products to adopt and which ones to avoid? Well, now you can.

At this month's monthly meeting, Dave Whittle will present a double bonus program and share two great solutions he's found: 1) muvee Reveal, and 2) CoolHotNot.com - a new, private-invitation Web site that lets you sort through the best loved, most wanted, and worst letdown tech gadgets, software, digital cameras, laptops, cell phones, and other consumer electronics products.

On May 5, 2010, at West Charleston Library, Las Vegas PC Users Group is hosting a presentation by Dave Whittle, author of "Cyberspace: The Human Dimension" and named by Working Woman Magazine as "one of America's most original technological thinkers." Dave's been a leader in the PC revolution since 1979, and an opinion-leader in the PC industry since his days as OS/2 Evangelist at IBM in the early '90s. At the meeting, Dave will introduce you to hidden gems that are not yet household words, but which solve real problems for real people and help make life a little bit or a lot better. See exciting new possibilities from these companies and learn how the digital revolution can lift your life. For example, one of the products he will introduce you to is muvee Reveal, which will take your own digital photos and videos and automatically and easily transform them into a professional-looking slideshow or music video production on DVD or Video CD.

You will come away from this meeting entertained and informed. Dave will provide time for questions and will bring door prizes, informative handouts, and actual product for sale at significantly discounted prices arranged exclusively for user groups. If you'd like to take advantage of these special prices at the meeting and take product home with you, remember to bring cash, check, or a credit card. Most importantly, bring a smile for old friends – we'll see you at the meeting.

Bio for Dave Whittle
DAVID B. WHITTLE Webworking Services Corporation
David B. Whittle is Chairman and Principal at Webworking Services Corporation, an international consulting firm based in Springville, Utah serving a carefully selected roster of high-tech clients. Mr. Whittle is a widely recognized expert on creative marketing for strategic advantage, a published author, an accomplished speaker, and an executive consultant with a rich and varied background. He was named by Working Woman magazine as "one of America's most original technological thinkers." He is the author of Cyberspace: The Human Dimension (W.H. Freeman, New York, 1997), co-author of Dvorak's Guide to OS/2 (Random House, New York, 1992), and author of numerous articles in industry and corporate publications ranging from Smart Computing to Executive Excellence. He has been a speaker or guest lecturer at Duke University, Comdex, the National Institute of Health, FenaSoft, the International Computer Forum and Exposition in Moscow, and countless other civic, association, and educational venues. He has spoken or presented in over 40 states and on four continents to audiences now totaling more than 50,000. His writings and ideas have reached or influenced at least a million readers worldwide. For over twenty-five years, David has been passionately involved in the digital revolution - including twelve years at IBM. His creative contributions to the industry are many and varied; he has been quoted or featured in numerous influential publications, including the Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times, USA Today, PC Week, InfoWorld, OS/2 Professional, Brill's Content, PC Magazine, and countless user group newsletters. David was widely known within IBM as a pioneer in the visionary use of worldwide networks. He used IBM's internal networks to popularize and distribute his definitive "PS/2 Technical Reference Tables," which saved IBM a documented $22 million and earned David one of the largest monetary awards in IBM history. As a forum creator and frequent contributor on IBM's global network, David's widely-read writings shaped IBM history and triggered a cultural phenomenon documented in the mainstream media in the form of an outpouring of candid discussion about IBM's culture and future that shook the company from top to bottom. As IBM's first software evangelist and founder of Team OS/2, the world's first virtual user group, the name Dave Whittle became synonymous with inspiring leadership, creative
grass roots marketing, and highly credible commentary on numerous online forums during the infancy of the Internet. David's marketing ideas and activities at IBM were not only imitated by Microsoft, but have been credited by some industry insiders for laying the foundation for many of the grass roots aspects of the Linux enthusiasts' movement.
Since 1996, David has served a prestigious roster of worldwide clients including Intel Corporation (California), iSeeMedia (Ontario), muvee (Singapore), MRI (Illinois), ZipLinq (California), Alpha Software (Massachusetts), Creo (British Columbia), MGI Software (Toronto), User Group Relations (Utah), PowerQuest (Utah), ZSoft (Utah), Wohl & Associates (Pennsylvania), and Invisus (Utah). He is a Hinckley Scholar, a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Beta Alpha Psi, and other service organizations, and has been accorded or awarded numerous honors, including Outstanding Young Men of America, OS/2 Professional Magazine Recognition Award, and, from IBM: Hundred Percent Club, Systems Symposium, Vice President's Award, Branch Manager's Award, Customer Center Award, Suggestion Award, and Quality Award.

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Earlier in his career, David was employed by General Mills, Price Waterhouse, and Zeda Computers and taught at Brigham Young University. In 1979, he graduated Cum Laude and with Highest Honors with a Bachelor of Science degree from Brigham Young University's Institute of Public Accountancy. He obtained a Masters of Business Administration, with distinction, from the highly regarded Marriott School of Management at Brigham Young University before joining IBM in 1984.

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Microsoft Kills Support for Early Editions of Vista
Microsoft has announced that it will no longer provide support for the first retail version of Windows Vista, which was released to manufacturers (RTM). The move is intended to force early adopters of Windows Vista to upgrade their systems using at least Vista Service Pack 1 or 2. ...
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How your cell phone could protect you from a deadly chemical attack
http://ct.zdnet.com/clicks?t=535419145-9623042d3acb5eb9638caff0886549c5-bf&brand=ZDNET&s=5

Infected XP PCs Won't Be Patched, Says Microsoft
Having a rootkit (virus) installed on your PC is a bad thing. That's because by definition, rootkits are specialized malware programs that are stealthy in nature and are near-impossible to detect and remove. In searching for a solution, however, it's understandable that infected PC owners would look to a software company like Microsoft to fix a problem affecting its operating system -- in this case, Windows XP. Unfortunately, that's not the case for many users with PCs suffering from the Alureon rootkit virus. ...
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McAfee Update Crashes 'Hundreds of Thousands' XP PCs
A recent security update from antivirus company McAfee has resulted in an estimated "hundreds of thousands" of crashed Windows XP computers. The issue appears to be widespread, causing PCs to crash, freeze, or be stuck in and endless reboot loop, thereby rendering the PCs completely unusable. ...
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Thanks Larry for all the handy hints

   - AVG Rescue CD - Posted on 2010-03-24 14:55:11-04

You may not be able to boot your PC at all if you catch a really bad computer virus infection. That's when a free toolkit from the well-respected AVG Technologies antivirus and security software team can come to your rescue...
http://askbobrankin.com/avg_rescue_cd.html?awt_l=8XIRx&awt_m=1fkAmIwNFuP6SL

We are Looking for a space to conduct an information demo about LVPCUG
If you know of any place that is available to conduct an information demo about the club Please contact Judy Ruf or send email to info@lvpcug.org. Needed are a table space some chairs and an electrical outlet to plug in a laptop computer.

Message from Membership
A warm and hearty welcome to our two newest members, Violeta Fitzpatrick and Harve Edelstein.
Many of our new members first came to learn about our club by attending a general meeting or SIG as a guest. Please extend an invitation to your friends or family to attend any of the club events, they may become our next members.

Microsoft Warns: Security Essentials 2010 is Rogue
Microsoft is cautioning users not to download fake versions of Microsoft Security Essentials, which are similarly named to theoriginal, but are in fact rogue. The original Microsoft Security ...
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Spanish Police Arrest Hacker Trio, 13M PCs Infected
Spanish police have arrested three individuals for what is believed tobe one of the biggest computer crimes in history. At a news conference delivered this past Wednesday, police revealed that ...
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Energizer USB Battery Charger Injects PCs with Malware
Symantec researchers have discovered that the software accompanying Energizer's DUO battery charger may have been injecting PCs with malware since May 2007. Energizer has recently discontinued the ...
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APCUG NEWS on the LVPCUG web site
Check out the latest Quarterly Report from APCUG, 2010 Q1. The full report is listed on our web site.
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LIVE MEETING TRAINING
Log in to the APCUG website to get the correct links. www.apcug.net

If you are a member of LVPCUG that means you are a member of APCUG and you have a great opportunity to use the resources that they provide. Such as the calendar that members may log in and view a meeting of a different club or SIG and see what they are doing.Please go to www.apcug.org and create a users account in the APCUG SharePoint Site so that you can enjoy some of the benefits of membership in the LVPCUG and its shared portals.

SIG CALENDAR

SIG Name	Meeting Date	Place	Time of meeting	SIG Leader
HelpingHands	1st Saturday	Wengert Room	10 AM to 4 PM	Linda DiGiovanni 395-6676
Windows Developers	2nd Thursday	Sahara West Library	6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Richard Rosenheim 897-1117
Genealogy	2nd Saturday	Family History Center	10:00AM to 12:00 PM Noon	
SIG still meeting regular time and place			STILL Looking for a new SIG Leader	
Novice(new users) and Internet)	2rd Saturday	Wengert Room	1 PM to 3PM	Chuck Frederick 452-9440
Software and Product Review	2nd Saturday	Wengert Room	3:30 PM to 5:30 PM	Linda DiGiovanni 395-6676
Digital Imaging Techniques	2nd Sunday	Wengert Room	12 PM to 2 PM	Howard Mark 262-3662
Linux/Open Source Applications	3rd Sunday	Wengert Room	1 PM to 3 PM	Don Sabatine 451-6805
How-To-Workshop	4th Saturday	Paseo Verde Library	9:15 AM to 2:30 PM	Dennis Kemper

Places are:
Wengert Room is located in the Back of the NV Energy building just west of Jones on W. Sahara
Family History Center is located at 509 S. 9th Street in Las Vegas.
Paseo Verde Library is located in Henderson at 280 S. Green Valley Parkway.
Sahara West Library is located just west of Fort Apache on Sahara Av West.

All meetings are subject to cancellation by the SIG Leader or the Property Owner. The Calendar
Page of the LVPCUG website is keep as current as possible.

If you would like to be a SIG leader for some of the SIG's that are not meeting at this time Please
contact Wendy Or Don to get the details of the duties of the Leader.

"Water, the Hub of Life. Water is its mater and matrix, mother and medium.
Water is the most extraordinary substance!"
Albert Szent-Gyorgyi (1893-1986), Hungarian physiologist (1972)

If the desktop is dying, mobile sync is king
by Matt Asay

 commentary
Google has proclaimed that the conventional PC will become "irrelevant" within the next three years, and it insists that it puts mobile first in development.

That's a bold statement indicating just how much Google is betting on the mobile Web. But it's also an indication of just how critical synchronization technology is going to become--especially syncing to an open Web.

Traditionally, sync has been that thing you do between your desktop and your one mobile device to ensure that calendars, address books, and even browser bookmarks are current between the two islands of computing. But in a mobile Web world 1 billion devices strong, as IDC predicts for 2010, it's certain that sync will no longer be constrained to one-to-one relationships, but rather will explode into a many-to-many syncfest. And it will be all about mobile, all of the time.

Already, my family is converging our music libraries into a metalibrary from which we individually sync our preferred tunes on our various smartphones and laptops, while I sync bookmarks and address books across five different devices (three laptops, two phones/music players).

As perhaps implied by my example, we're not going to see the desktop die, as Google pontificates, but rather become more mobile (laptops become Netbooks become smartbooks become...?) and much more connected through sync technologies such as Funambol and Mozilla's wonderful Weave technology.

Mobile is additive, not destructive, to the traditional computing landscape, as even Google's search traffic experience shows.

Syncing is critical to making the mobile revolution work. And the nebulous cloud will become the anchor point for our mobile data, with the nodes (Android, iPhones, laptops, etc.) in a constant state of flux.

For this reason, open-source advocates and others who worry about freedom should give at least equal weight to open clouds, not fixating exclusively on open mobile devices. Hence, while I'm ecstatic to see open-source pioneer Tim Bray join Google's Android team, I'm unconvinced by his apparent argument that the device trumps all when it comes to freedom:

The iPhone vision of the mobile Internet's future omits controversy, sex, and freedom, but includes strict limits on who can know what and who can say what. It's a sterile Disney-fied walled garden surrounded by sharp-toothed lawyers.

The people who create the apps serve at the landlord's pleasure and fear his anger...The big thing about the Web isn't the technology; it's that it's the first-ever platform without a vendor...From that follows almost everything that matters, and it matters a lot now, to a huge number of people. It's the only kind of platform I want to help build.

An open node is a good start, but the problem is that the Web, as Bray envisions it, isn't truly a platform without a vendor. Not anymore. Google, Microsoft, and others are battling to own the Web and the data that resides within it.

For that reason, it's the cloud--that central repository for our data to which all the nodes sync--that matters, and if that cloud is closed, or simply hard to extract data from that cloud, it really doesn't matter how wide Google opens the access points. Google has been making strides toward opening the cloud, but it still has a long way to go. We all do.

It's this desire for open clouds and open syncing to those clouds that is blessing Funambol's open-source mobile sync business. It's the same desire that will likely create a host of new competitors in this fertile mobile-sync market.

Matt Asay is chief operating officer at Canonical, the company behind the Ubuntu Linux operating system. Prior to Canonical, Matt was general manager of the Americas division and vice president of business development at Alfresco, an open-source applications company. Matt brings a decade of in-the-trenches open-source business and legal experience to The Open Road, with an emphasis on emerging open-source business strategies and opportunities. He is a member of the CNET Blog Network and is not an employee of CNET. You can follow Matt on Twitter @mjasay.

Thanks to Robert

Outlook Connector brings Windows Live Hotmail and Outlook together at last
 Outlook Connector provides a free solution for managing your Windows Live Hotmail e-mail and contacts from within Outlook. With the new release of the Outlook Connector, you can connect your Windows Live Hotmail account in Microsoft Office Outlook 2007 or Outlook 2003 free of charge.
 http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/outlook/HA102225181033.aspx

Facebook Tops Google As Web's Busiest Site
Facebook has overtaken Google as the most visited website among United States users. It's the first time Google has lost the top spot since September 2007. The revelation comes from Hitwise, a web ...
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Microsoft Hypes Internet Explorer 9; Won't Run on XP
http://www.infopackets.com/news/business/microsoft/2010/20100317_microsoft_hypes_internet_explorer_9_wont_run_on_xp.htm

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Date_____   New _____   Renewal _____

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It is LVPCUG policy to keep your information confidential.

Supplemental Information (optional, but helpful):
How did you hear about the LVPCUG? _____
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