Wednesday, January 18. 2006

January Meeting: Dynamic Graphics with SVG

**** NEW DAY, TIME, & LOCATION FOR LAMPSIG MEETING ****

Los Angeles LAMP SIG's January meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan 18
from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Tom Bradley Center (home of LULA)
(Address & directions below.)

InkscapeMain Topic: Dynamic Graphics with SVG - Ted Gould

Graphics and visualization can make your basic text and data compelling for users of all levels. SVG is an XML based vector graphics format specified by the W3C that can be easily used in scripting languages already designed for the web to create interesting, data driven graphics. Ted will cover the basics of the SVG format, and how to create dynamic SVG using PHP among other languages.

Vector Graphics should sound familiar to the artist who has used Adobe Postscript, Corel Draw, Adobe Illustrator or Flash. Vector graphics are used by these drawing programs to create images (and text) which can be scaled up or down without losing detail, through the use of Bezier curves.

Programmers will appreciate that since vector graphics are actually defined as mathematical formulas, they are compact and efficient. The obvious application for this is generation of charts and graphs from raw data. The SVG internal format uses XML, which allows DOM access via JavaScript within an SVG document. Via embedded Ecmascript, you can make your SVG images or graphics dynamic and interactive. Ted will be showing examples of SVG's abilities.

Ted Gould is one of the founding developers of the Inkscape project, which is an open source competitor to Adobe Illustrator, that uses SVG as its native file format. Ted and the Inkscape team are working to make Inkscape extensible through plugins and scripts.

Ted is also a member of the GNOME foundation and a Linux PPC user. He prefers vi. Other interests include photography and hiking with his wife and son.Agenda:
7:00 Introduction
7:15 Dynamic Graphics with SVG - Ted Gould
9:00 Fini

Please arrive before 7:00pm so that you are
seated for the speaker.

Cost: Free
Non-Member Cost: Free

For latest info: www.LAMPSIG.org

When: Wednesday, Jan 18 7-9pm

Where:

Tom Bradley Youth and Family Center
5213 West Pico Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90019
Telephone: (323) 692-0669

North side of West Pico Blvd.
between Cloverdale Avenue and Cochran Ave.
between major cross streets of Fairfax Avenue and La Brea Ave.

Here is a map.

DIRECTIONS:

From 10 East or West - Exit north on La Brea, go one mile,
turn left onto Pico, go west about 1/2 mile and park.

From 405 Freeway North or South, go 10 East - see above.

From 5/101/170 Freeway North or South, go 10 West - see above.

PARKING:

Metered parking on Pico, Cochran, and Cloverdale;
free after 6PM.

Posted by Jim Workman in Meetings at 20:19

Saturday, January 14. 2006

Web Commerce Using AMP

LAMP is a powerful tool for selling and buying on the web. It's one of our top drawing meeting topics. This new category will be dedicated to presenting E Commerce implementation information using LAMP and other surrounding programming methods for online catalogs and shopping carts. The diagram below displays the scope of LAMP topics that will be covered, with a focus on Web Services labeled in the diagram as CGI and database boxes.

Posted by Peter Benjamin in E Commerce at 18:27

Tuesday, January 3. 2006

Weekly Club House meetings postponed until further notice

Until we can find a new Club House, we will have to postpone our clubhouse meetings. We had one meeting at the Panera Bakery in Santa Monica. (Those attending got a special treat.) Anyone with access to a location with WIFI access, please let us know.

Posted by Jim Workman in Classes at 20:01

LAMPsig Searching for New Home

As LAMPsig ends its second year, we must bid a fond farewell to CalTek.Net. Ken Wyrick and Candy Tanamachi were instrumental in launching LAMPsig by providing not only a location for our monthly meetings but also a permanent clubhouse for our classes and other activities. We can never thank them enough for their generosity.

Our January meeting will be held on the evening of Wednesday, Jan 18 at the Tom Bradley Center on Pico between La Brea and Fairfax. This is also where LULA meets. If we are on our best behavior, this could become our permanent home.

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We are still looking for alternate locations. If you know of one, please post it to the user list.

Posted by Jim Workman in Meetings at 19:37