PenLUG

The Peninsula Linux Users' Group (PenLUG) is a Linux group for the San Mateo County and surrounding areas, based at Oracle Corporation in Redwood Shores. If you are interested in participating, please subscribe to our members mailing list. Or if you just want to hear what's going on, join our announce list.

PenLUG Meeting Schedule:

PenLUG meets at the Oracle headquarters just off US 101 in Redwood Shores; building 100 (at Oracle Parkway and Marine World Parkway), room 1op104. See DrivingDirections for details (included below). We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is August 26, 2004.

Next PenLUG meeting: August 26, 2004

Date:	Thursday, August 26, 2004
Time:	7:00 - 9:00 PM
Location:	100 Oracle Parkway, Redwood Shores Room 1op104

Agenda:

7:00 - 8:30 PM:	Presentation by Bernard Golden: Succeeding with Open Source
8:30 - 9:00 PM:	Members' Minutes
9:00 PM:	Adjourn to IHOP for social & food time

Presentation by Bernard Golden: Succeeding with Open Source

With Linux well-established as an enterprise platform, IT organizations are very interested in other open source products for their software stacks. However, unlike Linux, with its endorsement by a broad range of the very largest technology providers, other open source products require much more responsibility on the part of the users to obtain support, documentation, etc. The Open Source Maturity Model (OSMM) enables IT organizations to select, assess, and implement open source products. This presentation will describe the OSMM and provide a real-world example of its application for JBoss.

Bernard Golden is Chief Executive Officer of Navica, a consulting firm offering open source strategy, implementation, and training services. Bernard is an accomplished high technology executive with over twenty years experience in starting and building world-class organizations. He has previously served as a Venture Partner for an international venture fund and has been Vice President and General Manager in a number of private and public software companies, including Informix, Uniplex Software, and Deploy Solutions.

He is a frequent speaker and writer on Information Technology topics and has contributed to or been featured in major industry publications such as InfoWorld, eWeek, LinuxWorld, SDTimes, Computerworld, O'Reilly LAMP, Open Enterprise Trends, Enterprise Architect, and IEEE Software. He is the author of "Succeeding with Open Source" (Addison-Wesley, August 2004), which has been has been described as presenting "some of the most valuable, practical advice I have seen on how to transform use of open source software from an accidental process into a powerful strategy for gaining an edge on the competition" (Terry Bollinger, Author of "Use of Free and Open Source Software in the U.S. Department of Defense", and a book which "walks you through every step of the evaluation process, and provides vital insights into the risks and benefits of making the open-source decision." (Kevin Bedell, Editor-in-Chief, LinuxWorld Magazine).

Members' Minutes

Members will have an opportunity to take a few minutes to...

- Describe their latest Linux discovery
- Ask questions and get help from other members
- Discuss Linux projects

You can just stand up and talk, or give a short demo or presentation. If you need audio/visual support for your Members' Minute, please contact Bill in advance to arrange for your needs.

Everyone who participates in this section will get a free Prentice-Hall sample book (while supplies last)!

So we can have an idea of how many people to expect, please email rsvp@penlug.org if you are planning to attend.

Directions to PenLUG meetings

100 Oracle Parkway
Redwood Shores, CA 94065
Room 1op104

From US-101 (either direction):

1. Take the Marine World Parkway / Ralston Ave / Belmont exit, and head east (Marine World Parkway).
2. Get into the left turn lane immediately and turn left on Oracle Parkway. (If you miss the turn, the next left is also Oracle Parkway; the other end of the loop.)
3. The first building on your right is building 100 (the shortest of the Oracle Towers). Park in the lot out front, or in the adjacent garage.
4. Walk in the main lobby and turn left. Room 104 opens directly off the lobby.
   Note: the lobby doors will be locked after 7pm. If you say you are there for the meeting in room 104, either the Security guard or one of us will let you in.

From I-280 (either direction):

- Take highway 92 eastbound. From here you have a choice, depending on how bad traffic is:
    - Continue on highway 92 to US-101, then turn south on 101 and proceed as described above.
    - OR, take the Ralston Ave / Belmont exit off 92, drive through Belmont on Ralston, and then the road turns into Marine World Parkway as you cross 101. Continue as described above.

From the east bay:

- Take highway 92 (San Mateo Bridge) to San Mateo, then take 101 south and continue as above.

On public transit:

- **On Caltrain**, you have several choices:
    - Walk or ride a bicycle from the Belmont Caltrain station to Oracle; it's only 0.85 miles.
    - OR, from either the Belmont or San Carlos station, take SamTrans line 260 from either station to the Redwood Shores area.
      Note: the last buses depart Belmont at 6:18pm and San Carlos at 6:04pm. So be early!
    - OR, from either the Millbrae or San Carlos station, you may also be able to hop on the Oracle Caltrain shuttles; however, these are intended for people leaving Oracle, not arriving, so this option is not recommended.
- **On BART:**
    - Take the train to the new Millbrae station.
    - Take a southbound Caltrain and follow the above directions for Caltrain.
- Someone can drive you back to the train station after the meeting.

- **Carpooling:** email carpool@penlug.org to find a carpool buddy.

- **Using GPS:** latitude N 37.52944, longitude W 122.26615

- **After** each meeting we adjourn to IHOP in Belmont for food and social time.

For more information about the group, or to find out about speaking at one of our meetings, contact info@penlug.org.