AIM Chat with FrankFromPdaSoft, udog124, adamtow95, grantsplorp.

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Ronnie Simon: Happy New Year and Welcome to the last WWNC 2006 Checkpoint meeting

FrankFromPdaSoft has joined this chat.

Ronnie Simon: hi frank

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udog124 has joined this chat. grantsplorp has joined this chat.

grantsplorp: howdy.

FrankFromPdaSoft: hi, all

udoq124: hey

Ronnie Simon: hello everyone

Ronnie Simon: there are 4 of us in the meeting

Ronnie Simon: oops plus me

Ronnie Simon: any comments on the agenda?

Ronnie Simon: i have seen larry's

Ronnie Simon: sorry still waiting for adam grantsplorp: i am fine with the agenda.

udog124: looks good

FrankFromPdaSoft: Agenda sounds good to me. Makes me wish I could be there.

udog124: me 2 (2)

Ronnie Simon: i would have liked to see one more presentation topic for better balance

Ronnie Simon: and we do need to assign names to candidate workshop topics

**grantsplorp:** maybe one of the 'workshops' will turn into a presentation of sorts.

Ronnie Simon: we can do the latter at the time

FrankFromPdaSoft: get me a ticket, and I'll do a hardware presentation

Ronnie Simon: ok i shall add larry's comments and send it to the board as final version for grant and

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david to circulate grantsplorp: ok. udog124: righto

Ronnie Simon: if i had walter smith's and the other chap's email id i can confirm their slot as well

grantsplorp: we can add a small note to the schedule stating that last minute changes may occur.

grantsplorp: just to be safe. Ronnie Simon: good idea

Ronnie Simon: ok anything else on the agenda?

Ronnie Simon: before we move on grantsplorp: i don't think so.

**Ronnie Simon: ??** 

udoq124: one nice preso would be how to convert ical to newton pkg like victor developed...i would definitely do that one if i were coming

udog124: sounds like you just have to run the ical through a perl script, then run it through some ntk mumbo jumbo

Ronnie Simon: good idea, but for me converting a simple text file in the wiki format is more useful

udoq124: maybe i can do it via ichat video call

Ronnie Simon: adam confirmed that although we will have internet access, it will not be good enough to support

Ronnie Simon: an e-meeting

FrankFromPdaSoft: I don't think that running something through Perl and NTK is going to be widely

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Ronnie Simon: i agree

Ronnie Simon: ok next topic posters

Ronnie Simon: i would like to have an a3 or b3 size poster in the hotel

Ronnie Simon: what is the best way to achieve this?

FrankFromPdaSoft: i would like to have an a3 or b3 size poster in my workroom

FrankFromPdaSoft: if there's more than one grantsplorp: are these posters for each topic? Ronnie Simon: i was hoping adam could help here

grantsplorp: or a single poster with the entire schedule? Ronnie Simon: the latter and a generic wwnc 2006 logo type poster

Ronnie Simon: or combined grantsplorp: i vote combined.

Ronnie Simon: i agree

grantsplorp: well, maybe not...

**Ronnie Simon:**?

FrankFromPdaSoft: Better use an eyecatcher and but the schedule in fine print at the bottom

FrankFromPdaSoft: put...

**grantsplorp:** a generic wwnc poster would be good for directional wayfinding too.

grantsplorp: yes.

Ronnie Simon: good point

**grantsplorp:** i can layout a post to that size and print it prior to flying down...

grantsplorp: or we can use a quickprint shop close to the hotel.

grantsplorp: most of those shops will take a zip disk or cd with a pdf on it.

Ronnie Simon: the former is more manageable and the latter is a good backup

FrankFromPdaSoft: You are still using zip disks?

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Ronnie Simon: If you sent me the pdf, i can also bring some with me

grantsplorp: zip. yep. once in a while.

grantsplorp: good idea ronnie.

grantsplorp: when should we sign off on the final schedule? Ronnie Simon: so who is going to volunteer to produce the pdf?

grantsplorp: i will do the pdf.

Ronnie Simon: i think we have just done it

Ronnie Simon: i will send you the final version within 15 mins of the end of this meeting

grantsplorp: the only thing about the schedule that has yet to be decided is the friday evening

grantsplorp: ok ronnie. tnx.

Ronnie Simon: i was hoping adam could suggest something here and we update the website

FrankFromPdaSoft: Make sure that everyone is aware where and when the informal get-together is

going to take place. That left a bit to be desired in Paris.

**grantsplorp:** adam's ichat status just went available.

Ronnie Simon: i agree

grantsplorp: ping him again. Ronnie Simon: ok i have done

**Ronnie Simon:** so who is going to produce the pdf? Ronnie Simon: grant just saw your response, thx

Ronnie Simon: next topic ...

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Ronnie Simon: We have an opportunity to secure a website address before it is grabbed by someone

else, but the wwna does not have a policy on this area

Ronnie Simon: what should we do?
Ronnie Simon: frank know the website
FrankFromPdaSoft: Secure it. By the way...

FrankFromPdaSoft: we are talking of newtsync.com

grantsplorp: ah...

FrankFromPdaSoft: It is not sure yet... FrankFromPdaSoft: if it is available...

FrankFromPdaSoft: but someone at Newtontalk reported...

FrankFromPdaSoft: it might be soon. I'm finished.

Ronnie Simon: any comments on doing this sort of thing?

Ronnie Simon: is it a good idea? FrankFromPdaSoft: I think it is...

**Ronnie Simon:**?

FrankFromPdaSoft: the question is...

grantsplorp: the domain does not expire until december 2006.
FrankFromPdaSoft: does the WNA have enough personality...

FrankFromPdaSoft: to officially reserve a domain? Ronnie Simon: what do you mean by personality?

FrankFromPdaSoft: Well...

FrankFromPdaSoft: I, as a person, can reserve a domain in ten seconds...

**FrankFromPdaSoft:** but the WNA isn't a person.

**Ronnie Simon:** we can have a person take on that responsibility **Ronnie Simon:** the question is, should we be doing this?

FrankFromPdaSoft: I see. Would we have to elect someone? Does Ronnie do it? The secretary?

Provided, of course, we want to do it?

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grantsplorp: one question would be: why do we need another domain.

Ronnie Simon: anyone can do it on behalf of the wwna, it just needs to be an agreed policy

grantsplorp: we already have a site.

**grantsplorp:** is this for easier access to association information? **grantsplorp:** i know the current address is rather cumbersome.

**FrankFromPdaSoft:** Could you give me a minute or two without interruption? **Ronnie Simon:** are you saying we move the content on to a different site?

Ronnie Simon: go ahead frank

FrankFromPdaSoft: I am asked with increasing frequency...

FrankFromPdaSoft: by people...

FrankFromPdaSoft: why they should join the WNA...

FrankFromPdaSoft: because they think it's not doing anything for them...

FrankFromPdaSoft: I have increasing problems...

FrankFromPdaSoft: answering this...
FrankFromPdaSoft: so I had the idea...

FrankFromPdaSoft: that we could do something...

FrankFromPdaSoft: that doesn't cost much...
FrankFromPdaSoft: isn't that much work...

FrankFromPdaSoft: and still beneficial to the Newton community...

FrankFromPdaSoft: like grabbing Netwon-related domain names...

FrankFromPdaSoft: when they become available...

**FrankFromPdaSoft:** and trying to keep the old content where it is... FrankFromPdaSoft: otherwise these sites have been known...

FrankFromPdaSoft: to bring the interested surfer...

FrankFromPdaSoft: to some porn site...

FrankFromPdaSoft: or if you are lucky to a site that doesn't have anything to do with what it used to be.

FrankFromPdaSoft: I'm finished.

**grantsplorp**; ok. this makes more sense.

grantsplorp: thank you frank.

Ronnie Simon: sorry how do i reinvite adam?

udoq124: i'll do it

Ronnie Simon: or remove him from the meeting to re-invite

Ronnie Simon: great

udoq124: should be here any sec

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udog124: still showing him as invited at the moment

Ronnie Simon: that's the problem Ronnie Simon: i cannot delete him

udog124: hmm. i never showed him as in the meeting

adamtow95 has joined this chat.

grantsplorp: there he is! udog124: there we go Ronnie Simon: success adamtow95: Sorry guys

adamtow95: so, where are we?

FrankFromPdaSoft: Glad you are here finally (49)

Ronnie Simon: adam we are trying to see whether securing the newtsync or equivalent website should

be taken on by the wwna and allocated to a person Ronnie Simon: what's the consensus so far on this?

FrankFromPdaSoft: I'm all for it.

FrankFromPdaSoft: I offer to be that person if it is legally possible

Ronnie Simon: how much does this typically cost? adamtow95: newtsync = john andersen's program?

**FrankFromPdaSoft:** Depends a bit on the hoster and on the download frequency.

FrankFromPdaSoft: Minimum of a dollar a year just to secure it I'd think.

FrankFromPdaSoft: Adam, yes, we are talking of John's program

**grantsplorp:** price depends on the registrar.

**grantsplorp:** quality of the registrar depends on price. Ronnie Simon: when do we need to make a decision on this?

grantsplorp: lower price != good quality

adamtow95: why are we talking about this for the WWNC? Hasn't he not updated it in years?

Ronnie Simon: can we do an email vote?

FrankFromPdaSoft: Adam, I asked for this to be put on the agenda to make sure the domain isn't

grabbed by someone else.

FrankFromPdaSoft: As for eMail vote, that's OK by me.

adamtow95: ok. I see

Ronnie Simon: within the next 3 weeks

FrankFromPdaSoft: 3 weeks is too long.

FrankFromPdaSoft: As soon as a porn site is on the waiting list, it's theirs.

adamtow95: so, the expiration date was on the 16th. Ronnie Simon: i thought it died in december 2006 adamtow95: who has the lock on it right now? john?

FrankFromPdaSoft: No idea. I could try to work this out with him.

Ronnie Simon: ok, send out the suggestion as an email vote with the costs involved in taking on the

decision and the person who would handle it, and we can email vote on it

Ronnie Simon: is that ok?

**grantsplorp:** the domain expired this past december. the domain is locked through godaddy (the registrar) until next december. there is a grace period where the previous owner can still renew.

grantsplorp: fine with me, ronnie.

Ronnie Simon: are you happy to do that frank?

FrankFromPdaSoft: OK with me. Do YOU send out the suggestion, Ronnie?

grantsplorp: i agree that this is an important thing to consider, but we should get back on task

re: wwn

Ronnie Simon: no you can do it frank

FrankFromPdaSoft: OK

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Ronnie Simon: the board will just vote on it

Ronnie Simon: given all the facts

Ronnie Simon: have we finished this topic?

Ronnie Simon: ?

FrankFromPdaSoft: I think we have

Ronnie Simon: ok next topic

Ronnie Simon: adam we need a venue for the friday evening, any ideas?

Ronnie Simon: we need to communicate this asap

Ronnie Simon: adam?

adamtow95: I've asked the hotel for recomendations on nightlife around the hotel

**adamtow95:** they should get back to me within the day **Ronnie Simon:** ok we need an initial meeting point

adamtow95: of course

Ronnie Simon: fyi the rest of the agenda has been formalised

grantsplorp: i would suggest that we could meet at the hotel. lobby perhaps? not sure the size.

adamtow95: the hotel is very small

Ronnie Simon: do you have any comments?

grantsplorp: ok, adam.

**Ronnie Simon:** we will have roughly 30 people max? **adamtow95:** that might be too much for the hotel lobby

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Ronnie Simon: we can go with another suggestion

Ronnie Simon: i also passed on your information regarding internet bandwidth and the difficulty in

holding an e-meeting or live blog **Ronnie Simon:** any other comments

Ronnie Simon: adam?

adamtow95: comments on what?

Ronnie Simon: either the agenda program or the internet

Ronnie Simon: if not we can move on

adamtow95: can someone send me the finalized agenda? or was that in the previous email to the list?

Ronnie Simon: it was in the previous email

Ronnie Simon: i am happy to contact walter smith and the other chap, if someone can send me their

email ids

Ronnie Simon: i will contact larry for this info otherwise

Ronnie Simon: new topic? FrankFromPdaSoft: yep...

adamtow95: regarding the agenda

Ronnie Simon: go on

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adamtow95: nevermind, I have no problem with it

Ronnie Simon: good

Ronnie Simon: ok next topic ...

Ronnie Simon: on sunday we have a wwna meeting slot

Ronnie Simon: i would like to explain why members should renew

Ronnie Simon: can you give me some reasons now ...

FrankFromPdaSoft: It's good to be organized... FrankFromPdaSoft: we organize WWNCs...

FrankFromPdaSoft: that's all I can think of at the moment, I'm afraid...

grantsplorp: you eventually get a dvd of something...

FrankFromPdaSoft: then again, you get a free memory card if you join...

FrankFromPdaSoft: but not if you renew (99)

**Ronnie Simon:** you will fund the distribution of rare newton content dvds **FrankFromPdaSoft:** Will there be a DVD of the SF meeting? Just kiddin'...

Ronnie Simon: grant has the answer on this question

grantsplorp: maybe. possibly.

**grantsplorp:** if i have time to finish the front end and burn a prototype.

grantsplorp: fingers crossed.

Ronnie Simon: why do we need a dvd if you can download from a website?

FrankFromPdaSoft: has anybody thought of the necessity of checking every file of the rare Netwon

DVDs for copyright issues?

Ronnie Simon: frank i have noted this to be discussed at the next meeting

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FrankFromPdaSoft: sorry, I wasn't aware of that.

grantsplorp: frank, i think that's a case of 'act first' and 'apologize later'.

grantsplorp: speaking of dvds...

FrankFromPdaSoft: Grant, I politely disagree. But since we will discuss this next time...

Ronnie Simon: ok anymore triggers for membership renewal?

grantsplorp: i politely accept your disagreement.

grantsplorp: 😬

FrankFromPdaSoft: not from my end. anymore triggers, I mean.

**grantsplorp:** i would like to think that wwna is proactive in the case of archiving content and saving newton historical documents and technical items.

grantsplorp: we're not quite there yet... but we certainly mean well.

Ronnie Simon: ok i shall send this out as an email request to capture other points and use it at the

conference to support a discussion

Ronnie Simon: we shall cover this at the next meeting scheduled for thurs january 26th

FrankFromPdaSoft: OK Ronnie Simon: new topic?

grantsplorp: i have one...

Ronnie Simon: go on

grantsplorp: sort of related to the conference schedule.

grantsplorp: john venzon (newton museum) was distributing his dvd of newton video clips to sme

list members.

grantsplorp: sme = some

grantsplorp: would the videos on that disc be interesting enough to show as a topic within the

conference?

grantsplorp: as one of the sessions? or during a break?

grantsplorp: just a thought.

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FrankFromPdaSoft: good idea

grantsplorp: we were looking for another slot-filler on sunday.

Ronnie Simon: it is a good idea in one of the workshops

Ronnie Simon: but who will have this before the conference?

grantsplorp: not sure.

Ronnie Simon: he has sent a set to me, but it may not arrive in time

grantsplorp: he is based in LA, isn't he?

grantsplorp: i could ask him to send one to me attn: the hotel.

grantsplorp: i can pick up the shipping charges.

Ronnie Simon: go for it

grantsplorp: i'll ask and see.
Ronnie Simon: new topic ?

Ronnie Simon: or end of meeting?

grantsplorp: i'm done.

adamtow95: I need to give a headcount to the hotel

adamtow95: right now, we're just under 30 people registered

adamtow95: what plans do we have to do a last minute push to get people to come to the conference?

FrankFromPdaSoft: hand out flyers at MacWorld... grantsplorp: we were going to do another pr email.

Ronnie Simon: i know some people are just going to turn up who are not registered

Ronnie Simon: for example woo lee

adamtow95: and who is handing out flyers at MacWorld?

adamtow95: Where is the PR being sent to?

udog124: yes, another pr blast as soon as agenda is finalized

**FrankFromPdaSoft:** Do we know how many, if any, press people will attend? **adamtow95:** Did it ever show up on Macintouch, MacCentral, MacMinute, etc.?

udog124: i know of 2 so far who explicitly contacted me

adamtow95: The big Mac sites

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udog124: i sent it there adam

adamtow95: not the international ones

udog124: i mean us udog124: usa

udog124: they'll receive it again for the final one

**grantsplorp:** we have dennis sellers of maccentral attending.

Ronnie Simon: i informed the uk press

udog124: macintouch, maccentral, macaddict, thinksecret, macnn, ...

Ronnie Simon: i was going to forward david's press info again to them, to ensure an article writeup

adamtow95: ok

udog124: wait until i have the final rev
Ronnie Simon: macuser and mac format

udog124: with the schedule

adamtow95: as long as the PR gets out

grantsplorp: yes, the pr email list covers all of the major mac mags and sites.

udog124: no worries there adam

udog 124: 😬

adamtow95: some of these sites use webforms

adamtow95: for PR submissions

Ronnie Simon: handing out flyers at macworld ...

udog124: yes, and those i did manually

adamtow95: ok

Ronnie Simon: who is going to this event?

Ronnie Simon: i have a free exhibit ticket, but i will not arrive uintil friday

grantsplorp: same here.

Ronnie Simon: any other press questions?

**grantsplorp:** perhaps wwe can post a few of the posters around moscone if there are public

boards.

adamtow95: I don't know when I'll be going to MW... probably on Friday as well

**Ronnie Simon:** we can use grant's pdfs to print out and handout?

grantsplorp: sure. i can put together a flyer-sized version with basic information.

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grantsplorp: one other thing to remember...

Ronnie Simon: go on

grantsplorp: if we have walk-up attendees...

adamtow95: How effective will handing out flyers be grantsplorp: some one will need to collect fees.

grantsplorp: etc.

grantsplorp: adam, probably not very...
udog124: i think paul is, right? treasurer...

grantsplorp: my opinion.

Ronnie Simon: place them on public boards

**grantsplorp:** i need to run folks...

Ronnie Simon: i can take money

grantsplorp: later. adamtow95: bye, grant grantsplorp: bye.

FrankFromPdaSoft: bye.

udog124: bye

Ronnie Simon: bye grant

adamtow95: I think we need a meeting on monday

grantsplorp has left this chat.

adamtow95: to go over last-second stuff

udog124: ronnie, do you have the final agenda? if so, please e-mail it to me so i can finalize the pr

Ronnie Simon: i'm happy to do that, but Monday is not good for me

adamtow95: sometime in the next 5 days

udoq124: and get it out tomorrow

Ronnie Simon: ok, i will sort out my monday appointment Ronnie Simon: i will send the updated agenda out very shortly

udoq124: k thanks

adamtow95: PR should go out tomorrow at the earliest and Monday at the latest

udoq124: roger that

adamtow95: no one reads on the weekends

Ronnie Simon: any other topics now, or leave it until monday?

adamtow95: and by tomorrow, I mean this evening udog124: shooting for tomorrow or even tonight

udog124: right

adamtow95: so the sites can have it posted by tomorrow

Ronnie Simon: i agree udog124: will do

Ronnie Simon: can we have the friday venue agreed by monday as well?

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Ronnie Simon: shall we formally end?

adamtow95: the hotel recommends their own restaurant

FrankFromPdaSoft: surprise...

Ronnie Simon: that should not hold us back

adamtow95: but looking at their prices for hor d'oeuvres, it can be pricy

adamtow95: I wouldn't mind having it there

adamtow95: but people do have to expect to pay something (!!)

Ronnie Simon: friday is self-funding in the main?

adamtow95: yes

Ronnie Simon: with some in itial drinks and refreshments paid for only?

adamtow95: Ok

adamtow95: I say do it in the hotel bar

adamtow95: and I'll look up prices for the hor 'doeuvres

Ronnie Simon: we can do this at any location, we just need a suitable location

Ronnie Simon: ok, meet in the local bar, eat somewhere else

adamtow95: Executive decision, the hotel

Ronnie Simon: i do not like hotel food, it is generally poor value

Ronnie Simon: is there not a nearby restaurant? adamtow95: Meet at the bar, decide food later

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adamtow95: that's my recommendation

adamtow95: since we don't know the exact number coming to the friday night party

Ronnie Simon: no, we need a place to take a group of 15 or so people

Ronnie Simon: they will need some notice

adamtow95: I can't make any reservations at any restaurant

Ronnie Simon: can we add a flag to the website to indicate friday attendance?

adamtow95: I think that's too much work.. friday should be informal

Ronnie Simon: otherwise we just be dynamic on the night

udog124: you should be fine falling in somewhere, being close to chinatown, fisherman's wharf, etc....

Ronnie Simon: good

Ronnie Simon: i for one can eat anything cooked well

udoq124: i think if you just go with adam's suggestion (meet at the hotel bar for a drink, then fall in

somewhere for dinner), you'll be fine

Ronnie Simon: great

Ronnie Simon: anything else to be discussed? Ronnie Simon: before i work on the agenda

adamtow95: we will have a projector adamtow95: that I'm supplying

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adamtow95: what other av needs do we need?

Ronnie Simon: flipchart stand adamtow95: a kiosk computer?

adamtow95: are you supplying the flip chart?

adamtow95: the hotel has a stand

Ronnie Simon: do they not provide the paper?

Ronnie Simon: i can supply the pens

adamtow95: I just emailed the hotel about the paper

udoq124: i say convert the presentations to expresenter, stick 'em on newton memory cards, and run the

presentations with the newt and an ez2vga card!

Ronnie Simon: otherwise a local purchase adamtow95: david, will you be attending?

Ronnie Simon: almost david udog124: i wish adam

udog124: i've got a commitment here on sunday, and i live on the east coast - it's not quite doable

Ronnie Simon: but what is easier is to use laptops for the presentations and the ez2vga card for the

demonstrations

adamtow95: do we need a kiosk computer?

adamtow95: or just everyone bring their own computer

Ronnie Simon: this worked well in paris

Ronnie Simon: how would we use the kiosk computer?

adamtow95: general browsing, doing demos, etc.

adamtow95: just asking... if we're okay with individual laptops, I'm fine

Ronnie Simon: i think the flipchart stand can be used for public information, and we use owners laptops

for thje presentations

adamtow95: less stuff for me to schlep to the hotel Ronnie Simon: if we can get hold of a machine great

Ronnie Simon: any ideas ?

Ronnie Simon: do they have a presentation screen

adamtow95: yes, they have a screen Ronnie Simon: for use with the projector

Ronnie Simon: good

adamtow95: I would have brought an old powermac, but because the parking situation is always an

adventure. I don't envy the idea of dragging my computer across town

Ronnie Simon: can wed put things on the walls

adamtow95: so I vote for laptops only

Ronnie Simon: i agree

adamtow95: I believe so for the walls

Ronnie Simon: demonstrators use their own machines

adamtow95: Ok, those are all my questions then

Ronnie Simon: great

Ronnie Simon: i shall send out a meeting notice for monday and send the logs to the other board

members

Ronnie Simon: thanks gents, until monday

adamtow95: ok

Ronnie Simon: bye david Ronnie Simon: bye adam

adamtow95: bye

adamtow95 has left this chat.

udog124: see ya

udog124 has left this chat.