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Dear Colleague,

I wish to extend an invitation to senior members of your J2EE development team to attend the inaugural Sydney Spring User Group Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 22nd February 2006 at the Novotel, Darling Harbour Sydney.

The Open Source Spring Framework has caused much excitement among the world's top J2EE architects and developers with its promise of improved developer productivity and maintainability of J2EE applications. An increasing number of companies are experiencing this for themselves.

I can personally vouch for the impact Spring has had on our J2EE development in these areas and also in ensuring a more consistent Object Oriented architecture, improved quality and reduced time to delivery of J2EE applications compared to "old" J2EE.

Spring is in use today worldwide, at organizations as diverse as the French tax office (where it provides the architectural basis for processing online taxation submissions), numerous leading investment banks, and household names in airline, media industries, and defense.

We are pleased to announce that London resident Rod Johnson, the creator of Spring, is currently visiting Sydney. He has kindly offered to present his unique insight into Spring at the Sydney Spring User Group meeting.

Besides being the father of Spring, Rod is one of the world's leading authorities on Java and J2EE development. His best-selling [*Expert One-on-One J2EE Design and Development*](#) (2002) was one of the most influential books ever published on J2EE. The sequel, [*J2EE without EJB*](#) (July 2004, with [*Juergen Hoeller*](#)), has proven almost equally significant, establishing a comprehensive vision for lightweight, post-EJB J2EE development.

I look forward to meeting with your senior J2EE architects, developers and project managers at the meeting.

Kind Regards,

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Chief Technology Officer
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Sydney Spring Users Group

Inaugural Sydney Spring User Group Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 22nd February 2006
Time: 6:30 pm for 7:00 start. Refreshments will be served
Venue: **Terrace Room 1, Novotel Sydney, 100 Murray Street, Darling Harbour, Sydney NSW 2000**
Speaker: Rod Johnson
Cost: Entry is free however seating is strictly limited

Please respond to spring-users@iris.com.au by Friday 17 February 2006 with your name, title and company indicating your attendance.

Topic Outline

An Introduction to Spring

The Spring Framework is the most popular application framework for building server-side Java applications, and is widely used worldwide. Spring addresses all architectural layers, and enables applications to be built using POJOs, significantly increasing maintainability and productivity. Rod will explain the vision behind Spring and the ways in which it can help you develop better quality, more maintainable applications faster. He will explain how the goal of POJO development is achieved using a combination of Dependency Injection (a form of Inversion of Control), AOP (Aspect Oriented programming) and portable, lightweight abstractions for core services.

Spring 2.0 and Beyond

The theme of Spring 2.0 is power and simplicity. More power makes more things possible; yet many things become simpler and easier to do. Yet as an indication of the power of a non-invasive, POJO programming model, Spring 2.0 is wholly backward compatible!

Rod will discuss central new features including significant enhancements to Spring AOP, featuring tight integration with AspectJ, and extensible XML configuration enabling greater customization.

***The Inaugural Sydney Spring User Group Meeting is
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About Rod Johnson

Rod Johnson (CEO)



Rod is the father of Spring. The Spring Framework open source project began in February 2003, based on the Interface21 framework published with Rod's best-selling [Expert One-on-One J2EE Design and Development](#).

Rod is one of the world's leading authorities on Java and J2EE development. He is a best-selling author, experienced consultant, and open source developer, as well as a popular conference speaker.

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Rod has extensive experience as a consultant in a wide range of industries: principally, finance, media and insurance. He has specialized in server-side Java development since 1996. Prior to that, he worked mainly in C and C++. His experience as a consultant has led him to see problems from a client's perspective as well as a technology perspective, and has driven his influential criticism of bloated, inefficient, orthodox approaches to J2EE architecture, which have delivered very poor results for stakeholders.

Rod is the founder of the Spring Framework, which began from code published with [Expert One-on-One J2EE Design and Development](#). Along with Juergen Hoeller, he continues to lead the development of Spring.

He regularly speaks at conferences in the US, Europe and Asia, including the ServerSide Symposium (2003, 2004 and 2005), JavaPolis (Europe's leading Java conference), and JAOO (2004). Engagements in 2005 include two presentations at JavaOne 2005 and a keynote at the JavaWorld 2005 conference (Tokyo, June).

Rod serves in the JCP on the Expert Groups defining the Servlet 2.4 and JDO 2.0 specifications.

Rod continues to be actively involved in client projects at Interface21, as well as Spring development, writing and evangelism.