

Hi Everyone

It's that time again, the March UJUG meeting is next week, Thursday March 19th, starting at 5:30 PM. As you may know, we are now meeting at the **IHC Intermountain Medical Center in Murray**, across the street from Costco. You can find a map, directions and some great pictures (put together by Don Bogardus) here, on the UJUG website.

We have a new type of presentation for you this month, the **State of the Java Union**. Come and find out the latest news for **JSF 2.0**, **Java SE 7**, **JSON** and related frameworks, the web service stack **Metro**, and the latest on **Hibernate Validator** and **Hibernate Search**. There will be 5 different presentations followed by a panel discussion so you can ask the presenters questions. For more detail on this month's meeting, check out the meeting page on ujug.org.

Make sure you RSVP so we purchase enough pizza and soft drinks. The URL to RSVP is http://www.ujug.org/web/index.php?option=com_attend_events&task=view&id=22.

Why don't you invite a co-worker or friend to this month's meeting? If you find the UJUG informational and/or fun, not to mention a great place to get some free food on a Thursday night, why don't you spread the word? You never know, you or your friend might just win something another Java T-Shirt, Java related book, iPod or something else from the UJUG tickle trunk.

Agenda

- * 5:30 - 6:00 Pizza
- * 6:00 - 8:00 State of the Java Union
- * 8:00 - 9:00 Breakout Sessions

Upcoming UJUG Meetings

Here is a quick preview of the upcoming UJUG meetings for 2009 (please note, these are all tentative and subject to change), you can find a complete schedule for 2009 here:

- * April 2009 – Livescribe, the Java Smart Pen company

Okay, enough of my rambling, here is an overview of what will be happening this month:

Breakouts 8:00 - 9:00

Following the presentations and after we've given out the door prizes, we will have the following breakout:

Java Certification – Don Bogardus

SCJP Certification is a great way to strengthen fundamentals and demonstrate a breadth of knowledge to employers. The 1.5 exam is a tough beast, and we discuss all the tricks to tame it. Each month we'll review another section of the Sierra/Bates Study Guide (ISBN: 0072253606). This month (March) we'll be covering Chapter 3 (Assignments), the toughest chapter you'll ever love. Newcomers are always welcome.

java.community.events – Chris Hansen

Current events in the Java community, including new libraries, frameworks, and news items about Java and some of the other languages on the JVM. Come check out the latest tools and technology that the Java Platform has to offer. After the news and discussion session, stick around for mini-presentations by fellow UJUG attendees. This is your chance to get involved by giving a quick mini-presentation on a Java Platform related topic of your choice (e.g. library, language, web framework, IDE feature, etc.). Mini-presentations can range from 5 - 30 minutes, advance notice is optional and you don't have to be an expert.

Java Kata – Jarrod Ribble

Join Jarrod for a new breakout starting this month - Java Kata! As software developers, we spent a lot of time deep in the details of specific projects, but we don't take much time to practice our art. Code katas are short exercises focused on exercising and sharpening basic software engineering skills. The "code kata" is a concept developed by David Thomas of The Pragmatic Programmers - described at codekata.pragprog.com. During the Java Kata break out sessions we'll work through Dave's list of exercises, one per month, using Java as our language of choice. Check the UJUG forum here (you need to be logged in to access the forum) for details on the first exercise.

Door Prizes

- * Atlassian T-Shirts
- * Books courtesy of O'Reilly
- * TekSystems Bag
- * IntelliJ License courtesy of JetBrains (<http://www.jetbrains.com/idea/>)
- * JavaRebel license courtesy Zero Turnaround (<http://www.zereturnaround.com/javarebel/>)

* 2 iPod shuffles, 2nd generation



Location

UJUG Meetings are held the third Thursday of every month, except December. We are now meeting at the ***IHC Intermountain Medical Center*** in Murray, located at:

**5121 South Cottonwood Street
Murray**

For a map to their site, please click on this link: <http://www.ujug.org/web/content/view/117/34/>

I think we've got another good meeting planned for this month, I look forward to seeing you there.

Chris

