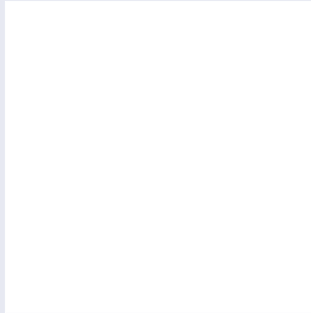


Something for Nothing, Something for Sale

Mark Hunter

It's a crowded issue this month, so I must be brief. Lots of interesting things going on, though. Remember the Complementary Software Partner Program described in my September editorial? Its new manager is . . . David Burke! Great choice—someone who has “been there and done that” in the developer world. Congratulations, David!

Software vendors have been busy, too. In November, Ice Tea Group will reveal an e-commerce “shopping cart” application on its own web site, www.icetgroup.com, for easier ordering of ITG products. They also intend to sell the shopping cart application itself for reuse by their customers. It's based on Centura Team Developer and Ice Tea Active Pages. They are also starting a fascinating new service, enabling strong encryption of e-mail messages between any two addresses, using any e-mail service, even when no encryption software is installed on either of the two machines. And it's free! Take a look; you'll be intrigued.



CAM Data Systems (www.camdata.com) also sells point-of-sale and e-commerce systems based on SQLBase, net.db, and other Centura products. In fact, their low-end point-of-sale and inventory control package, Retail ICE, is absolutely free for the download. CAM Data expects to capture sales from these entry-level customers as they graduate from the single-user, single-store system to multi-user systems.

Much of the issue this month is devoted to Ice Tea Foundation Classes, a group of classes that will be free for downloading. The technical articles deal so much with the “what” and “how” of ITFC, there wasn't room to explain the “why”. But look for that next month. Centura Pro has published hundreds of cool source code files over the years. ITFC is a step toward organizing those cool ideas into a more powerful and coherent collection. **CP**

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