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## **Smalltalk Solutions Conference Line-Up: Not So ‘Small’ After All**

March 20, 2007, Toronto, ON...The conference sessions offered at **Smalltalk Solutions 2007**, hosted by LinuxWorld Canada and IT360 Conference & Expo ([www.it360.ca](http://www.it360.ca)), is now confirmed and registration for the event has begun. This year’s conference line-up, taking place at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, April 30 – May 2, 2007, is educational for all Smalltalk user levels. Those just beginning can learn some of the basics of Smalltalk and its application to the business world, while those who are more advanced can delve right into the more in-depth technical sessions.

“Having Smalltalk Solutions as part of the IT360 conference gives us a great opportunity to expose this powerful technology to a broader audience,” said Bob Nemec, President of Smalltalk Industry Council. “As the utility of dynamic languages and object oriented programming becomes more commonly known, Smalltalk, with its rich history and solid track record, will be the tool of choice for many forward looking organizations.”

Registration for the event has begun and the following three session descriptions provide a preview into the Smalltalk Solutions 2007 line-up:

**Bert Freudenberg**, an experienced recognized developer based in Germany, presents a seminar titled ‘One Etoy Per Child’, April 30, 2007 at 1:00pm – 1:50pm. Since its beginnings Smalltalk has been used to work with children in PARC's Learning Research Group. Now it takes part in a large educational project aiming to enable education for children in the developing world. The session provides technical background on Etoys as it is implemented on the laptop currently, while highlighting related research projects.

**Mark Petersen**, a senior engineer at IBM’s Technical Group, located in Fishkill, NY, is well qualified and an experienced speaker for his session titled ‘Smalltalk in Semiconductor Test’, May 1, 2007 at 2:00pm – 2:50pm. Smalltalk is a uniquely ideal programming language for the development of an application used within IBM Research and Development labs for designing and characterizing semiconductor test structures. Petersen’s presentation will provide an overview of why Smalltalk is ideal for the Test Systems/Fabrication Automation industry and provide a comparison with other languages and applications, including Visual Basic, Java, C, Matlab, LabView, and IC-CAP.



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**Travis Griggs**, a Software Engineer for Cincom Systems, has worked with Smalltalk since 1991 and delivers a presentation titled, 'Cairo' on May 1, 2007 at 1:00pm – 1:50pm. The CairoGraphics Project (<http://www.cairographics.org/>) is an Open Desktop project that is a "...2D graphics library with support for multiple output devices." It's rapidly gaining momentum as a cross platform method of doing modern anti-aliased graphics for multiple backends. Bindings exist for many different languages and this presentation is an overview of the language binding for Smalltalk, specifically VisualWorks. This session will provide a general understanding of the drawing model, how that is mapped in Smalltalk, as well as some of the techniques used to interface with the library.

For more information on all 20+ sessions please go to  
[http://www.it360.ca/seminar\\_schedule.cfm?track=45](http://www.it360.ca/seminar_schedule.cfm?track=45).

#### SMALLTALK INDUSTRY COUNCIL (STIC)

The Smalltalk Industry Council is a cohesive Smalltalk community where information, technical issues, new ideas and concerns are openly discussed to benefit the industry. STIC members are users and vendors of Smalltalk tools, components, databases and services. The Smalltalk Industry Council's core members include Instantiations, Cincom Systems, Inc., GemStone Systems and Knowledge Systems Corporation. STIC is a nonprofit trade association whose goal is to promote the awareness of and increase demand for Smalltalk. STIC has been the organizer of Smalltalk Solutions since 2001, the premier venue for bringing together Smalltalk users, vendors and enthusiasts.

#### LINUXWORLD CANADA & IT360° CONFERENCE AND EXPO

IT360° is the leading Canadian conference and exposition that provides Information Technology professionals with a unique all encompassing IT experience. Taking place in Toronto at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, April 30 – May 2, 2007, IT360° focuses on the four key industry pillars: Network, Linux/ Open Source, Security and Storage. These pillars are our "worlds": **NetworkWorld**, **LinuxWorld (including Smalltalk Solutions)**, **SecurityITWorld** and **DataStorageWorld**. IT360° addresses the critical issues facing the industry while providing realistic strategies to enable the implementation of the best and most cost efficient solutions.

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