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Greetings:

Items in this January 2008 announcement include:

- \* Free Metabase System
- \* Resource Life Cycle Analysis Short Paper
- \* Data Interoperability Community of Interest Handbook
- \* Data Semantics Management Book
- \* ISO/ANSI Database Standard SQL:2008.

First, a version of the Whitemarsh metabase system is now free. Requests for downloads of the Single-User and Single-Metabase version can be submitted to Whitemarsh from the website. The link is from the front page.

The December 2007 version of the Metabase System has been posted. The ReadMe file for this new version is posted to the Metabase page.

Second, a new Short Paper, Resource Life Cycle Management: The Enterprise Architecture Component Integrator, has been posted to the website. This Whitemarsh Short Paper, based on Ron Ross's early 1990s book, shows how to engineer and use Resource Life Cycles to prevent function-based, organization-based, or mission-based stove-pipe database and business information system architectures.

Resource Life Cycles set out the business-imperative-based sequences for designing, building, and maintaining enterprise-wide databases and business information systems.

Engineered Resource Life Cycle networks thus form the basis for Enterprise-wide Information Systems Plans.

Finally, Resource Life Cycles are the mechanism for integrating Enterprise Architecture Components, thus avoiding redundancy, scarcity, and conflict.

Third, the Data Interoperability Community of Interest Handbook has been released in a second edition. The questions and exercises that are addressed by this book have been posted to the book's page. There is also a link to the very dramatic Return on Investment from this effort. It's 2:1 initially, and almost 8:1 thereafter. NOT creating Data Interoperability environments through this approach is unexplainable.

Whitemarsh is providing the 2nd Edition of this book for just \$25 for all 1st Edition buyers. If you previously bought this book from the Whitemarsh website, we know who you are, and you will be getting an Email from us.

Whitemarsh is also having a Three-4-Two sale on books. Buy any two and get the third Free. The coupon for this is "342." Use it.

Fourth, the new Whitmarsh book, Data Semantics Management is well underway. All the chapters have been constructed. We're going through them to ensure complete integration between data semantics engineering, and Metabase system execution. We are posting the Table of Contents and Chapter 1 with this email.

Fifth, and finally, SQL:2008 has now been completed. A complete set of documents that represent this new standard are posted to the Whitmarsh website. The final International Standard ballot on SQL:2008 will occur during this Spring.

Regards,  
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