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There are three items in this October 2006 announcement:

- The Data Interoperability Community of Interest Handbook
- Whitemarsh Metabase version 0609
- The Short Paper Series edition

As mentioned in our previous early October mailing, the Data Interoperability Community of Interest Handbook was finished. Then several late reviews arrived with some excellent suggestions. Rather than wait for a 2nd Edition of the book, these additions were incorporated. The table of contents and the first chapter have both been regenerated and are again posted for review. These materials are located at: Wiscorp.com/dicoihb.pdf. The book has now been sent to the printers.

A pre-publication sale announcement will occur in two weeks. There will then be an official Announcement Sale for the book, and this notice will be sent out in the early part of November.

The second item is version 6.09 of the Metabase CASE/Repository system. This version is almost complete and expected to be released in early November. This version has many small enhancements. Most importantly, this version now enables the printing of hierarchies and networks of data through SQL/ODBC-based report writers such as Crystal Reports. Also released with this version will be a set of data conversion instructions and a program for those Metabase users who wish to upgrade. Email assistance is also available regarding the database conversion for all current Metabase licensed users.

The third item is the latest edition to the Whitemarsh Short Paper Series: "Modeling Data & Designing Databases". This paper takes the position that these topics are two very different processes. The paper includes a case study in which an organization first attempted to design a database without previously modeling the data. The end result was vastly inadequate. The paper then sets out a high level set of process steps that are thoroughly documented in Whitemarsh materials. The total net time of including these steps, by first modeling the data, is ultimately negative. By first thoroughly modeling the data, a completely sound database design is achieved much faster. Together, the combined processes of data modeling and database design is far faster and cheaper than iterating through cycles of database design, application implementation, re-design, data conversion, reprogramming, and redeployment. Additionally, all the modeled data's metadata is then available for future modeling and design with subsequent cycles becoming even shorter, faster, and cheaper. This short paper is located at: Wiscorp.com/sp/sp06.pdf

Keep in mind, the complete short paper series publications are still available.

Regards,
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