



Whitemarsh
Information Systems Corporation

June 2008
www.wiscorp.com
Website Announcement

Whitemarsh Information Systems Corporation
2008 Althea Lane
Bowie, Maryland 20716
Tele: 301-249-1142
Email: mmgorman@wiscorp.com
Web: www.wiscorp.com

Greetings:

We have been hard at work for these last two months, focused mainly on three items:

- Free Metabase System
- Function Points Short Paper
- Data Semantics Management Book

First, the Whitemarsh metabase system is now free. Requests for downloads of the free Single-User and Single-Metabase version can be submitted to Whitemarsh from the website. The link is from the front page. We have received requests from all around the world. Please ask for yours today.

The June 2008 version of the Metabase System, V6.9.8.5 has been posted. If you have already requested a Metabase System copy have been sent an email from the Whitemarsh Forum with download instructions. The ReadMe file for this new version is posted to the Metabase page. This V6.9.8.5 version contains several adjustments and bug fixes that were discovered during the work on the *Data Semantics Management* book.

Second, a new Short Paper, *Function Points: Function Points A Strategy to Determine the Size and Cost of Database-centric Business Information Systems*, has been posted to the website. This is a logical successor to the *Manufacturing Project Plans* short paper which presents a strategy for both engineering project plans and also how to “manufacture” them.

The Function Points short paper describes the great value that can be derived from Function Points, and presents a strategy to calculate two key metrics that can be employed to create rough order of magnitude estimates for Business Information System projects.

The paper finally contains an example showing how Clarion (www.softvelocity.com), as a development environment, along with the Whitemarsh Business Information System development methodology dramatically affects both the count and the cost of Function Points. Together these can reduce the cost of building Business Information System by as much as 90%.

You may have wondered if there is a sequence to the Short Papers. Yes there are. The master plan was set out in 2006, and we are proceeding according to that plan. The last Short Paper was Information Systems Plans. This one is on how to construct the plans. The next one will be on the use of Function Point. The one after that is on generating Metrics. There are 21 Short Papers in all. We’re doing them one at a time.

Third, the new Whitemarsh book, *Data Semantics Management* is complete. That means that there is now a end-to-end manuscript. During this next month, the book will proceed into final construction. That is, final editing, grammar checking, cover building, and shipment to the printers. The Table of Contents and Chapter 1 of Volume 1 on the Website. There is also a link



June 2008 Announcement for Whitemarsh on Database Website
www.wiscorp.com

to the Table of Contents to Chapter 2. This book will go on sale with the August Newsletter. You will be able to buy the book as separate volumes or through a special combined price.

So thank you and please visit, read-awhile, and download some data management materials. And finally if you have any questions, please email me directly at mmgorman@wiscorp.com.

Regards,

Michael M. Gorman
Matthew G. Gorman

