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We have been hard at work over this year, focused mainly on five items:

- Free Metabase System
- Two Consulting Projects
- Several New Short Papers
- A New Data Management's Concepts and Terms Book, plus some new book sales.
- Engineering Metabase System Extensions

First, the Whitemarsh metadata management system, Metabase continues to be 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 fulfilled requests from all around the world. Please ask for yours today.

When you request a Metabase System copy, you will be sent an email from the Whitemarsh Forum with download instructions. The ReadMe file is posted to the Metabase page.

A recent key feature of the Metabase System is automatic naming, abbreviations, and definitions. Yes, automatic definitions. If you do not have your metabase version, please ask for it.

Second, Whitemarsh has been engaged for most of 2009 on two consulting projects. The first was accomplishing the data engineering and architecture for an earned value management effort. The second consulting effort was as an assessor of the data management effort of a large scale, world-wide, database centric project. Direct outputs of these efforts are:

- An Earned Value Management short paper,
- A refined work breakdown structure for the auditing components of the Whitemarsh Database Project Methodology,
- A significant extension to the Whitemarsh's Business Event concept within the Metabase System, and finally,
- A detailing of the Whitemarsh long standing approach to Reference and Master Data Management.

These projects and the extensions to the Whitemarsh Database Project Methodology will cause changes to the Metabase System. These changes will be described in the November Whitemarsh Newsletter.

Third, a Short Paper, *Earned Value Management*, has been posted to the website. This paper is an outgrowth of the earned value management consulting assignment undertaken during the first



half of 2009. Please consider downloading this paper. The purpose of earned value management is to ensure you should pay for only what you actually get.

During November and December there will be two new short papers that address 1) the extension to the Whitemarsh Business Event concept that exists both in the Whitemarsh methodology and also the Metabase System, and 2) a more comprehensive approach to Reference and Master Data Management.

Fourth, the new Whitemarsh book, *Data Management's Concepts and Terms*, is finished and is can be purchased from the Whitemarsh website. You can get the Table of Contents and Preface from the Website. We are offering this book as a stand-alone purchase or bundled with the other books at special discounts.

Fifth, a new round of Metabase System development starts in early November. We hope to have a new version accomplished by early 2010. Included in the new version will be:

- **Use Cases** along with complete integration with Business Functions, Business Information Systems, Data Models, Business Rules, and Business Requirements.
- **User Acceptance Test Specifications** along with complete integration with Use Cases, Data Models, Business Information Systems, Business Rules, and Requirements.
- **Business Information Systems Detailed Specifications** including screen specifications along with complete integration with Use Cases, Data Models, and higher levels of Business Information Systems.
- **Business Requirements** along with integration with Use Cases, Data Models, Business Information Systems, Business Rules and User Acceptance Tests.
- **Business Rule Specification** along with complete integration with Use Cases, Data Models, Business Information Systems, User Acceptance Tests, and Requirements

Use Cases, User Acceptance Tests, Business Requirements, and Business Rule Specification are to be separate Metabase System Modules so that they can have their own levels of security, users, and specific Metabase System database access.

Please visit the Whitemarsh website, read-awhile, and download some data management materials. Finally if you have any questions, please email me directly at mmgorman@wiscorp.com.

Regards,

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