Agenda CMG Canada Seminar:  Feb 18th 2014 (Toronto)

TIME: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 pm

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ATTIRE: Business attire or Business casual (hard-soled shoes, slacks, collared shirt)

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Tuesday Feb 18th, 2014

8:30 AM  Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM  Welcome

9:05 AM  Are you exploiting analytics to search and manage big data technologies

Paul Hall – IBM

Analytic is being applied System z to maximize the value of mainframe by simplifying management and maximizing performance and availability. IBM has developed analytic solutions to predict anomalies, simplify searches and optimize performance. Taking advantage of analytics can help support workloads and more easily integrate existing and new System z workloads across the enterprise while minimizing the possibility of disruptions.

Paul Hall is a software technical specialist with IBM Canada. He has more than 25 years of experience with IBM mainframe environments and specializes in Service Management solutions. In his current role Paul is responsible for technical sales support of Cloud and Smarter Infrastructure solutions on System z. In past positions, Paul has done application development and software installation services on System z.

10:20 AM  Coffee
10:35 AM  Capacity Planning and Management in the Real World – Success and Failures that we see  
Alex Bewley – Uptime Software

Capacity management is complex and getting tougher. Organizations are attempting to analyze larger numbers of metrics across heterogeneous platforms that span multiple technologies and data centres. How can you effectively gather and consolidate data across different virtualization technologies on different architectures and have it all make sense? Is it feasible to have one capacity planner for 12,000 systems? What are the real capacity reporting requirements in large enterprises? Many companies can make the capacity planning process overly complex, when simplicity can often lead to better results and faster decisions. Please join Alex Bewley, CTO of Toronto-based uptime software, for a session in which we’ll review real life case studies of how large enterprises are successfully taking back control of capacity management.

Alex Bewley is passionate about bridging the gap between business value and cutting edge technology. A technologist by trade (B.Sc.H in Computer Science, Queen's University), Alex’s 18-year long tour of duty included time with Sun Microsystems in their heyday. However, Alex craved a more entrepreneurial muse, and founded uptime software (with co-founder Phil Didaskalou) in 2001. When not behind his desk, Alex is knee deep in the Toronto tech startup community. Outside the office walls, Alex morphs into a Cessna pilot, a world traveler, and a dedicated tri-athlete. His mantra for product design is simple: striving for the most efficient solution that combines effectiveness, value, and beauty.

12:00 PM  Adjourn

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CMG Canada News

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- Tuesday April 15th & Wednesday April 16th 2014

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