

Hi Everyone

It's that time again, the July UJUG meeting is next week, Thursday July 19th. This month's meeting features Sridhar Reddy (<http://developers.sun.com/events/techdays/speakers.jsp#sridhar>) from Sun Microsystems. Sridhar will be doing a SunSPOT and TrackBot demo, along with a tutorial on Java Scripting, Java FX, as well as a hands on lab with Java FX.

Make sure you RSVP so we purchase enough pizza and soft drinks. The URL to RSVP is http://www.ujug.org/web/index.php?option=com_attend_events&task=view&id=4.

We've added many new sponsors this year, check out our sponsor's page if you haven't been there in a while: <http://www.ujug.org/web/content/view/80/26/>. As always, the UJUG would not have a place to meet, food to eat, or cool door prizes to give away without them. Please give them your support.

Meeting Overview

We have a great lineup for this month. Sridhar will be showing us some of the latest technologies from Sun both hardware and software based, all using Java. I've also managed to get my hands on another UJUG iPod here is a picture:



KForce will be back this month with more popcorn for the 8 o'clock break. What better reason to stick around after the presentations?

UJUG on the Java Posse

I'm not sure if you listen to the Java Posse (<http://javaposse.com/>) podcast but I was fortunate enough to be interviewed as part of their java.net interviews at JavaOne this year. Check out episode #129 (http://javaposse.com/index.php?post_id=228551) at the 39:29 mark to hear about our Java User Group. BTW, if you don't already listen to the Posse, I'd highly recommend it, it's a great source for the latest news and interviews with the who's who of the Java community.



Upcoming UJUG Meetings

Here is a quick preview of the upcoming UJUG meetings this summer and fall (please note, these are all tentative and subject to change):

- * *August* – Chris Maki, an introduction to Maven 2, Kohsuke Kawaguchi from Sun Microsystems talking about JAXB. Kohsuke will also be hosting a Hudson breakout at the 8 o'clock hour.
- * *September* – BEA
- * *October* – an evening with Google talking about GWT, the Google Web Toolkit.
- * *November* – TBD
- * *January 2008* – Sun Developer Days, more to come (this is really in the discussion phase but I wanted to let you know there is a possibility this may happen).

Okay, enough of my rambling, here is an overview of what will be happening this month:

Breakouts

Following the presentations and after we've given out the door prizes, we will have the following breakouts:

Agora-CMS – Chris Maki

In an effort to make up for last month's shortened breakout, let's restart agoraCMS - okay, that's what I said for the June meeting but nobody showed up :-). There is code now available at [code.google.com](http://code.google.com/p/agora-cms/) - <http://code.google.com/p/agora-cms/>, so let's get started :-)

Taken from last month (again...): This month we will be creating teams, deciding on deliverables and discuss the project structure and technologies being used. If you didn't attend last month and want to know what's going on, please stop by.

Effective Java – Ian Robertson (Chris Maki) (Items 31 - 35)

Would you like to make your code more concise, readable, and less error prone? Are you looking for like-minded developers who strive for excellence in their code? Look no further. The Effective Java breakout group will use the 50 plus rules of thumb presented in Joshua Block's Effective Java – Programming Language Guide as a springboard for discussion. Using a free-format style, the group will review each item, how it has impacted your coding style, and its influence on how you design classes. Detailed technical discussions are encouraged but not required. Please join us for what I'm sure will be a spirited session.

Java Certification – Don Bogardus

SCJP Certification is a great way to strengthen your fundamentals and demonstrate a breadth of knowledge to employers. The 5.0 exam is a tough beast, and we're going to discuss all the tricks to tame it. Each month we'll review another section of the Sierra/Bates Study Guide (ISBN: 0072253606). This month (July) we'll be discussing chapter 6, arguably the most frustrating chapter in the book. Newcomers are always welcome.

Door Prizes

We have a good selection of prizes for this month's meeting:

- * one book from SourceBeat.com (<http://www.sourcebeat.com>)
- * IntelliJ License courtesy of JetBrains (<http://www.jetbrains.com/idea/>)
- * 1 UJUG iPod shuffle (<http://www.apple.com/ipodshuffle/>)



Location

UJUG Meetings are held the third Thursday of every month, except December. We meet at the Intermountain Health Care, Lake Park Facility, located at:

**4646 West Lake Park Blvd.
West Valley City**

For a map to their site, please click on this link: <http://www.ujug.org/web/content/view/83/28/>

I think we've got another good meeting planned for this month, I look forward to seeing you there.

Chris

PS

What do you think? Klaasjan Tukker, the president of the NL-JUG (<http://www.nljug.org/>) put this logo together at my request. Do you like it? While our current UJUG log is very cool, the lines are too thin to use for something other than an icon.

