

This time I mean it!!



It's quite possible that in my last editorial I had mentioned that it was my last editorial; well, I was wrong. *This* is my last editorial. So, presumably, if you have read my last editorial, you needn't read this one, since this is it.

Many people have written to point out that there didn't seem to be a summer issue of the magazine this year. Of course that came as a complete surprise to me, since I had already embedded myself in worrying about the latest World Wide Web technologies (if that allusion puzzles you, read my last editorial) and had assumed that *AIXpert* was running smoothly without me. But it appears that my correspondents were correct, and for that I apologize.

To atone for this minor mishap (how could *that* many people be correct), we've put together an eclectic mix of topics for this issue that will keep you interested from cover to cover. Our cover story, *Java on AIX—A Strong Brew*, introduces this hot, object-based, newcomer that allows your programs to run on lots of different platforms. Read about its history, how to use it, its secure features and where to go for even more information, in a cohesive, easy-to-follow article.

Following in that vein, we cover hot object technologies with a Direct-to-SOM C++ compiler article, explore the Internet realm with articles on the multimedia server and Internet address management, and delve into the programming interfaces found in the Common Desktop Environment (CDE).

We look inside a scalable data warehousing system, and we show you how to set up HACMP/6000 for disaster recovery using response across-town or across-the-sea clustering

configurations. We help you understand performance characteristics of the popular symmetric multiprocessing systems, and we tell you how to get a new tool to help measure performance on any AIX system. We also tell you how to get AIX telephone support and conclude with the popular Question and Answer column.

A Parting Note

Just a reminder, *AIXpert* is available electronically—hosted, of course, on the IBM Developer Support home page (<http://www.developer.ibm.com/>). So be sure to stop by for a visit.

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