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Welcome to the new BITUG Newsletter "Special ETUG Edition"

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As promised at the beginning of the year, we have re-vitalised the BITUG Newsletter to keep you updated with the latest "gossip" from BITUG.

So far this year we've run a number of successful events – Ops Management SIG, two Education days (OSM and S to Itanium). Again we've run the ever popular Security SIG. All well attended events. Look out for write-ups, reports and photo's on the web.

Still to come this year we are planning an S to Integrity and Data Centre Management SIG in July and an OSS, SQL/MX, MQ SIG in September. Finally on the SIG Front we are planning a DR and Business continuity SIG in November.

This year is special (not just for Interest Groups) because we are fortunate enough to be hosting the ETUG (European Tandem User Group) in Brighton. So far, the BITUG committee has been busy meeting with the Planning committee for this event on 8th October. See later in this Newsletter for details.

In the mean time we are hoping to bring you news from the newly partnered ITUG Summit and HPTF (HP Technology Forum) in June.

One of the main reasons for re-vitalising the Newsletter is so that you can share the content with colleagues not normally exposed to the benefits of being a BITUG member. We encourage new faces to events and always try to keep our SIG's and events helpful and informative for lots of audiences – so please share this paper.

Keep a look out on the web site – (always being updated) for the latest news, offers from HP, downloads and registrations for events. Don't miss out !

Finally, I'd like to thank you for your support so far this year. Being part of BITUG can be hard work at times, but seeing that we've got it right now and then is reward in itself. We hope you'll continue to enjoy being part of BITUG - the Best RUG (Regional User Group) in the ITUG world !

Kind regards,

Darren Coffey - Chairman of BITUG

If you are interested in sponsoring 1/4 of a page in the next BITUG newsletter please contact either myself or David Ross to obtain details on cost. A logo and piece on your company's offerings will then appear in the newsletter.

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Special points of interest:

- Find out about the benefits of being an BITUG member
- Go to ETUG FREE
- Qualify for massive ETUG discount
- Diary for your diary

Why Should My Company Be a Member of BITUG?

It's important and indeed vital, that we keep abreast of developments in the HP NonStop world: not only from HP but also from third party suppliers and our peers in other companies. For most of us, no matter what size the company, we do not have the opportunity to see the broad spectrum of offerings in the market place. If you want to broaden your view of the industry you need the opportunity to meet a range of suppliers and other peer companies as well as experts from HP. The best way to achieve this?

Join BITUG: *the* user group for the HP NonStop platform. BITUG hold a number of Special Interest Group meetings (SIGs) every year covering various topics relating to and around the NonStop: system management, capacity planning, disaster recovery, middleware, whole solutions, security and communications. All SIGs feature HP experts and third party suppliers as well as BITUG user members. It was at BITUG meetings that most of us first heard about the new Integrity Servers, the Itanium, how companies were using the NonStop as part of a complete solution. Most of us heard about new features in security and system management, DR, and so on from attending BITUG meetings.

Each year BITUG hold a two day event at which there is large trade fair, a number of SIGs, special presentations from HP and also from other suppliers. This is where you will meet a vast array of suppliers and HP experts.

Entry to the SIGs and two day event is free for BITUG members.

I cannot stress more highly the benefits of meeting others and sharing experiences in the same HP NonStop world.

BITUG is the LOCAL user group for the UK; easily contactable, inexpensive to be a member, run only by volunteers from member companies who have no interest in making profits for themselves or management companies, they only want to make BITUG useful to the members.

You can keep in contact with BITUG via the web: WWW.BITUG.COM, by receiving the News Letter and via e-mail information. You can talk to anybody on the committee, contact details can

The ITUG European Event at Brighton—The Benefits of Being a BITUG Member

This year, ITUG will be holding the European Summit at Brighton in October.

This event will be the **only dedicated NonStop ITUG conference held anywhere in the world this year.**

You will have the opportunity to meet the HP experts from Cupertino Corporate HQ, a large selection of Partner companies from the UK and many other different countries and many end users from all around Europe. There will be dozens of SIGs, Presentations and a large Trade Fair as well as the opportunity to meet and network with others you would not meet in normal circumstances.

I was asked by someone the other day: *"what difference does it make if I want to go to the ITUG conference at Brighton and I am not a paid up member of BITUG?"*

The answer is simple: **Paid up BITUG members will only be paying just a fraction of the cost for entrance to the meeting at Brighton.**

Being part of the best Regional User Group on the planet, BITUG members not only get to hear the latest news from the NonStop world at regular SIGs, Education days and via the News Letter, they also receive updates from ITUG meetings and the ITUG organisation.

I think it's a 'no brainer':

Go to the ITUG Meeting as a non BITUG Member and pay 700 Euros for each person from your company who attends

Or

You can go as a BITUG member and pay next to nothing.

MAKE SURE YOUR COMPANY HAS PAID THE BITUG MEMBERSHIP.

You can only take advantage of the massive discount if you are a paid up BITUG member. You should receive an invoice soon with details on how to apply.

Details are on the web WWW.BITUG.COM

I know what I will be doing.

Don't Be Average - Moderate !!

As you'll no doubt be aware, Moderate is a Middle English word, derived from Latin *moderatus*, from past participle of *moderare* to moderate; it is akin to Latin *modus*, measure.

What's that got to do with me?

Nothing, except that BITUG are keen to provide a good number of Session Moderators for ITUG Europe at Brighton and we hope that **you** will volunteer to moderate just one session.

What are the duties of a session moderator?

You don't need to be qualified, certified or petrified – you just need to arrive ten minutes early to meet your speaker, agree what you'll say to introduce them (keeping it short) and do any housekeeping that you will be informed about beforehand – e.g. "please turn mobile phones off", feedback forms, etc.

More detailed guidelines will be provided at the conference.

Why should I volunteer?

It really is easy

you still get to see the session and

you provide a valuable and much valued service to the speaker and to the running of the day.

Oh and **BITUG members who volunteer will be entered into a special draw**. The prize isn't sorted yet but you'll love it – and the draw will only be open to BITUG members who moderate sessions.

How do I volunteer?

ITUG will solicit for Session Moderators when you register for the event via their website. Whether you "tick the box" at that stage or not, we would like to compile a list of BITUG members who are prepared to volunteer (if you're not on this list, you'll not be in the draw).

Email me your details (name, company, email address) and then you'll not hear anything until a month before the event, at which stage we'll confirm things with you. Simple.

Please email me as soon as possible, details as below.

Richard Farrow,

BITUG Committee.

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ITUG News

The Connection May/June

Register Early to Secure Your Spot for ITUG Europe 2007!

Join us in Brighton, England (UK) at ITUG Europe 2007 to catch up on the latest developments in our ever-changing NonStop industry. ITUG Europe 2007 is organized in collaboration with HP and BITUG, and this will be the first time in its ten-year history that the event will be held in the fall, from 8-10 October.



ITUG News Cont'd.....

Attend ITUG Europe 2007 to experience the premier, global HP NonStop conference with three full days of in-depth technical training, networking, product demos, and knowledge sharing. Enjoy one-on-one access to industry experts eager to share their expertise in realworld issues and solutions dealing with manageability, reliability, and security. Capitalize on the proficiency of veteran solution partners from the following areas: developing applications, platform infrastructure, managing enterprise applications, and industry solutions. Finally, network with peers and experts from your region and beyond, and take advantage of this unique opportunity to discuss issues and share insights while enjoying great food and entertainment.

Look at what BITUG and HP (UK) are doing for you

Registration

Online registration is now live at <http://euro2007.itug.org>. If you are a paid-up BITUG member, you will be eligible to register using a unique code to qualify for BITUG and UK HP Discount.

If you have associates who do not belong to ITUG but would benefit from the conference invite them as well! Included in their registration fee is a complimentary ITUG membership valid until December 31, 2008. There is no better way to get involved in the industry!

Usual Conference Fees

	By 20 August	After 20 August
ITUG Member	1,000 Euro	1,200 Euro
Non-Member	1,175 Euro	1,375 Euro

The full conference offers the most opportunities for learning and networking, but registration for one-day access to the conference is also available. The fee includes access to social functions, the product and services exhibition, and technical sessions as well as meals and programme materials.

Usual One-Day Conference Fees

Monday, 8 October	250 Euro
Tuesday, 9 October	495 Euro
Wednesday, 10 October	495 Euro

BITUG Paid-up Member Fees (Full conference fee)

First 75 Registrants	150 Euro
After 75 Registrants	290 Euro

(All prices are exclusive of VAT).

BITUG Diary 2007

28th November
DR / Business Continuity
SIG and AGM



8th – 10th October
ETUG (Brighton)



12th September
OSS, SQL/MX, MQ **SIG**



11th July – S to Integrity and
Data-Centre Management **SIG**

13th Feb
Ops Management **SIG**



8th March
Education Day - **OSM**



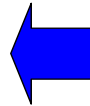
25th April
Security **SIG**



14th May
Education Day
S to Integrity



18th - 21st June
ITUG Summit



SIG Update

Security SIG Report 25th April 2007

Another well attended security SIG started with a Safeguard update from Iain Liston Brown (HP). Much debate surrounded HP's intention to only apply new functionality to the Itanium version of Safeguard leaving the S series pretty much as it is. Then was the first of two presentations looking at penetration testing. The first by Colin Yates of TCM focused on external prevention of service attacks and threw up some interesting scenarios. This topic was further discussed by Michael Jones of Brightstrand who looked at internal and external hacking. Dave Russell (HP) warmed us all up to the first presentation of the afternoon on e-payment security. Dave covered various new terminology and paved the way for John Petersen from Validsoft who gave a live demo that had everyone startled as to just how easy 'man in the middle' and 'man in the browser' attacks are to put into affect. The day was then rounded off by vendor updates from Comforte, XYPRO and Ross Systems. Huge thanks to all of the speakers and also to HP for the venue, and refreshments.

Migration from S to Integrated Servers and Data Centre Management SIG

11th July 2007

More companies are moving from the S Series platform on to the new Integrity Servers. Attend this SIG and find out more.

We will include presentations from End Users, from HP (of course) and Vendor Partner companies.

The new Integrity Servers and most other new equipment are power hungry and run hotter than previous systems. This SIG will include information on managing the Data Centre environment to cope with new servers.

More information on this SIG will be available soon.

If you wish to present or just talk about Migration to the New Integrity Servers, please give us a call. Contact details can be found on the BITUG Web:

WWW.BITUG.COM