

San Francisco Bay Area Users Group - **SFBAUG**

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February Meeting - Ask the Experts

Our February meeting was a first of its kind for our user group. It was an "Ask the Experts" panel that was truly staffed by knowledgeable experts from **Exact Software** (Bob Widmer and Nadine Lai), **InfoSpring LLC** (Robert Klein and Nick Avila) and **Triangle Partners LLC** (Steve Henley and Dennis Nordstrom). I also want to give a special thanks to InfoSpring LLC for hosting the lunch at the meeting.

The members of the panel addressed several questions that had been submitted prior to the meeting as well as questions that were raised by those present. The topics ranged from how to modify Forms 1099 all the way to how to achieve real time remote access to Macola.

(Exact Software provided a CD with answers to the questions that had been submitted ahead of time. I'll attempt to

have that file linked to our EMUG site for



you to access.) Ask the Experts
Questions and Respo

I think that I learned as much from listening to the panel discussion of how to address each of the questions as from the final answers that were presented.

One of the key issues brought up was that it is important to stay current with new developments related to the applications by visiting the customer portal on Exact's website on a regular basis. Once you log into the customer portal, you should go to the Progression Series Support Area for hot topics, info mine, downloads, reference library and more. This is a very useful area of the portal that is probably underutilized by most of us.

Group Business:

I want to thank Kevin Goulding and Finelite, Inc. for generously hosting our meetings in 2004. In 2005, they will again host 2 of our meetings. GL Mezzetta has agreed to host 2 meetings in their Napa

facility and I will be sure to identify hosts for the remaining meetings.

We have set a tentative agenda for the 2005 meeting schedule:

- April 14; GL Mezzetta, Napa: **F9 and Vision** product demonstrations
- June 9; TISF, Burlingame: **Business Analytics - the new product from Exact**
- August 11: **BOM, POP and Shop Floor Control applications.**
- Oct 13: **Warehouse Management System and bar code integration**
- Dec 8: **Web Orders and Web Views**

Please be sure to mark your calendars.

EMUG web site

Exact is now providing resources to maintain the user group web sites. Please check out www.emug.org for the link to our site. We will post all of the prior newsletters and other presentation materials there. There are also links to the Exact customer portal, Exact authorized VARs, archived editions of Softwire and more.

Next meeting: Thursday April 14 meeting. 12:00 - 2:30

Hosted by: GL Mezzetta
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Topic: F9 and Vision product demonstrations - Michael Silmont, of Systems Union Inc. will be on site to demonstrate the F9 and Vision products. F9 allows you to dynamically link information in your spreadsheets to Progression's GL module for financial reporting. Vision is a business intelligence tool that allows you to drill down into other Progression modules for business reporting.