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December Meeting

Wednesday, December 11th, 2013

Presenter: Edward Lee, Field Applications Engineer, QNX Software Systems (a subsidiary of BlackBerry)

Topic: QNX, what makes it an embedded software

Most people do not know anything about QNX; and for the some that do, they know it as the software company that was acquired by BlackBerry, to be used in their latest BB10 smartphones. What is really unknown to a lot of people, is the fact QNX has been providing a reliable and safe operating system environment for embedded systems since the early 1980's, and it has been in use by just about everyone, just about every day, but people just do not know about it.

QNX's coup de gras is its real time performance and reliability. In today's disposable society, one of the popular topics in recent years is the quality of consumable goods, and those that are manufactured in China. The maturity of consumers today has grown from not only associating the richness of features with cost, but also the quality of the product. Unfortunately, software systems are not measured by cost, but what is inside; and whenever there is a decision on which software platform to choose for a mission critical system, they always want to use QNX.

Wednesday, January 8th, 2014

Presenter: Mark Shainblum

Topic: My Word! Free, low-cost and specialized alternatives to that word processor.

(subject to change):

- 1- General-purpose word processors (All free)
- 2- Online word processors (All free)
- 3- Word processors for authors and scriptwriters (Some free, some commercial)
- 4- Word processors for science and academia (Some free, some commercial)

OPCUG is seeking presenters for future meetings. Could you give a presentation, or do you know someone who could, on genealogy or video gaming?

Please contact Jocelyn Doire (jocelyn.doire@opcug.ca) if you can help.

December Raffle

Courtesy of the Microsoft MVP Program, we have a **Microsoft LifeCam VX-6000**.

This web cam can handle video at 1.3 megapixels (1280x1024) and still photos at 5 megapixels. Its wide-angle lens gives a 71 degree angle of view and you can zoom up to 3 times (digital). The built-in noise cancelling microphone provides crystal-clear sound.

Note: the VX-6000 is not compatible with Windows 8.

Tickets are, as always, a good deal at \$1 for one, a great deal at \$2 for three or the unbelievable bargain of \$5 for ten!

November Prize Winner

Congratulations to **Steve Georgopoulos**, one of our newest members via our presentations at the Ottawa Public Library. Steve won our raffle at the November meeting and took home a Microsoft Arc Wireless Keyboard courtesy of OPCUG President, Chris Taylor.

Thanks Chris and enjoy your prize Steve.

Next Meeting: **WEDNESDAY, December 11th, 2013**

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Group Meetings

OPCUG meets on the second Wednesday in the month, except July and August, at the Canada Museum of Science and Technology, 1867 St. Laurent Blvd, Ottawa. Meetings are 7:30–9:00 p.m. and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) go until 10 p.m.

Parking is available at the museum for a flat fee of \$3 after 5pm. Limited street parking is available for free.

Details at <http://opcug.ca/public/regmtg.htm>

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2013 CALENDAR

Meetings	Date	Time and Venue
OPCUG General Meeting	Wednesday, December 11 th	7:30 p.m. Auditorium of the Canada Museum of Science and Technology , 1867 St. Laurent Blvd. http://www.sciencetech.technomuses.ca/english/index.cfm
Beginners' SIG	Wednesday, December 11 th	Immediately following the OPCUG General Meeting.
Linux / Open Source SIG	Wednesday, December 11 th	Immediately following the OPCUG General Meeting.
Beer BOF (Wing SIG East)	Wednesday, December 11 th	10:00 p.m. (after all other SIGs) at Liam Maguire's, St. Laurent Blvd. at Innes Rd.

Please note that unless otherwise noted, SIGs meet at 9:00 p.m. (immediately following the OPCUG General Meeting).