



Welcome to the Virtual IMS user group newsletter. The Virtual IMS user group at www.fundi.com/virtualims is an independently-operated vendor-neutral site run by and for the IMS user community.



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Whatever happened to the Virtual IMS user group?

Firstly, let me welcome you back to the new-look Virtual IMS user group.

Much like BMC sponsors the IMS Listserv at <http://imslistserv.bmc.com/scripts/wa-BMC.exe?LOGON>, so our user group needs support.

We are lucky that Fundi Software has stepped in and agreed to sponsor us.

Who are Fundi?

Fundi Software is an Australian software product development company. Established in 1982, Fundi is today one of the leading

providers of tools for IMS and CICS systems.

Taken from the Zulu language, Fundi means “expert”. The name reflects Fundi’s desire to be acknowledged for expertise and excellence.

Fundi Software is committed to developing superior products recognized for innovation, quality, and value.

Fundi Software has established strategic relationships with leading international software vendors including IBM. Through those alliances, Fundi Software delivers software products to the world.

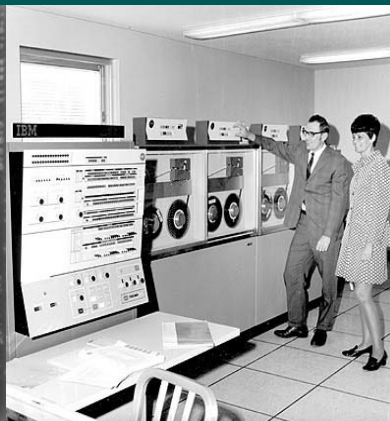
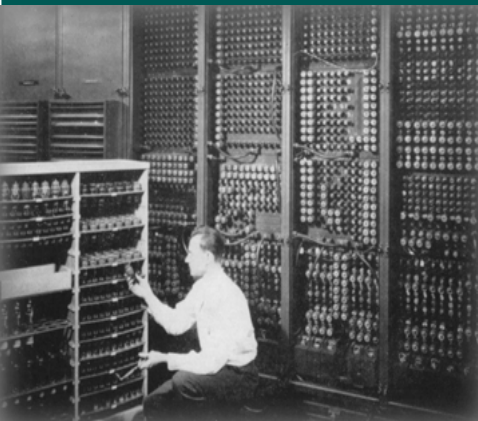
Fundi Software specializes in products that enhance the manageability, performance, usability, and productivity of the OS/390 and z/OS platforms. These products are used world-wide by many Fortune 1000 companies.

Fundi Software is an IBM development partner, therefore in most instances customer contact is handled through the IBM international marketing and product support network.

We are all very pleased that Fundi has become involved with the user group, and through that involvement made it possible for us to continue providing regular speakers and newsletters, and also maintain the Web site as a one-stop shop for IMS professionals.

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Meeting dates

The following meeting dates have been arranged for the Virtual IMS user group:

- 8 February 2011 – Jim Martin, Fundi Software. “Solving the problem when IMS isn't the cause”.
- 12 April 2011 – Ron Hauptert, Rocket Software. “Simplify and improving database administration by leveraging your storage system”.
- 14 June 2011 – Ronnie Parker, Logic Online Inc. “The ripple effect of making changes”.

We will be using GoToMeeting from now on. Full details of what information you need will be published in the next newsletter.

Recent IMS articles

IMS and Cloud Computing by Trevor Eddolls in zJournal. You can find the article at www.mainframezone.com/it-management/ims-and-cloud-computing.

Virtual IMS on Facebook and Twitter

As usual, you can stay up-to-date with all that's happening in the IMS world and with what's happening with the

Virtual IMS user group by following us on Twitter or becoming a Fan on Facebook – as well as by checking the Web site regularly.

You can find us on Twitter at twitter.com/VirtualIMS.



You can become a fan on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Virtual-IMS-Connection-user-group/282385116069.



General availability of IMS V12 still to be announced by IBM.

IMS news

BMC Software has announced the BMC Fast Path Online Restructure/EP solution, which reduces downtime to improve availability of critical IMS Fast Path applications. The product enables IMS Fast Path databases to be restructured quickly. Databases remain online during the majority of the restructure process. Full details can be found at www.bmc.com/news/press-releases/2010/customers-reduce-database-downtime-with-new-solution.html.

SOA Software has announced SOLA for IMS, a legacy modernization solution that transforms IMS applications into enterprise services,

allowing the mainframe to be a full participant in an Service Oriented Architecture enabled environment. SOLA for IMS runs independently of any transaction management software, making it ideal for IMS-only environments. SOLA for IMS handles IMS transactions written in COBOL, PL/I, or Natural, with multiple input and output segments. The product also allows any mainframe program to consume services. SOLA's orchestration capabilities allow multiple IMS transactions to be executed on a single trip to the mainframe, reducing latency. Full details can be found at www.soa.com/news/press_detail/soa_software_announces_ibm_ims_transformation_product/.

About the Virtual IMS user group

The Virtual IMS user group was established as a way for individuals using IBM's IMS hierarchical database and transaction processing systems to exchange information, learn new techniques, and advance their skills with the product.

The Web site at www.fundi.com/virtualims provides a central point for coordinating periodic meetings (which contain technically-oriented topics presented in a webinar format), and provides articles, discussions, links, and other resources of interest to IBM IMS practitioners. Anyone with an interest in IMS is welcome to join the Virtual IMS user group and share in the knowledge exchange.

To share ideas, and for further information, contact trevor@itech-ed.com.

The Virtual IMS user group is free to its members.