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From the President

Poor Mans Change Control – Part 2

Let me harp again on the fact that discipline is needed before a good manual change control system can be implemented. And there's not much to it. But each person working on source code changes needs to stick to the change control policy.

Changes can be tracked by setting some carefully placed comment lines in the program source code. I'll call these tag line groups. There are two tag line group types. I'll use C code comment lines (`/*` to begin a comment line and `*/` to end a comment line) to illustrate. Use this same comment code concept with other types of source code.

The first tag line group is set up at the beginning of the program source code and looks like the following:

```
/* STC Local changes                                */
/* proj#0001 rlb 10/12/2004      Add the addition code for fields a and b */
/* proj#0002 dlc 11/05/2004      Correct the invalid addition sums from */
/*                                a + b to a + b + c                        */
```

The field 'STC' is the company code abbreviation. In fact, the 'STC Local Changes' comment line is added the first time that local code changes are implemented. The fields 'proj#0001' and 'proj#0002' are the project tracking numbers that are assigned when changes are put into effect. By using 'proj#' in the tag line groups, we can later scan for this character string to see all project entries.

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The Board of Directors... What they Did...

**Evergreen Chapter, AITP
Board of Directors Meeting**
13 September 2005
Tony Roma's, Lynnwood



tee – Dave Chapin – Sending out three to four “issues” per month as chapters forward details of their meetings and events.

Present: Association Director and Chapter President, Robbin (Ol'Dogg) Boston, CDP; Treasurer and Immediate Past President Kim Fischer, CDP; Secretary, David M. Chapin, CSM (President Elect)
Excused absence: Executive Vice President, Byron Thom and Director: Jillian H. Chapin.

Approval of **August minutes** as published in the September *Random Access*.

Officer Reports:

Association Director – Robbin Boston – Mr. Boston will be in South Carolina during the Region 2 Director's meeting in Anchorage and is looking for a chapter member who would like to travel to Anchorage and represent the chapter at that event. Requirement: Must be a scotch drinker.

President – Robbin Boston – To be published

Executive Vice President – Byron Thom – No report

Secretary – David Chapin – To be published

Treasurer – Kim Fischer – To be published

Immediate Past President – Kim Fischer – No report

Region Events Exchange Commit-

Association E-Communications Committee

– Dave Chapin reported that the **eComm Committee** has resurfaced and is up and running discussing the Association's communications efforts to the membership. Dave Chapin was recently drafted to the **Membership Retention Committee**. This committee is discussing the offering of Life Membership, multi-year membership bargains, spouse membership, and what these options could/would do to capture the 2-5 year members who make up the largest dropout group.

Committee Reports:

Advertising – Byron Thom – No report

Auditing – Robbin Boston – Next scheduled Audit is August 2005. Completion of the audit is awaiting resolution of a \$209 check from the Association.

Awards – Jillian Chapin – **2004 COPA** report submitted. Awaiting results. **2005 COPA** Progress: As of **13 September 2005**. Education, 0 points of the 6 points required for 0% of goal; Membership and Membership Retention – a problem; Public Relations, 269 points of the 12 points required for 2,241.7% of goal; Meetings, 42.0 points of the 18 required for 233.3% of goal; and Association

Participation, 120 points of the 12 required or 1,000% of goal.

Bylaws – Dave Chapin – No outstanding requests.

Community Service – Byron Thom – Mr.

Fischer reported having served in the Call Center for the “Shelter From The Storm” telethon.

Education – Dave Chapin – No current activity.

History – Dave Chapin – Two on going projects (without progress... Scan the original Chapter Charter Certificate for Ol’Dogg Boston, and Work continue on making a list going back to the 1980’s of meeting dates, speakers, topics, and attendance numbers.

House – Jillian Chapin – No meeting.

Membership – Robbin Boston – 7 members are listed as active on the Association’s database (roster pulled 9/13/05). The single member from the Edmonds Community College Student Chapter has expired and been replaced by a new Student Chapter member.

Nominating – Dave Chapin – Next activity – Committee forms June 2006.

Program – Kim Fischer – November 17: Contact made through Rick Bart, Snohomish County Sheriff. Working on getting a representative of that department to speak on “From the viewpoint of Law Enforcement, what should those of us in IT be doing to reduce the instances of Identity Theft.”

Publications – Dave Chapin – See issue deadlines.

Random Access Publication/Submission Schedule:

Program Month	Info Due	RA Pub	Mtg Date	BoD Date	
Oct 2005			Oct 29	Boston =>	64
Nov 2005	Oct 31	Nov 4	Nov 16	Nov 16	
Dec 2005	Nov 14	Nov 18	No mtg	Dec 13	Early
Jan 2006	Jan 2	Jan 6	Jan 19	Jan 19	
Feb 2006	Jan 30	Feb 3	No mtg	Feb 21	
Mar 2006	Feb 27	Mar 3	Mar 16	Mar 16	
Apr 2006	Apr 3	Apr 7	No mtg	Apr 18	
May 2006	May 1	May 5	May 18	May 18	
Jun 2006	May 29	Jun 2	No mtg	Jun 20	
Jul 2006	No newsltr		No mtg	Jul 18	
Aug 2006	Jul 31	Aug 4	No mtg	Aug 15	
Sep 2006	Sep 4	Sep 8	Sep 21	Sep 21	
Oct 2005	Oct 2	Oct 6	No mtg	Oct 17	

Public Relations – Dave Chapin – Working with Pete West, Membership Chair for the Puget Sound Chapter, we’ve designed two tri-fold membership recruiting brochures. Now we need to come up with some interesting ways of getting these into the hands of potential members. Plan 1, equip current members with copies to distribute. One of the two brochures when first posted to the web contained a typo (one bullet point’s continuation line given a second bullet). This has been fixed thanks to the sharp eyes of Mr. Russ Herman. [Russ: Boston said to convey to you that his handicap, in the space of one year has ballooned from 19 to 29.]

Roster – Kim Fischer – The next roster publication is scheduled for January 2006.

Spy – Puget Sound Chapter – The PS Chapter cancelled it’s scheduled August meeting and counted the Joint Chapter BBQ as their August meeting. The spy will be in attendance at their September meeting next week.

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Continued from page 2 group will look as follows:

The fields 'rlb' and 'dlc' are the initials of the analysts who worked on the project. Lastly, the comment line is filled out (or extra comment lines are added) to describe the project changes. As new projects require changes to program source code, simply add the project number, the analyst initials, the date of the changes and some description of the type of change that the project requires.

```
/* D = A + B                                proj#0002 */
D = A + B + C                               /* proj#0002 */
```

The first line of this tag line group states that the person who worked on proj#0002 (dlc on 11/05/2004) commented out the erroneous (or obsolete) code and the second tag line shows the corrections that proj#0002 entailed. There may be many of the second types of tag lines depending on the amount of changes that happened to a particular piece of code.

The second tag line group shows up at the point of the program that the change actually occurs. It can come in two flavors. If the project change involves additional code, the tag line group can look like the following:

That's all there is to implementing the poor mans change control. In the next article, I'll refer back to the components of this article to describe some of the

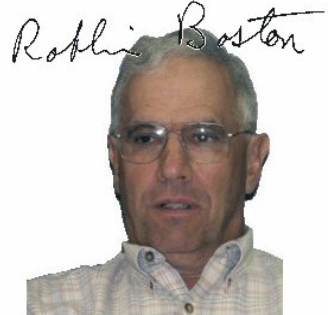
```
D = A + B                                0001 add a control field D */
```

useful way that poor mans change control can be

evaluated.

Notice how the proj0001 field in this tag line group foats back to the proj#0001 line in the first tag line group. I can tell from this line that rlb put this change into effect on 10/12/2004.

If the project change involves alterations to the existing code, the tag line



Robbin L. Boston
Evergreen Chapter President

[And mainframe JCL/COBOL guru in transition, Ed.]

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Newsletter Awards

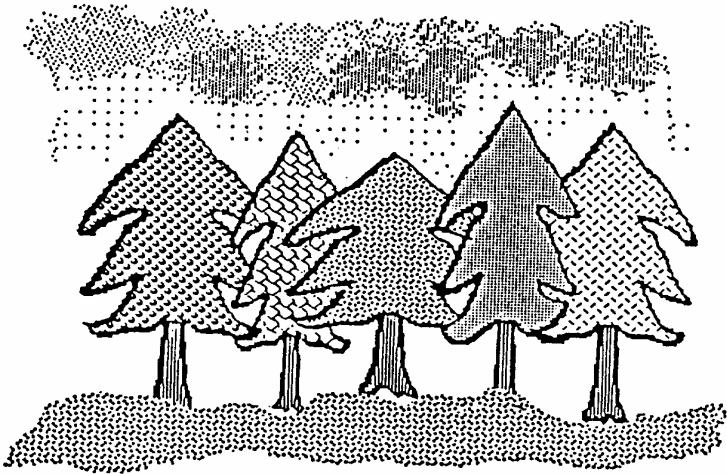
1st Place 1982	1st Place 1996
4th Place 1983	1st Place 1997
2nd Place 1984	1st Place 1998
2nd Place 1985	1st Place 2000
2nd Place 1992	1st Place 2003
2nd Place 1995	

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Chapter Outstanding Performance Awards

1974-75	1981	1991	1996	2000
1976-77	1984	1992	1997	2001
1978	1989	1993	1998	2002
1979	1990	1995	1999	2003



Bronze	Silver	Gold	Emerald	Diamond	Double Diamond	Triple Diamond
R.Boston	R.Boston	R.Boston	R.Boston	R.Boston	R.Boston	D.Chapin
B.Burkett	P.Byrum	P.Byrum	D.Chapin	D.Chapin	D.Chapin	R.Boston
P.Byrum	D.Chapin	D.Chapin	J.Chapin	J.Chapin	I.McLeod	
D.Chapin	J.Chapin	J.Chapin	K.Fischer	E.Lysen		
J.Chapin	S.Coopey	S.Coopey	S.Coopey	D.Kaetel	I.McLeod	
S.Coopey	K.Fischer	K.Fischer	E.Lysen	H.Young		
K.Fischer	D.Kaetel	D.Kaetel	I.McLeod			
D.Kaetel	K.Krajewski	K.Krajewski	H. Young			Quad Diamond
K.Krajewski	E.Lysen	E.Lysen				
E.Lysen	I.McLeod	I.McLeod				
I.McLeod	S.Rock	S.Rock				D.Chapin
D.Nelson	B.Thom	B.Thom				
M.Reeder	H. Young	H. Young				
S.Rock						
B.Thom						
H. Young						

* Pending

The Evergreen Chapter, AITP has cancelled the Chapter's September meeting.
In its place, we invite you to join some of us at
the Puget Sound Chapter meeting:

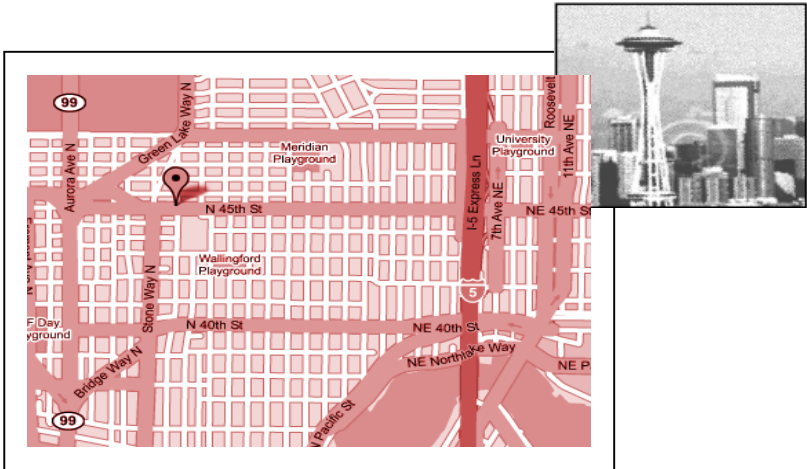
Olympia Pizza and Pasta
4501 Interlake Avenue North
Seattle, WA 98103

Thursday,
October 27, 2005

6:30 PM

As we go to press, we have no further details, but we're sure that there will be information on the Puget Sound website before the meeting.

See www.psaityp.org.



Exit I-5 at 45. Head West to Interlake Avenue North where Olympia Pizza is on the NW corner of North 45th Avenue and Interlake Avenue North.

For your Calendar:



October

6-8 The Association's Annual Convention was to be held in New Orleans... but is now in Columbus.

14-15 Region 2 Director's Meeting, Westmark Anchorage Hotel - Texas Hold'em Poker Party! *Hey, BLT, Sorry you didn't go North?*

18 No Dinner meeting, but a BoD meeting McMenaamin's, Mill Creek. 6:30 PM—No reservation required.

21 The Honolulu AITP Chapter will have guest speaker Dave McDonald, US PACOM, Recent Chief, Intelligence Systems and Architecture Division on "IT Planning and Architecture Case Study."

27 Puget Sound Chapter Meeting — www.pсайтp.org

29 Robbin Lee Boston turns 64 — A Senior Moment!

November

16 Note Change of Date from Thursday the 17th to Wednesday the 16th due to facilities availability...

The Evergreen Chapter will host a Joint Chapter meeting: "What Law Enforcement thinks we (IT) should be doing to prevent Identity Theft." (BoD meeting after the Dinner meeting)



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Student Activities – EdCC – No report

Technical – Dave Chapin – If filler is needed for the next *Random Access* we will write same.

Telephone – Kim Fischer – No meeting. No calls.

Website – Jillian Chapin – <http://cis.acs.edcc.edu/aitp/evergreenchapter/working...> major reworking completed. Now both membership recruiting brochures are available in PDF format AND link to HOT membership application form. Potential members can instantly join the chapter from links provided on our home page.

Continuing Business:

Dave Chapin: Report on the August 20th Joint Chapter picnic... When this was first proposed, the first criteria I put forth was that it be priced to be self-supporting and that neither chapter would be taking a financial hit if the event were not successful. To insure this, the announcements and all discussion started with “pre-payment.” That would make it easy to spend only what came in. However, at the time that moneys should have been requested – shortly after reservations were received, the pre-payment requirement was summarily dropped. The result put us going into the event with a “reservation” count of 19. The actual attendance was significantly less than that.

The detailed report: “Due to people that RSVPed (19-20) and the amount that actually showed up (11), both chapters combined had a loss of \$99.00, accord-

ing to Pete and Beth’s calculation. I believe we took in roughly \$75.00 (cash & check) and \$175.00 was spent on food/beverages. They gave me the \$75.00 towards some of the expense that my wife and I spent on food but we still have a \$99.00 difference.” And we were solicited for half of the loss -- \$49.50. Note that of the 8-9 no-shows, ONE was from the Evergreen Chapter.

At this BoD meeting we found out that not only did we issue a check from the Chapter’s account in the amount of \$49.50, but Mr. Boston wrote and posted a personal check in the amount of \$49.50. So we paid both halves of the loss. While those of us who attended had a good time, the over all event now leaves me with sort of a bad taste.

New Business:

None.

Next BOD location: October 18th, 6:30 PM, McMenamin’s, Mill Creek.

Submitted by
Dave Chapin
Evergreen Chapter Secretary





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Association News:

Coordinator of the “Member Support” Committee and Mark Gilfand, Chair of the “Leadership Development Task Force.”

AITP 2005 National Conference

Scheduled for New Orleans, LA on October 6-8, the Association got very lucky in moving the National Conference to Columbus, Ohio. The agenda for the meeting is: Oct 6: Executive Committee Meeting 9-Noon followed by the Region President’s Council meeting 1:30-5 PM. On Oct 7: Association BoD meeting 8-Noon and the Association BoD 2006 Plan of Work Session 2-5 PM. Then on Oct 8th, 8-12:30 the continuation of the Association BoD meeting and from 2:15-4 PM the AITP Awards and Annual Membership meeting. For more details, see the Association’s website: www.aitp.org.

Association Committees

Ever wonder what’s going on at the Association level in all of those committees you can find listed on the Association’s website? Well, so have we and our curiosity is getting the better of us. So to that end, we sent out invitations to tell us about your committee to the “Teller Committee” via Chair Sam Luke and the “Culminis Relationship Committee” via Chair Kevin Jetton. We’ve heard back from Kevin and you will find his response elsewhere in this issue. As we prepare this issue, we’ve sent the same invite to Jim Henry, Co-

October is Professional Membership Promotion Month

By: [Craig Kennedy](#)

During October, AITP will sponsor a discount-based program similar to the one in March 2005. People submitting applications postmarked during October will receive a \$25 discount from the regular \$105 rate on national dues. In addition, for those joining online, the \$15 one-time processing fee will be waived.

Two resources are available to support your efforts to recruit members. The AITP.org web portal contains several relevant documents on the promotions page, located at: <http://www.aitp.org/organization/profile/promotion/promotion.jsp> In particular, the Benefits Flyer is a good overview of the benefits AITP provides. Printed double-sided, it makes a good handout. The second resource is new. Deborah Lovell has led development of a handbook of chapter success stories and materials chapter leaders have sent her. This "toolkit" is being placed on CD and will be mailed to chapter leaders.

2005 National Election Results

By: [Eric Hawkinson](#)

Posted: 2005-10-01 12:52:10.000

We are pleased to announce AITP's newest Board Members. AITP held our annual elections between August 4th and September 10th. At that point all members in good standing were sent an notification to alert them of the voting process. All winners were notified by the teller committee, and will begin their term on January 1st 2006. Attached are the final totals for the elections.

Voting results for the position of Vice President - President Elect: Teresa Hickerson 195

Voting results for the position of Secretary / Treasurer: Mark Kleine 197

Voting results for the position of Eastern District Director: Darlene Gerber 64

Voting results for the position of Central District Director: Bob Grenier 47

Voting results for the position of Southern District Director: Joe Rocco 18, David Stovall 29

Voting results for the position of Western District Director: Beth Pirrie 38

Once again, we would like to congratulate the winners and look forward to your leadership in the years to come.

- AITP Leadership

Region News:

Anchorage Hosts AITP Region 2 Fall Meeting

AITP Region 2 will have its fall meeting the weekend immediately before the

ITExpo. Friday, October 14 will kick off their meetings with a social mixer at the downtown Westmark Hotel on 5th Ave (across from Glacier Brew house). This event will kick off at 6:00PM, is hosted by Microsoft and we invite all Anchorage AITP members to join us to learn more about what AITP does outside of Anchorage. Informal discussion will be: User Group Strategy – The Windows Server Customer Connection team is working with groups all across Microsoft to deliver a consistent, rewarding experience for User Groups across the company. Join Stefan Weitz and Chandana Hathi as they walk through the V1 and V2 strategies and get your feedback on what we're missing and where we go next.

On Saturday, October 15, the Region 2 leadership will hold its business meeting at 9:00AM at the Westmark Hotel. It is open to all AITP members as well.

Spy:

The Puget Sound Chapter has been pulling in eight to fifteen bodies per meeting and getting visits from vendors looking to either make initial contact with IT managers or get feedback on their products. This has been fortunate as they have also had problems getting announced program speakers to actually show up. It can be a bit of a direction reversal to arrive expecting a Security presentation and leave having had an introduction to a product for remote management of software. However, as we've said several times, we can't remember a meeting's program which didn't eventually prove to be information we needed to do our job.

September was their second meeting in the smorgasbord at a flat \$15 (Check to PGS AITP or cash only) fee covering dinner and coffee or soft drink format. If you need a beer or wine, it's available from the establishment, but that's at an additional charge.

Anniversaries and Awards:

As we do each month, we take this moment to congratulate our members whose anniversary of membership falls at this time of the year. But, we have no members who renewal falls in September. So if you want one of these months to yourself, send in your application right now.

Association Committees: Culminis Relationship Committee

The following is a report that Chair of the Culminis Relationship Committee, Kevin Jetton, CCP, created for the AITP annual membership report that showcases Culminis. It is much more than we had requested but we're very happy to pass it on to you.

I. The Beginning

www.culminis.com

In the fall of 2002, phone calls, con-

ference calls and surveys were initiated by Microsoft which extended into the spring of 2003

Microsoft formed the IITPro Advisory Council. The objective of the group is to support the successful growth, development, education and influence of IT Professional user groups and associations interested in Microsoft IT products and solutions.

In 2004, the group was incorporated as Culminis, Inc. with Kevin Jetton serving as the organizations Secretary

Culminis Mission and Purpose

Culminis represents over thousands of IT professionals in the United States, Australia, Asia, the Pacific Rim, Canada, Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Latin America and continue to grow daily

Culminis is an international non-stock corporation, chartered with supporting the successful growth, development, technical education, community service, and influence of IT Professional user groups and associations interested in Microsoft IT products and solutions.

The fundamental goal of Culminis is to build a partnership between IT Professionals and IT solution providers. The following are our objectives:

- Create meaningful and valuable long-term relationships between IT Professionals and our highly engaged sponsors on a global basis
- Create rich interactive opportunities for members to learn, use, and apply IT solutions of our sponsors
- Drive professional recognition and demand for certified IT Profession-

als

- Grow our representation of IT Professionals internationally
- Improve the satisfaction of our members with our organization and its sponsors
- Gain recognition as a unique and valuable channel for our sponsors to gain insights from IT Professionals in order to improve their products
- Assist our members in growing their organizations and helping their communities

Culminis is committed to building a collaborative partnership between our IT Professional membership and our sponsors that will produce sustainable and measurable benefits for all.

Culminis and AITP

Culminis was at Microsoft's TechEd 2005 events and provided opportunities for attendees to learn more about Culminis as well as AITP.

In fact, I (Kevin) talked to current and potential AITP members while staffing the booth as well as moderating some breakout sessions

Culminis provides ways by which AITP chapters can participate in Microsoft's TechNet Briefings not only through attendance but opportunities to have a table at the event and talk about AITP during the event so as to recruit members

Culminis continues to provide discounts and educational opportunities to AITP members and chapters let alone resources and speakers for chapter, region and association meetings/conferences

Culminis President Dave Sanders and Director of U.S. Operations Ron

Gandiza both attended the 2005 AITP National Collegiate Conference with Ron serving as our Saturday Luncheon Keynote. Ron is also scheduled to speak at ISECON2005 in Columbus, Ohio Additional opportunities for Microsoft software products and testers continue to be offered to AITP members and chapters

Granted, there have been communication issues between Culminis and AITP as an association and well as chapter leaders but efforts are continuing to improve so as to achieve timely and consistent communication of the various opportunities that Culminis can and does provide AITP members and chapters alike



**Let's Just Make It
More Difficult...
Not!**

A disadvantage to having been bouncing around in this industry since 1971 and having been associated with a lot of

different organizations, in this case, Edmonds Community College, is that I get “support” questions for which I have no real or imagined “chain of responsibility”... One of those “you’ve worked with these people... how do I...” questions.

And with that, comes the question “When did we stop answering questions?”

For the definition of “answering” I’ll use: conveying usable information which either directly fills the knowledge requirements of the asker or points them at the information they need. Hey, my brain is full most of the time and I do good to remember where one should look to obtain the details I know are out there but for which I have no immediate use and thus have not committed same to memory.

An AITP example – On the forum, an eastern seaboard chapter secretary posted a question trying to figure out how to put list chapter officers and their email addresses on the chapter’s website without encouraging additional spam from programs which harvest such from websites. He got a ton of answers, all speculating on the need to do so or professing that it could be done with some JavaScript. Two days later, having noted that no one had yet answered the question, I cut the code from the officer’s list on our chapter’s webpage, sanitized it (like replacing the Ol’ Dogg’s name and address with his brother’s – John Doe – and emailed same eastward. It took less time than reading the average response which had told the questioner that it was possible with JavaScript. Is it that all of those

people telling him that it was possible really didn’t know how to do it?

I use to kid that my degrees from the University of Washington were not in Economics or Oceanography, but instead were in Bureaucracy and Registration... Having spent many years figuring how to get through the maze and into the classes I wanted.

So here comes another... EdCC returning student trying to take an Online class, registering at the last minute after the quarter had begun... Have instructor permission, have registration, have text book, have passwords to access course material... Don’t have one more paragraph listing the URL on which to use a password and access course material.

Simple... Email to instructor stating that nothing in the registration or textbook materials say where to go to log in.

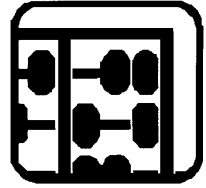
And the answer is www.xxx.edu, right?

Well, yes, but that’s not what the “instructor” replies. Now, I must give the instructor credit for sitting right on the Email button as the student barely clicked send before the “reply” -- note “reply” **not** “answer” came back.

“First, before you register for an online class it is assumed that you read the information under the EdCC Distance Learning site. Once you are registered, you must login to the BlackBoard (Distance Learning) class (access off the EdCC home

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Report of the General Account
for August 2005**
Prepared by Kim R. Fischer, CDP



All accounts were balanced & audited August 27, 2004.

At last report, the Audit was underway and we've had no other financial activity...

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page). As a first-time user, please read and print the login instructions. Once you login, you will have access to all online materials. Detailed information about navigating through the site is posted in the Announcements section AND in the Course Information button. Hope this helps and good luck! g"

A search of the Fall Course Bulletin shed few clues, even after the answer was located elsewhere, and the address to EdCC's BlackBoard was found but it was in directions written by another instructor for access to their class materials (and very obviously written with a tool which had no spell-checking ability, but by far and away of more value than the quote above.

Now, if the goal was truly to graduate with a degree in "Bureaucracy and Registration" then this instructor is well in the course development work. However, as the course title and description were more aligned with a more tradi-

tional educational path, because the instructor couldn't find the time to answer the question... you try it: www.xxx.edcc.edu ...how long did it take to type that? Now try typing the above quote... the student has found another activity at another institution to occupy the time that might have been spent at EdCC.

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