



Caldera - Back to SCO

Labor Day brings with it a "back to" fever, as in "back to school," and "back to work" after summer vacation. Not to be outdone, Caldera announced recently that they are going "back to" SCO, or the SCO Group, to be precise. Caldera recently held their annual GeoForum in Las Vegas, and Greg Grisham and I attended this show. As many of you can attest, most of the shows BASIS attends or hosts are somewhat like a family reunion. Everyone knows everyone else, and we get together to discuss what has happened since we last met. GeoForum was a change of pace, as the attendees were made up of three different segments: existing Customers, or those with whom we speak on an ongoing basis, those who know BASIS but have lost touch with our technology, and those who have no idea who BASIS is and wonder "what's a BBX or BBj?" What a thrill it is to be able to show someone the Chile Company demo for the first time!

Caldera/SCO/GeoForum attendees visit the booths



The attendance was about 400, and those present heard the announcement that Caldera was changing its name back to the SCO Group. SCO also renewed its commitment to support SCO Open Server and its continued progress with Linux and the UnitedLinux initiative. This tied in very nicely with our demos (I love it when that happens), as we demonstrated GUI Linux code, ODBC, JDBC, VPRO5, and a PRO/5 program - all running off of a single license file between a 2000 laptop and a Linux laptop. Oh, the wonders of BBj! Will they never cease?

Opinder Bawa, SCO's Senior VP, Technology, told GeoForum attendees that about 70% of new applications are being written in Java. It sure is nice to be part of the "in-crowd." This GeoForum was definitely a success, and we look forward to borrowing some of these ideas and incorporating them into TechCon2003 to ensure our own conference will be equally successful.

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