



Black Magic

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The bi-monthly newsletter for the Princeton Next User Group.

It's exam time.



This issue is small.

Got it?

Well, here we are at the second issue of Black Magic. Already there are quite a few changes in our Group! We are now officially recognized by NeXT, and are receiving materials from many different vendors regarding their NeXT products. I have been placing many of these brochures in the NeXT cluster (Computer Science Building Rm. 001) We have also been accumulating demonstration software. We currently have demonstration disks for Diagram! and Co-Xist 2.1.1. I have also received a copy of the NeXT video "NeXT vs. Sun: A World of Difference." Who wins in this head-to-head programming face-off? I'll leave you in suspense...

I also have a wide variety of promotional literature, issues of NeXT magazines and literature, etc. If you want to see anything, let me know and I can arrange to get it to you. In particular, you may want to check out BANG, the Bay Area NeXT Group newsletter. As much as I hate to admit it, even Black Magic pales in comparison. Take a look. I will be bringing all of this stuff to meetings as well, so show up!

We have switched to bi-monthly meetings. We received no offers of aid in organizing meetings and writing Black Magic, so we are forced by trivialities such as homework and exams to move to more infrequent meetings. Even so, we can still use your help! Seriously...if you can post fliers, we can use you! Please send mail to me (jeffblum@phoenix.princeton.edu) if you think you can give an hour a week.

The Last Meeting:

At the last meeting, held on November 7, 1991, Alex Cone (President) and Jon Roman came from Objective Technologies to speak and demonstrate their company's programming palettes for use with Interface Builder. These palettes allow formatted data entry, links to the power of the Mathematica kernel, and instant graphing capabilities all combined with the ease of use that Interface Builder offers to all NeXT programmers.

Mr. Cone also touched on some of the highlights of UNIX Expo, which he had just attended. He indicated the popularity of the NeXT booth in a market where nothing phenomenally neat has come out for quite some time, and mentioned that the speed of developing applications on the NeXT was a major factor in this interest. Being able to put together a working application at the Expo while people watched was certainly a good demonstration of this development speed!

Steve Jobs gave the keynote address at the Expo, and apparently talked about the future of UNIX being in a black cube about a foot on a side...

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