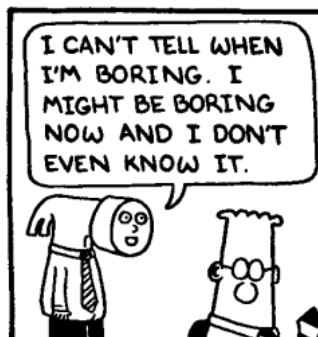# The Fraud Report

.net Fever Crippling Development
Special to the Fraud Report

Microsoft's .net environment has been blamed for depression and illness among product developers nationwide. According to Dr. Luis Sansnet, companies that stick with old technologies face rising health care costs among their development groups. "Developers thrive on new technologies, almost to the same extent that normal people require food. Without a steady diet of things like xml and .net, a developer can become depressed, lethargic, and even show signs of severe stress and illness." Major insurance companies are questioning whether Microsoft's "all-or-nothing" .net approach is wise. Gru Steinbeck, CEO of DeepPocket Healthsource, says his company may be forced to deny insurance to software developers if the trend continues. "When .net was released we lost billions on colds, stomach viruses, and counseling -- 90% of the cases were developers who were exposed to .net but unable to utilize it in their daily work. Companies who cannot control exposure to dangerous health hazards like .net will face pretty harsh terms when they renew their contracts with us." Representatives from Microsoft called the accusations "silly," but admitted that all Microsoft developers have access to .net technology.

Altman Featured on *Dilbert*
Alexandria, VA

Outtask programmer Jonathan "Hammerhead Jon" Altman was recently featured on the comic strip *Dilbert*. Michael Lore, a coworker at Outtask, reportedly "bust a gut" laughing when he tore the page off of his *Dilbert* calendar and read the strip. "I always suspected that Scott Adams worked for Platinum Technology, but I could never prove it until now," said Lore. Altman immediately recognized himself in the strip and admitted granting Adams permission to use his persona.

Retracted

"Wolfman Bret" Heard Down the Halls
Outtask Offices

Developers were surprised to hear barking from their offices in Alexandria, VA. They were even more surprised to find out that it was "Wolfman Bret," a nature-lover-turned-programmer at Outtask. "We've never seen this happen before," says John Love, Bret's manager. "Usually work-related stress just makes them tired."

Panda Mating Expert Poses as Programmer
The National Zoo

In an interview on Channel 7 News, Fred Fredericks revealed that he is really an expert on Panda mating, not the professional programmer he claims to be. "I had a panda coding for me, and no one at Outtask even noticed." Lore says he suspected as much based on code reviews. "Suuuure he did," refuted Fredericks.