

The Fraud Report*

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Outtask CTO Grapples with Skin Disorder

Alexandria, VA

Outtask's CTO John "scarface" Love is grappling with a strange skin disorder that doctors believe is caused by a strain of the *mappis projectis ontu facetis* virus. To the delight of his team, Love says "it's nice to be able to work with IM, e-mail and telephone." When walking the hallways, coworkers frequently consult Love's face for driving directions. "We're all worried we might catch it," says Bret Harris, a coworker who doesn't even work in the same office as Love. "But John claims he caught it while doing an interview about security." Doctors do not believe the virus to be harmful, saying "his skin will return to normal soon. But his reputation...well, after people use your face to find a restaurant, there are just some things that cannot be repaired."



Outtask CTO JOHN LOVE says security is always on the map, because it's a top concern for customers.

Gaming Legend Spanked by Amateurs

Vienna, VA

Gaming legend Andrew "Spank" Csontos failed to spank two rank amateurs in an Unreal 2003 tournament last week. His challengers, AgentQueue and Schw33t, said "You fight like a girl!" Csontos blamed his loss on never having seen the new levels and lag. However, in an exclusive *Fraud Report* photo we captured Csontos hitting the bottle hard over his loss. "Some people just can't take the pressure," said Michael "Schw33t" Lore, owner of the tournament server. "They make excuses, then turn to alcohol." AgentQueue was working on his blog and not available for comment.

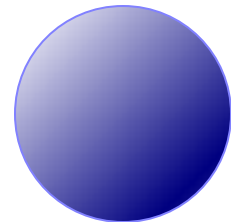


Csontos hits the bottle after his spanking last week.

Lore on the Ball too?

From the "Got Balls?" Dept.

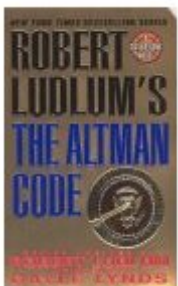
The Fraud Report has learned that Outtask System Architect Michael Lore has purchased a blue exercise ball to sit on, making him the fourth developer to do so. "As a team leader his decision is bound to influence others on the team," said John Lueker who is credited with starting the blue ball craze. Fred Fredericks refrained from commenting by saying "I've seen a lot of stupid shit in my life; this isn't the worst." The pressure to buy a blue ball has nearly cracked holdouts Joe Dunnick and Greg Pons. "I don't want to spend the money" said Pons. Outtask CFO Steve DePasquale is reportedly researching whether blue exercise balls, purchased in bulk, are cheaper than regular office chairs.



Book Review: *The Altman Code*

Genre: Horror

User Cliq, Book Editor



Prepare yourself for a voyage through the most terrifying logic ever put into words (er...XML): *The Altman Code* explains why you should use "a language that doesn't suck" even while poking you in the eye with a VBScript runtime error. This highly technical book dulls your senses with the "10...no wait...12...no wait...26 things you hate about Visual Basic," and teaches you

how to obfuscate your XSL style sheets. Includes the latest W3C blunders. 496 pages; XML/English; XSLT conversion to VBScript; RSS 0.92, 1.0, 2.0; Atom .3.

"The scariest thing I have ever read."
- NY Times

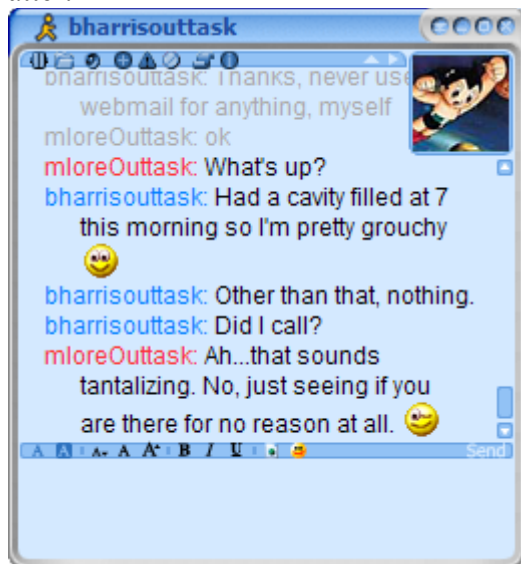
"While reading *The Altman Code*, I got a 'Variable is undefined' message!"
- MikeRoweSoft® Systems Journal

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Harris Replaces Self with IM-Bot

From the "What's the Difference?" Dept.

Bret Harris, Outtask's nature-boy and product developer, has replaced his online self with an IM-bot. IM-bot technology is advancing rapidly, allowing you to program automated responses for regular-expression matches against text. As an example, asking Harris "Are you done?" yields one of several automated responses like "Close," "Almost," or "Not yet, just got back from the dentist." Outtask's management is looking into the matter.



Sample conversation with "bharrisouttask."

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French Canadian new Outtask Coding Standard

by Canadians for World Domination, Inc.



Ever since Outtask completed its translation into French Canadian, more and more software comments have appeared in the strange language. According to

Bruce Elliott, *Canadians for World Domination's* chief evangelist, "Everything is as it should be. The gradual migration of code comments to French Canadian is the result of years of lobbying and hard work. But we now have full agreement about it and the support of everyone who matters." However, Bullwinkle Moose (special investigator for *The Fraud Report*) has learned that most developers didn't realize it was happening. Andrew Csontos said "I was looking at inc_tripItin.asp and thinking, wtf? Where did all this gibberish come from? We thought SourceSafe was corrupted." Michael Lore believes Elliott harnessed a pro-Canadian virus.

Vin Team Releases Internet Performance Meter

via 48k modem



The Vin team is releasing their new Internet performance tester, code-named "VinThinClient." This exciting new tool allows you to test your Internet connection by downloading up to 5 minutes worth of data on a 48K connection, according to Russian hacker Val Gorodnitchev. *The Fraud Report* has learned that this tool is being released under a shroud of controversy. According to an unnamed source (Joe Dunnick), "The project was originally intended to be an Expense Management tool. But when we saw the massive potential for nearly unlimited data downloads, we changed course." *dslreports.com* is currently beta-testing the product. "We've never been able to generate this much real-world data before," said Bahkkar Random of *dslreports.com's* data packing division. "We tried sending down *War and Peace*, but it wasn't enough to saturate connections greater than 10Mbps."

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