The Fraud Report*

New Outtask Hire Designs Snow Vehicle

WeatherTask Exclusive

When new Outtask developer Tim Kwan moved to Virginia, he had no idea what unsavory weather conditions awaited him. "Texas is about a football field's length away from Hell," said Kwan. "Obviously, snow and ice don't survive there."
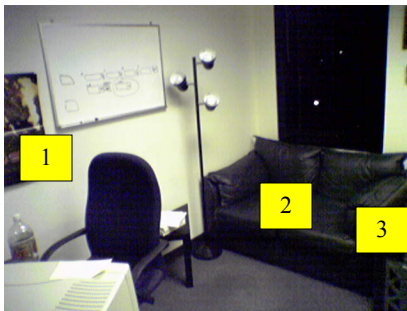

First snow of 2005

Kwan's arrival in Virginia coincided with freezing temperatures and snowy conditions. After sliding around in the driveway, Kwan decided that there must be a better way. "I looked on the Internet and some local car dealers but nobody had a nonslip automobile for sale," said Kwan. Unthwarted, Kwan dug out his old physics textbook and started working. "I quickly realized that it wasn't going to be easy. For one thing, when you put enough spikes on the tires, it damages the road underneath. And if you bolt the tires to the pavement, the car won't move." Kwan is withholding further information until his patents are secured. The *Fraud Report* was able to obtain a photo of his prototype, the *Snow-bee KW-1*.

Snow-bee KW-1

70s Retro Office Lounge Debut

Style

Tsang Tsung, Style Consultant

1. KISS calendar (i.e. hairy men)
2. Leatherette Sofa
3. ~~Sun database server~~ End table

Men were hairy. Faux leather was all the rage. Database servers weighed more than your car. All beer was cheap beer. Although we look back upon the 70s with soul-consuming laughter, Outtask developer Fred Fredericks has daringly created a retro 70s office lounge where he works, has meetings, and invites coworkers for drinks (if ever!). "The basic concept was to get as many free decorations as possible by scavenging around the office," said Fredericks. "There's a reason why things are free," says Andrew Csontos, designer whose "office kitchen" is still in service. Nevertheless, Fredericks' creation is all the rage in the development halls. "Even though the office is really noisy by nature," opines Michael Lore, "it's nice to just sit back, spill your beer on the Solaris box and listen to *History of Vinnet 101*."

Fredericks debuts his creation

Outtask VP Takes Down Blogspot

Hacker-bot Reuters Alternative

Outtask VP John Love has reportedly taken down Blogger's BlogSpot service by creating too many blogs. "We never anticipated that any one user would create this many blogs," claims an anonymous Google employee. Apparently, Love overflowed a database resource, taking down the entire BlogSpot site and annoying thousands of bloggers around the world. In an exclusive *Fraud Report* interview, Google developer S'irch N. Gynne said "a typical blogger will create two or three blogs with hundreds of entries each. Love, on the other hand, created thousands of blogs with one entry each. Doesn't he know you can add entries?" During a feeding frenzy of rage, one blogger created sharethelove.com, a message board where bloggers can gripe about Love's actions. Love was not immediately available for comment, but was heard saying "what happened to my damned blogs?"

KerryToBush.xsl: Csontos Transforms

Useless Drivel

In an amazing reversal, Outtask developer Andrew Csontos has "switched sides" and is now a Bush supporter. "A Kerry win meant everything to me. I moped around for weeks after the loss; listless, unproductive, full of despair and decked out in unwashed black clothing." When asked about the sudden switch, Csontos responded "Well, I guess politics don't really factor into it now...it was just so damned cool to write an XSL transform for Kerry to Bush." Csontos is well-known for his *OneWifeToTwo.xsl* transform which first appeared on Slashdot one year ago. According to Gnot Gunna Whin, spokesman for the DNC, "we'll definitely want to tap Csontos in 2008. we're hoping for a *RepublicanToDemocrat.xsl* for our grass-roots push." Csontos isn't telling if he'll switch back.

Related: Outtask files suit against Bush campaign for lost productivty.

Claiming "extreme loss of productivity" after the Bush win, Outtask is suing the Bush Campaign for winning the 2004 election. Damages are claimed at $1.6B.
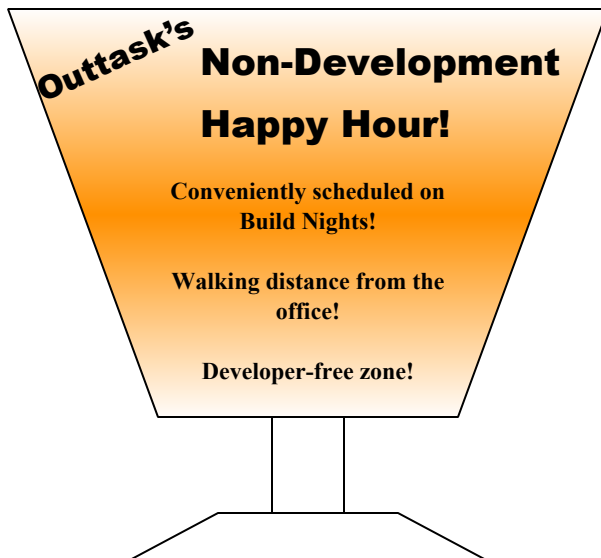
Dunnick Suffers Memory Allergy

Binary Health Report

Outtask developer Joe Dunnick has developed an allergy to computer memory after receiving a memory upgrade. "The PC is just too fast now...I used to use the wait time to take micronaps." Without the micronaps (lasting mere seconds), Dunnick was forced to have a steady caffeine intake to stay alert. Dr. Jum Pi, head of caffeine research at DeFry University, says the allergy isn't to the memory per se, but the effects are the same. "Long exposure to fast, high-memory systems will cause irritability and discomfort in the user."

Outtask's Non-Development Happy Hour!

Conveniently scheduled on Build Nights!

Walking distance from the office!

Developer-free zone!

Survey: Is it photoshopped?

Outtask developers Michael Lore and Dan Cocos are engaged in a raging debate: Did Cocos *really* spray-paint the computer room in his house? "Absolutely not," says Lore. "With Photoshop you can easily add spray paint effects to any image." Lore also noted that the image contains no EXIF data, "further evidence that the photo is a fraud." Lore declined to visit the property in question when invited by Cocos. To participate in this survey, fill out the ticket below or email your answers to mlore@outtask.com (who will "tabulate" the data, bwhahahaaa).
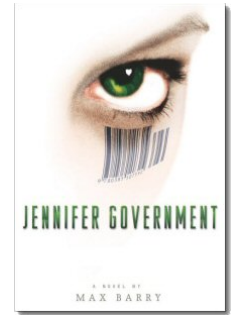
February 2005 Survey

❑ The photo is a fake. Kudos to Lore's BS detector.
❑ Give Dan some credit. He spray-painted the room.

Jonathan Amazon Promoting New Books

~~Literature~~

Jonathan Amazon is busy promoting books around Outtask, including Max Barry's *Jennifer Government*. According to Jonathan Amazon, "The intellectual base at Outtask is amazing; this is certain to turn into huge sales (and big bonuses) as they discover the great books I have to offer." However, John Outtask isn't thrilled that his office is turning into a bookstore: "Put your wallets away and get back to work!" Mike Tivo isn't totally happy with the arrangement either. "I like the *Tivo Hacks* book, but I don't think Jonathan Amazon is genuine the way he dogs Tivo. I don't think I can buy books from someone like that." Geoff Dominion, however, had a different view. "Live and let live. Buy books from him, buy beer from me!" Dominion's stock goes up with each Outtask development meeting, where large amounts of "programmer juice" are consumed. Dan Government is researching Jonathan Amazon's tax status.

Sponge-Bob Interviewed for Senior Position

OpenFire Exclusive

In a rare act of desperation, Outtask has interviewed Sponge Bob Square Pants for a senior developer position. Software Architect Michael Lore was quoted saying "Sponge Bob is a lot smarter than people think. He's porous, quick-thinking, and besides, he fits neatly in an office chair." V.P. of Development John Love indicated that "Mr. Square Pants will basically work for fishburgers. And he doesn't give you any lip when you order him around, unlike our current crew." CEO Tom DePasquale was quoted saying "this is the kind of innovative thinking we need to keep costs low while providing great service to our valued customers. Mr. Square Pants is a welcome addition to our team." Sponge Bob's first assignment will be to integrate submarine travel into Cliqbook using the Subre™ (Secure Underwater Booking Reservation Engine) GDS. According to Square Pants, "travelling in schools is important where I come from." Square Pants is will also be responsible for developing currency conversion, initially for Clams to Dollars.

PUBLIC NOTICE: New bug zapper in effect. Support Supervisor Trey Ruff has implemented a new bug zapper from ZapDev Systems. The bug zapper integrates with Outtask's problem tracking system and allows support personnel to "zap" or electrocute developers responsible for bugs. Purchased options include SuperBolt voltage computation by number of users affected and the CEO button allowing all developers to be zapped at once.

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