

First ever JD Edwards special interest group formed in Australia

Users seek a common voice

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The first ever JD Edwards Special Interest User Group (SIUG) for the property and construction sector was launched in Australia last week.

The announcement was made by Ndevr, which is a JD Edwards partner and announced at Quest, the biggest A/NZ conference for JD Edwards users. Open to all JD Edwards users in the property and construction industry, SIUG will hold regular meetings to discuss strategies and techniques for the most efficient and effective use of the technology.

Ndevr CEO, Maureen Clifford, said SIUG is modelled on the United States version of the group and was established after ongoing feedback from users such as Westfield, Stockland, Dexus and Colonial First state property management. Clifford said these users suggested they could do more to increase the value of the technology by establishing a special interest group specifically for their sector. "The establishment of an affiliated user group enables increased focus on networking and knowledge sharing specific to the members' shared interest," she said.

"This takes place via meetings, conference calls and other interactive opportunities.

"The group members can share their experiences, make contact with other users and also identify product development issues."

Clifford said the group is fully sponsored for the next 12 months allowing users to gain a better understanding of the issues that affect the property sector. SIUG's inaugural meeting was held at the Sofitel Wentworth Hotel and was attended by the newest members of the group - including AMP, Westfield, ING and Centro.

This coincided with the opening night of the A/NZ Quest conference.

Quest has more than 50 000 worldwide users of JD Edwards or Peoplesoft applications, now both owned by Oracle. Clint Osteen, IT director of Granite Properties in the US and president of the Quest USA SIUG for real estate was a guest speaker at the event outlining the importance of the group in Australia.

"It's important for JD Edwards users to be able to approach Oracle with a common voice, as this is what drives product development and improvement," he said. Ndevr is a business and application specialist in enterprise software systems and was incorporated in Australia in 1998. It has a consulting force of 80 staff.

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