

Tech Fair

The hottest gadgets in the biting cold

BCS Computer Show 2003

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EVERY year there are quite a few computer shows in our country, with one of the biggest being BCS Computer Show organised by Bangladesh Computer Society. BCS Computer Show takes place almost every year and attracts a considerable number of people since many companies take this chance to announce their newest products and technologies.

This year the long awaiting seven-day long BCS Computer Show 2003 started with the catchword - 'Where technology meets people' at the Bangladesh

China Friendship Conference Centre (BCFCC) at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in a cold winter morning on January 12. Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan inaugurated the show as chief guest while Post and Telecommunications Minister Aminul Haque and Science and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Secretary Karar Mahmudul Hassan were present as special guests on the occasion.

At a glimpse

At the show, 112 companies are exposing their products in 222 stalls. Among the companies there are 30 software developer companies having 35 stalls, 55

computer hardware companies with 150 stalls, 8 Internet Service Providers (ISP) companies with 12 stalls, 11 ICT based magazines and other companies with 14 stalls.

The hardware Elysium

In spite of the biting cold, the cool hardware gadgets at the 12th BCS Computer Show 2003 attracted a huge crowd everyday. According to the fair authority almost ten thousand visitors including three hundred students from different schools of the city visited the fair. The fair, being held beside the Dhaka International Trade Fair 2003 is also attracting crowds. Many companies have brought new

products on the occasion of the exposition. The one and only Intel 3.06 GHz Pentium 4 processor has been offered by Business Link. DVD and CD writers are among the top picks at the show. Excel technologies has introduced Liteon CD and DVD players and writers. DVD players are priced at Tk. 2700 and 52X CD writers at Tk. 5100. Spectrum, Dolphin, Khan Jahan Ali Computers have introduced clone Notebook computers at a very reasonable price, ranged from Tk. 51,000 to 85,000. Almost every company at the show are offering special discounts and gifts. Apart from these there are digital cameras, combo CD, DVD, MP3 players, surround speaker system, wireless network products and many more cool hardware gadgets. Simply it is a hardware paradise for any tech person.

The software showcase

This year BCS Computer Show has attracted more software houses than ever before. Houses like CSL Software Resources Ltd has introduced their products like Kandaree, an ERP software for garment industry and other packages like ISP Billing, Dena Paona, Dheeraj, Nidhee, Shaktee, Kormee and Shomostee. Enterprise Accounting by Promiti Computers and Network (Pvt.) Limited is a very attractive package. Software companies such as ConnectBD Software, Daffodil Software and many more are also offering some good software and multimedia packages. The most interesting part of the fair is that there are no pirated software sold at the fair.

The gaming zone

If you all recall the gaming revolution of the country Dhaka Racing, the first 3D game developed in Bangladesh, is being marketed at the BCS Computer Show 2003. This full version of the game is being



BCS Computer Show is getting better every year

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offered by eSopers and is priced at Tk. 200. The company has also taken some initiatives to protect their copyright. Another demo of a 3D game developed by CSL Software Resources Ltd can be experienced at the show. The demo is mind-blowing and everyone who sees it will await its release.

Tech education

Almost all the IT training institutes taking part at the BCS Computer Show are offering discounted prices on tech training. Companies like Base Limited, IT dot One Limited, Dot Com Systems, Daffodil Institute of IT are offering special discounts at the fair. Other companies are also offering attractive offers at the show.

ISP paradise

This year's BCS Show seems to be led by the ISPs (Internet Service Providers). The latest trends in Internet connectivity and solutions are offered by these companies. Companies such as DNS Network Systems Limited, Link 3 Technologies Limited, Agni Systems are focusing on high speed internet

solutions such as Cable, radiolink, DSL etc. Other companies such as BCL, Aftab IT are offering prepaid cards. Global Online Services Limited, a Texas Group company launched 'serveU' to ensure 24 hours customers' connectivity with smoother and uninterrupted services.

Seminars and programming contest

Everyday seminar and a programming contest made the BCS Computer Show more colourful and a learning centre for the tech lovers. The seminars also attracted many people towards the fair.

Overall the people of the country have never experienced such a BCS Computer Show in the past. The fair is improving every year and attracting more companies as well as customers. Lets hope every year it will bring more to the tech lovers of the country. The fair will come to an end on January 18.



Even the chill could not keep them home

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Dr. Tech

Dear Dr Tech, I have a problem with my VCD. If I insert a CD in it, NO DISC notification appears on screen. Please tell me what to do

Sabina
Dear Sabina, You could have several different problems.

First off, if it only does it with one CD, you may want to check that CD for scratches. Maybe it is the CD itself and not the drive that is causing the problem.

If you find that it does this with all your CDs, you may need to clean your CD ROM drive. The best way to do this is to try to get a CD cleaning kit and run it in your drive. Now, keep in mind that most CD ROM cleaners are not meant to be run in a computer, so you may run into a snag or two (ideally, find one that is meant for cleaning CD ROM drives, not just CD players).

If you are stuck with a

regular CD player cleaner - The biggest problem with a regular CD player cleaner in a CD ROM drive is that is just will not run. If you can not get the CD cleaner to run on its own, try using the CD Player program. You can get it by clicking your Start button, Programs, Accessories, Entertainment, CD Player. If it shows a track, try to play it.

If that does not get the CD ROM clean (or just does not work), you may need to use some canned air to blow the CD ROM drive out. Be careful with this one though. If you hold the can at funny angle it may spray out some "gunk" that can really mess up the lens on your CD ROM's laser.

If you suspect that the drive itself is bad, you will be out looking for a new drive since there is really no economical way to repair an internal problem with a CD ROM drive. Sorry.

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Tech Contest

When brilliant minds get together

Youngsters' programming contest at the BCS Show 2003

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IT was a contest for the youngsters. The contestants come from schools and colleges. Due to ACM contest, programming contest is not a new concept in the country. However, such contests at the school and college levels were few and far between. This contest was also important from another perspective: it was the first time the BCS arranged such a contest.

Though the declaration of the contest came almost in a hurry before the show, a good number of teams participated in the contest. A total of 24 teams vied for the honours. The number of female participants was also satisfactory. Before the day of the real contest, a mock contest was arranged. On

the contestants. The contest was arranged as per ACM (Association of Computing Machinery) rules. Five problems were given to solve and the allowable programming languages are C/C++, Java and QBASIC. The top three teams solved all the five problems.

Dr. Kaykobad of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) was present at the contest as special guest. He thanked BCS to organise such a contest and emphasised on arranging more contests like this. Dr. Anwar Hossain of Independent University of Bangladesh (IUB) was heading the panel of judges consisting of five other teachers of different technical universities. The top ten teams were awarded with certificates of merit. Twenty four teams participated at the contest and ten teams were



Battle of brains at the BCS Computer Show 2003 programming contest

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Best of the bests

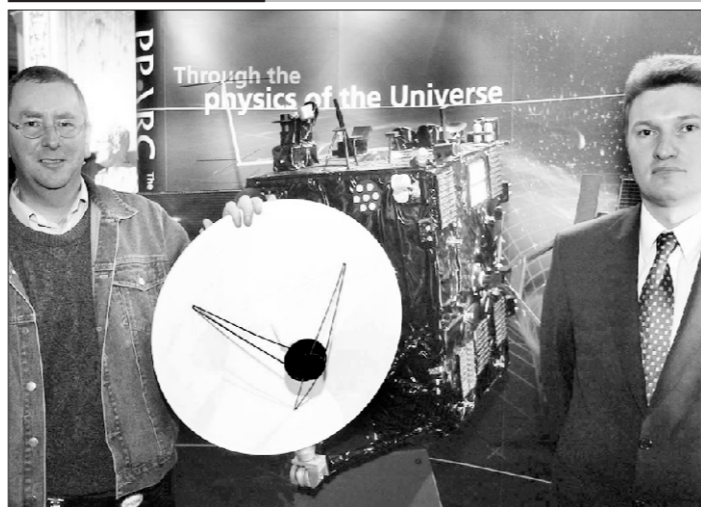
Position	Contestants	Institution	Prize Money	Sponsor
Champion	Manjurur Rahman Khan	Notre Dame	Tk. 10,000	
Daffodil Ltd	Raiyan Kamal	College	Computer	
1st Runner Up	Mohammad Tanvir Al Amin			
7,500	Cyberleap	Tousif Hossain	Maple Leaf Tk	
	SM Abdullah Al Ahsan	International School	Data Solution Ltd	
	Nahian Kashem			

January 14 the three-hour contest started at 12:30pm.

Before the contest, free T-shirts and caps were distributed among

awarded, this was not the success of the contest, the success of BCS lies in their effort to familiarise programming contest in the school

In search of the origin



Dr Ian Wright (L) from the Open University who is conducting a Ptolemy experiment, with Chris Carr from the Imperial College who is conducting a Plasma experiment, which will be part of the Rosetta Space probe, which will be launched later this month, and will embark on an 11 year journey through space, in search of the origin of the solar system.

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Tech Jobs

New Horizons CLC of Dhaka
Post: Deputy Training & Operation Manager(DTOM), Chittagong Branch
Last Date: January 31, 2003

Ministry of Education
Post: Assistant Programmer
Last Date: January 25, 2003

Rajuk Uttara Model School & College
Post: Junior Teacher (Computer Science)
Last Date: January 30, 2003

IT Group

Post: Web Engineer
Last Date: January 19, 2003

(A reputed MNC in IT Business)
Post: Country Operations Manager
Last Date: January 20, 2003

Manarat International University
Post: Lecturer and Assistant Professor in Computer Science and Engineering
Last Date: January 21, 2003

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Tech Snaps

Seminar on Nationwide Broadband Internet Connectivity

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A Seminar on 'Importance of Nationwide Broadband Internet Connectivity' was held on the 2nd day of BCS Computer Fair, 2003 with a good number enthusiastic audience in the Conference Hall of Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre. The seminar was organised by Bangladesh Computer Council in co-operation with Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) Task Force for Development of IT Professionals and Bangladesh Computer Society (BCS). The keynote paper was presented by Engr. M. Shahjahan Khadem, Convener of the IT professional Task force of Engineers Institution, Bangladesh. He presented his paper with a bunch of statistical analysis, technological aspects and clearly projected the spotlight on importance of nationwide high speed internet connectivity. Syed Margub Morshed, Chairman of Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC), said that it would be a great achievement if all the people of Bangladesh are within the reach of internet connectivity. Karar Mahmudul Hasan, Secretary of Science and Information Communication Technology Ministry, emphasised on the concept of e-governance. He expressed that IT should be expanded over all part of the Government, unless development towards IT remains in a frustrating condition. Akhteruzzaman Monzu, Chairman of ISP association Bangladesh, presented the advancement of ISP's to expand the broadband internet connectivity all over the nation. Chairman of Bangladesh Computer Society, Mohammad Sabur Khan and Chairman of BASIS, Habibullah Neyamul Karim also spoke at the seminar.

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High bandwidth Universal Mobile Telecommunications Systems (UMTS) gadgets are installed inside a Mercedes-Benz car being displayed in Singapore 14 January 2003.

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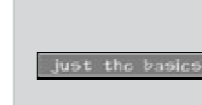
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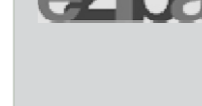
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Star Tech Quiz

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Check the box beside the correct answer

1. Which of the following commands sends out a packet to a specified address and waits for a response?

Ping Traceroute
 Netstat None of the above

2. What type of jack is commonly used for Ethernet networks?

RJ-11 RJ-45
 RJ-31X None of the above

3. Dynamic addressing is a system where the IP address does not change.

True False

Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Last week's answers
1. BUS 2. 100BaseT 3. True
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Please fill this up and send your answers to Star Tech Quiz, The Daily Star, 19 Karwan Bazaar, Dhaka 1215 by January 22, 2003.