

### Tech News

# Aptech turns five

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### Programming contest and software display with festivity

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HE IT training scenario in Bangladesh changed when Aptech first stepped in. Before that there was limited opportunities to improve and acquire IT skills. Aptech started their operation in Bangladesh at Dhanmondi in collaboration with Axiom Technologies Ltd in October 1997.

Aptech celebrated their 5th year anniversary in Bangladesh on November 4, at IDB Bhaban through a day long activities of software display, final phase of a Programming

Contest, seminar on different IT topics and a award giving ceremony. **Programming Contest** The day started with a programming contest among the students of 43 centers of Aptech all over the country. It was the final phase of a programming contest. The preliminary round of the contest was conducted at the centers. Teams working with Java. Visual basic and Java Script were selected for the final phase. 76 participants contested in final round in the three categories out of 500,

Each team having two members had to resolve 5 problems in a speci-fied time. A panel of internal & external judges evaluated the contest. The contest was coordinated by Zakir Hossain Sarker, Country Academic Head, Aptech Worldwide BD I td

#### Software Display

Software developed by Aptech stu-dents from all over the country were displayed as a part of the celebration programme. Students developed these software as part of their project. The best twelve software who took part in the contest in all vere on display. It was indeed a rare

opportunity for the students to be able to exhibit their creativity and get feedback on their work. The software display was coordinated by M. Xane Alam, Head, Software Solutions, Axiom Technologies Ltd. Most of these software were done in Visual Basic, SQL Server, Access and Java. Software such as, Online examination system, Cyber Café management, HRM, Gas Filling station, School management software, Traffic Management etc. were on dis-

Award Giving Ceremony The daylong celebration programme came to an end with the award giving ceremony. Minister for Sci-ence and Information & Communication Technology, Dr. Abdul Moyeen Khan was present as chief guest and gave away the awards to the winner of the Programming Contest. Sabur Khan, President of Bangladesh Computer Samity and Habibullah N. Karim, President, BASIS were also present as special guests. In his speech, the chief guest emphasized on hard work and asked the students to look forward towards the future. He revealed the government's plan to spread IT in everv corner of the country. He also said that steps have been taken to make Internet available in the villages. He praised the spreading IT education through private sector.

Overall it was a successful fiveyear celebration programme. Private sector initiatives can spread the IT education and take our country towards a better future, but we have to look forward to the quality of the education and only a few institutions can provide that.

## A new gateway

Weeny Soft launches education portal

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EENY Soft Ltd has www.educationdesk.com is formally launched an developed and maintained by education portal of Weeny Soft Ltd, a local IT country solutions company that www.educationdesk.com on develops software products and November 16 at IDB Bhaban provides outsourced R&D



Dr. Jafor lqbal speaking at the inauguration ceremony

auditorium. Dr Jafor Iqbal inaugurated the portal as chief guest while managing director Hasmot Alam and chief technical officer

Nazrul Islam of Weeny Soft Ltd has information and technical implementation for students, was also present. The main purpose of teachers as well as IT profeswww.educationdesk.com is to sionals. The portal is a knowledge house where everyone traverse the entire present education sector into ecan share knowledge and Education. All kinds of educainformation.

solutions to companies all

open a vast new opportunity in

the field of education for all. It

This portal is expected to

around the globe.

## Tech Snaps

### Style & Beauty

Web portal www.bangladeshinfo.com has organised an online "Eid Fashion Exhibition" ahead of the coming Eid-ul-Fitr, showcasing well-designed wears of different fashion houses, says a press release.

With names of models and designers, descriptions of dresses and addresses of the sales centres, the Eid Fashion Exhibition site contains photographs and prices of 91 Salwar-Kamiz, 76 Panjabis and 93 Sarees, designed by 12 fashion houses

Visitors of the show in Internet will vote to choose the best design from each fashion house and the names of the winners will be put on display on the site under Bangladeshinfo's fashion channel Style & Beauty. Updated on November 13, the Eid Fashion Exhibition will cater to the needs of the customers until the Eid day.

Participating fashion houses are Banglar Mela, Pride Textile, Grameen Uddog, Anjan's, OG, Grameen Samogree, Perfect Textile, Rang, Tant, Sada Kalo, Bibiyana and Bunan.

### Photo Tech



An employee of the Coruna Marine Aquarium, created following the Egee Sea tanker in 1992, cleans the rocks 20 November 2002, in La Coruna. The first sign of trouble at the huge marine aquarium on Spain's oil-slick threatened coast, come on Sunday, when the resident seals clambered out of the water and refused to get back in, staff said. Staff is now fearing for the 2,000 fish from 150 species it houses, as more oil from the sunken tanker Prestige threatens to wash up on the coastline

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#### Teams trying to solve the problems, a fight against time.

#### Dr. Tech

Dear Dr. Tech, I uninstalled some windows programmes from Control Panel's Add/Remove Programmes, some of them are gone but the entry is still there. Please tell me what to do. Arafat

#### DearArafat,

This is a common problem. Most people click the program, hit the Add / Remove button and end up with an error. And the program is still stuck on the list. It may have been removed from your computer, but its ghost seems determined to stay on.

So, is the program listing there forever? Can you ever get rid of it? YES - but you have to play around in your system

#### Hit Enter. 2. Your registry editor should now be up and running. Now would be a good time to back up your registry by hitting the File menu, Export Registry. Just

in case 3. OK, now navigate to: HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\ Software Microsoft Windows

CurrentVersion/Uninstall 4. Under this Uninstall folder. vou'll see all the stuff that's listed on the Add / Remove programs list. Find the folder for the program that's stuck in your Add / Remove programs box, right-click, and select Delete from the resulting menu.

Now, go back to your Control Panel, Add / Remove programs

## IBM in \$290 million supercomputer deal

REUTERS, New York IBM Corp. on Tuesday said that

it had signed a \$290 million federal government contract that includes a supercomputer called ASCI Purple that is eight times faster than its current computer used for nuclear

testing. The contract also includes a second supercomputer that the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Agency's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory announ-

Brain speed upercomputer



registry.

Before we go any farther, I want to say that messing with your registry is not for everyone and should only be attempted by advanced users. If any of the information below doesn't make sense to you, it's probably **NOT** a good idea for you to be trying this tip. Here's the procedure:

1. Run your registry editor by hitting the Start button, Run, Then type regedit

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Last week's answers

Winner: Murshed

"No matter how many times I empty the trash,

when I go out to the kitchen the can is still full!"

2. Which of the following is currently a hard disk drive manufacturer?

Check the box beside the correct answer

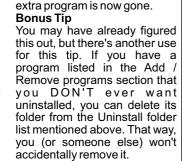
3. What does the term IRQ stand for?

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64, Shukrabad, Dhaka 1207

Interrupt Request Que

Input Request

Gene/L. It will be used in weather modeling, such as simulating an entire hurricane. ASCI Purple will run at 100 teraflops, or 100 trillion

calculations per second, eight times faster than its current supercomputer ASCI White and at a speed equivalent to the human brain, IBM said. ASCI Purple will include

12.000 Power 5 computer chips, the next version of IBM's proprietary PowerPC chip.

The majestic ASCI White

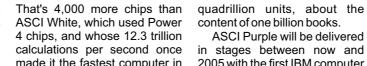
That's 4,000 more chips than ASCI White, which used Power 4 chips, and whose 12.3 trillion calculations per second once made it the fastest computer in the world.

It will include 50 terabytes of memory, or 50 trillion units, and two petabytes of storage, or two quadrillion units, about the content of one billion books.

in stages between now and 2005 with the first IBM computer Blue Gene/L will focus on

predicting global climate

#### Future ech



server arriving next year. research in areas such as

spheric chemistry and pollution. When completed in 2005 Blue Gene/L will run at 360 teraflops, or 360 trillion calculations per second based

on sets of two microprocessors working simultaneously.

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Much-hyped 'Human Transporter' for sale on Amazon

#### REUTERS, New York

EGWAY LLC, makers of a much-hyped electricpowered scooter that has captured the imagination of many technophiles, said on Monday that consumers could begin ordering the pricey vehicles on Amazon.com.

Two years after rumors of its existence set the high-tech world abuzz, the Segway Human Transporter has gone on sale for \$4.950 on Amazon.com. the companies said in a statement. Deliveries start in March on a first come, first served basis.

The Human Transporter is a self-balancing, high-tech chariot compact enough to be driven on sidewalks. The device looks like a lawn mower, but it is driven instead of pushed.

"The Segway Human Transporter is one of the most famous and anticipated product introductions of all time," Jeff Bezos, chief executive and founder of Amazon.com, said in heralding the availability of the vehicles on the online retailer's site.

leaders whose blessing for the mysterious device once known as It" helped spark widespread whose innovations include a stairanticipation of what advocates said could represent a revolutionclimbing wheelchair and a portable insulin pump. Further details can ary breakthrough in human b e transportation: one that could (http://www.segway.com). eventually replace cars, scooters,

#### even bicycles

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A spokeswoman for Segway, Christmas.

restrictions.

Bezos was one of the high-tech



OTO: REUTER аt Boston police officers Vincent Stancato (L) and Kevin Griffith try out the Segway device



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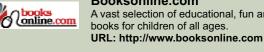
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