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Greetings:

There are just four items in this December 2007 announcement:

- Free Metabase System
- Update to the Metabase System
- Short Paper and New Book
- Data Interoperability COI Book 2nd Edition.

The Whitemarsh metabase system is now free. Requests for downloads of the Single-User and Single-Metabase version can be submitted to Whitemarsh from the website. The link is from the front page.

A new version of the Metabase System has been posted. The ReadMe file for this new version is posted to the Metabase page. Existing Metabase System users will be getting an email indicating how to download just the updated parts of the Metabase System.

A new Short Paper, Quality Data-Centric Engineering and Management, has been published. This paper was derived from a six-month consulting assignment with a large East-coast health insurance company. The project's results will be employed by hundreds-of-thousands of on-line users. In this project, quality was absolutely essential and was defined in terms of Validity, Reliability, Repeatability, and Auditability. This paper describes each and includes with a work-plan for their specification, implementation, and assessment.

The Data Interoperability Community of Interest Handbook has been released in a second edition. Added to the book are Problems and Exercises at the end of every chapter. Also added is a comprehensive Return on Investment model that shows that the COI approach costs 50% of the Stove Pipe approach, and when adding one additional community and/or significant database to the interoperability environment, the cost is only about 10% the cost of the Stove Pipe approach. Also, check out a good review of the COI book.

Work is well underway in the new book, Data Semantics Management. Hopeful publication of this book will be early next year. A table of contents and Chapter 1 will be published in January.

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