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CLUSTER COMPUTING: "INTERESTING AND HELPFUL"

Members of the College of Business Cluster Computing Research Project presented their research at the Federation of Business Disciplines. This year the conference was held in St. Louis, MO, March 6-9, 2002.



Management Information Systems Senior, Mark Cheeseman presented the team's research along with Dr. Fred Kitchens. The presentation, entitled "*Cluster-Computing as a Hands-On Classroom Project In Networking*," focused on resource requirements, sources of equipment, and a sample curriculum. The presentation was received exceptionally well by the attending audience. One attendee, Gary William from Western Carolina University's department of Computer Information Systems and Economics stated, "*The presentation about cluster computing was the most interesting and helpful session at the conference.*"

The team has made several presentations over the past few months, most recently at the Muncie Noon Rotary club. Here, the team presented the project to members of the Muncie business community. After answering an unusually large number of questions from the audience, the team later found out that many of the questions were from members who seldom ask questions, according to Rotary President, Al Rent.

The team is looking forward to future opportunities to talk with community members at events such as the *EXPO 2002* sponsored by the Muncie-Delaware County Chamber of Commerce in April, and at Ball State's *UniverCity* in September.

To learn more about current activities of the Cluster Computing Research team, visit the project website at: www.ClusterComputingResearch.com, or ask any of the team members.

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NOTE: On Tuesday, March 19th, Fred Kitchens was interviewed by Channel 6 regarding his "Cluster Computing" project which aired on the March 20th evening news.

WAY TO GO FRED!!