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**** Events: Desktop Create: Awards 2009 DC09 Melbourne ****

DataBasics is a proud sponsor of the 2009 Create: Awards - the Awards Ceremony is in Melbourne on Friday 28th August 2009 - more at <http://www.createawards.com.au>

Tickets are now available for the 5th Desktop Create: Awards - a design industry event specifically set up to recognise and reward creative professionals for their work within the highly competitive creative industry. Create: recognises and awards Australia's best talent in all areas of design: illustration, photography, website design, animation, print, multimedia, packaging and emerging talent.

Winners will be published in the September 2009 issues of Desktop and Marketing magazines (released at the Awards Ceremony).

With your ticket comes a **DataBasics Voucher for a special HALF PRICE offer on the brand new Canto Cumulus v8 Single User!** Your price = **\$297 ONLY!** (regular RRP = \$594 incGST.)

**** Events: GASAA - PODi AppForum & Expo - Sydney 15-16 September ****

Registration is NOW OPEN for this years PODi AppForum & Expo Sydney 2009, Tue 15 and Wed 16 September, plus GASAA's popular 1/2 day Solution Selling Intensive with international expert Kate Dunn on Monday 14 September. To be held at the Sydney Masonic Centre, Goulburn St.

The 3rd annual regional event for the PrintonDemand Initiative (PODi) will bring together the very best in digital print.

DataBasics will be at **Exhibition Stand 6** showing Printable's FusionPro range of products. Come see us to pick up your FREE Printable flashdrive!

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Check out the latest variable data, web to print, and personalised URL solutions from Printable.

For program details and registration, see <http://www.podi.com.au/appforum09.html>

Canto Cumulus news and updates

Canto plans to release an update to all Cumulus editions - v 8.0.2 - at the end of August. We will be producing new product DVDs of Workgroup and Enterprise Cumulus 8, including Web Publisher Pro, and DVDs for demonstration purposes after that time. This will be a bug fix and general update.

All Cumulus customers with current Software Maintenance agreements will automatically receive the product package.

For those interested in a Cumulus 8 demo DVD, please email info@databasics.com.au with your postal address details.

For those interested in Canto Cumulus Single User, **DataBasics eshop** is now online for the purchase of new orders - http://www.databasics.com.au/csu_shop.html
Upgrades for existing Mediadex or Cumulus users are available - please contact csu8@databasics.com.au with previous serial and proof of purchase if possible.

HELIOS WebShare and remote proofing

The 2009 IPA Proofing RoundUP from the world's leading trade association representing creative, prepress, and print service providers showed that not only did the HELIOS WebShare proofing solution pass all 24 color proofing tests, but that it did so using a standard color inkjet printer.

This is good news for those who wish to generate proofs to be viewed or printed at remote sites. The WebShare proofing solution will deliver accurate color-matched proofs over the Internet to remote Mac or Windows users, without requiring a RIP solution at each proofing site.

Learn how HELIOS did remote proofing on the 2009 IPA Proofing RoundUP in HELIOS Newsletter at http://www.helios.de/news/Newsletter/03_09-e/page1.html

More details in the Press release

http://www.databasics.com.au/docs/helios_webshare_remoteproof_pr.pdf

HELIOS ScriptAssistant to automate hot folder workflows

ImageServer UB+ brings built-in image conversion with ICC color management which can be automated via hot folders using the Script Server service. Additional remote automation can be done via Tool Server including remote Photoshop or MS Office automation. So far, so good.

However, customers asked for a easy solution to create standard hot folder setups to automate HELIOS server capabilities without a need for hands-on scripting.

With the new HELIOS ScriptAssistant application, hot folder workflow setup is now *...see over page*

child's play. ScriptAssistant simplifies the creation of scripts for the HELIOS Script Server hot folder automation system.

Now automating image conversion, PDF printing, PostScript printing, and PDF-native OPI is possible for any user.

Even automation of client applications via HELIOS Tool Server is only a few clicks away. Simply select the desired options, and ScriptAssistant will create a Perl script, ready for use by Script Server.

The new HELIOS ScriptAssistant application is now available for Mac and Windows, for download at: <http://webshare.helios.de>

User: tools

Password: tools

Sharepoint: Tools (download the 'HELIOS ScriptAssistant' folder)

Requirements: HELIOS ImageServer UB+ – CD024 based with all updates installed.

For more about HELIOS and ImageServer see <http://www.databasics.com.au/helios/>

Technical Hints and Tips - Cumulus

1. Personal Metadata Templates

Did you know that you can create your very own personal metadata templates in Cumulus? There's no need to ask your Cumulus Administrator, and there's no need to keep retyping the same information over and over!

Metadata templates can be used to quickly assign predefined values to a hundred metadata fields at once, or they can be used to populate a single metadata field with your values.

However, you do need Administrator access to modify your User account to ensure you have the permissions to do this. Once your user account has been granted permission (in the Metadata Templates Permissions section under the Server Permissions tab), you can create as many as you need, for any purpose you need. And, no matter how many you create, you'll know that no one else will ever see, access or use them. For step by step instructions see Canto's blog: <http://blog.canto.com/?p=3023&language=en>

2. Help with Formula Fields: the Formula Field editor

The field formula editor can be found under the Field Values tab of both the Category and Record Field Properties windows (in Preferences/Catalog Settings/).

Many questions have been asked about how to use the Formula Field capability better. The main issue being lack of documentation of what formulas are available and how to use them properly.

The solution for this is as follows... a reference for the formula functions is available right from within the Cumulus formula editor. By placing your mouse cursor inside the function name, you can see a pop-up syntax or usage reference by typing Ctrl-p and Ctrl-q, respectively. This has been checked for version 7.6 to 8.0.1 of Cumulus.

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Formulas for Multiple Values... and more

For step-by-step instructions on using formulas to set values based on values in multiple other fields - you can download the PDF with that title from http://www.databasics.com.au/docs/formula_multiple_fields.pdf (PDF) or read more at Canto's blog: <http://blog.canto.com/?p=3864&language=en>

Want to know more about what you can do with formulas? See the blog for **Setting Label Field Values (Colors) via formula** at <http://blog.canto.com/?p=3673&language=en>

This enables you to define a formula based on the colour value of a record. For example what's a great way to indicate when an asset record's metadata is incomplete? How about a nice, bright red label? Now, wouldn't it be nice for Cumulus to be able to set the value in that label automatically? Use a formula! It's easy when you know how!

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