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Not Just Another New Year!



The January/February 2011 issue of **CROSSTALK** is not just the issue by which we'll start off another new year; it is the ushering in of a new era of **CROSSTALK**. By now you've seen the new web site, the new format, and the improved search capabilities. Reader feedback has been positive to say the least and we thank you for taking time to respond with your opinions. **CROSSTALK** will continue forward with our efforts to reach new mobile applications in the near future. Please be sure to add your input as to which devices **CROSSTALK** should target by clicking on the survey question on the home page at crosstalkonline.org or click [here](#) to go directly to the survey.

In the past year it was **CROSSTALK'S** pleasure to published interviews with legends such as the late Watts Humphreys and Grady Booch. We thank both men for their contributions, posthumously and otherwise. It was an honor to add to Mr. Humphrey's published works as he was a 13-time contributor to **CROSSTALK**; he will be missed.

Our series of interviews continues with cost estimation guru, Dr. Randall Jensen. Dr. Jensen has spent the last 35 years gathering, filtering, and structuring data to use in cost estimation models. His lively comments will enlighten those looking to tighten up project parameters. Other articles this month discuss data in reference to cloud computing, estimating, and data mining for the purpose of process improvement. All-in-all, we hope this issue of **CROSSTALK** finds you well and that you have a prosperous and safe new year.

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