



A message from D'Arcy Lussier,  
Prairie Developer Conference Chair

Here in 2010 we're faced with a new reality: Individuals and companies are more discrete with their training dollars than in the past. The overhead of travel and accommodation when sending employees for training are empty costs that have no return on investment. At a recent conference in Winnipeg that I helped organize this was echoed again and again from managers who are actively looking for local learning opportunities for their staff.

Having lived my life between Manitoba and Saskatchewan, I saw an opportunity to create an event to bring high calibre presenters and sessions to the talented technology professionals of the Canadian prairies, and thus the Prairie Developer Conference was born!

This two-day conference features fifty sessions in four tracks (Web/Rich Internet Applications, Development Foundation, Application Lifecycle Management, and Database/Business Intelligence). An emphasis will be placed on interaction and discussion, with session styles spanning lectures, hands-on coding, chalk-talks, and panel discussions. Presenters are recognized technology experts who bring real world experiences along with their technical expertise.

We're holding the conference in Regina, Saskatchewan on June 2 – 3 2010, with a post-conference workshop on June 4th presented by Donald Belcham. Regina is an obvious choice not only due to the vibrant local technology community but also for its central location in the heart of the prairies!

So let me invite you to come and be a part of what we intend to be a premiere annual event on the Canadian technology conference calendar.

Sincerely,

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## **About D’Arcy Lussier**

Based out of Winnipeg, Manitoba, D’Arcy has built a career in technology over the last nine years focussing on web-based application development. Early in his career he realized a passion for the technology community and began volunteering with the local .NET User Group.

Over the last six years D’Arcy has continued to grow the local developer community, starting and running the Winnipeg SharePoint and SQL Server user groups in addition to organizing Silverlight community events. His involvement in community earned him the opportunity to be a Membership Mentor for INETA (the International .NET Association) for the Canadian prairies, where he helps technology user groups in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba.

Over the last three years D’Arcy has extended his community experience by running conference events, including:

- The Winnipeg Code Camp (2008, 2009, 2010)
- The Software Development and Evolution Conference (Winnipeg, October 2009)

In addition to his community activities, D’Arcy is also an accomplished speaker having presented at various technology events such as:

- The DevTeach Conference (Toronto 2008, Montreal 2008, and Vancouver 2009)
- Microsoft TechDays Calgary 2009
- Microsoft TechDays Winnipeg 2009
- Twin Cities Code Camp (Minneapolis, 2007, 2008, and 2009)
- Winnipeg Code Camp (2008, 2009, and will be speaking at February 2010 event)
- Edmonton Code Camp 2009
- TechEd 2008 Birds of a Feather moderator for ASP.NET MVC discussion

For his role in the community and technical prowess in web development, D’Arcy has been given a Microsoft MVP award for ASP.NET in 2008, 2009, and 2010.