Speaker Spotlight: Oguz Demirkapi

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Oguz Demirkapi - Code poet and lover of all things related to intelligent web technologies. He started developing CGI web applications in 1994 and has developed cutting edge ColdFusion applications since 1997. Serving as Chief Technological Officer or Senior Developer for many well known commercial and Blue Chip companies in Turkey, Germany and the U.S., O?uz has been a fixture in the ever evolving realm of computer science and a selfless mentor to aspiring developers. He remains active in various user groups such as Linux, ColdFusion, Flex etc. and was the founder and leader of CFTR - ColdFusion Turkey User Group, an emerging hub of ColdFusion development.
CFUnited sessions: Building Scalable Web Applications with ColdFusion , Geolocation with ColdFusion

1. Have you spoken at CFUnited in the past?

Yes, I have spoken on i18N (Internationalization) on ColdFusion which was probably one of the first talks given on this topic in the US. CFUnited is the premier ColdFusion conference that every CFML developer should experience in order to feel the power and excitement of such a vibrant community. I used to work for TeraTech at two consecutive CFUnited events (2006, 2007) and as an insider I consider it to be the most enjoyable and beneficial part of my time in the D.C. area. My simple advice, just go for it!

2. Why should people attend your session(s)?

I will be covering 2 different topics this year. The first topic will cover some of the aspects of creating scalable CFML applications. Having worked on and architected many diverse projects, from simple to complex, across various platforms including Perl, C/C++, and PHP, I'd like to synthesize these perspectives in order to bring solutions to the CFML platform. Currently we are rewriting our main application and my daily routine revolves around thinking about and implementing powerful, scalable, and maintainable applications/platforms. The second topic, geolocation, is not so well known in the ColdFusion community. I'd like to showcase the beauty of some of the new application ideas to geolocation. This should be a lot of fun and perhaps in return, will inspire new visions for your own applications.

3. Do you have any projects in the works that you will be revealing at CFUnited?

I look forward to sharing with the CFUnited community, the i18N translation manager tool I've developed. What this tool provides is a management platform for multilingual application implementation that you can embed to your admin or just use as a standalone application to manage your translation needs with versioning and import/export features for ColdFusion or Flex properties files.

4. Besides your topic, what other sessions are you looking forward to?

I really would like to see topics discussing cloud computing power, CFML & Flex & BlazeDS integrations and of course Railo and open source world opportunities. I think the most important step will be the new ColdBox version which introduces many new features.

5. What are some of the hot topics you'd like to see at RoundTable discussions?

I think new opportunities with the open source Railo platform will be the most interesting talk. Questions such as the future of the ColdFusion and OOP implementations in CFML world will still be the popular topics.

6. Where can people find you at CFUnited?

I will be everywhere. If you see somebody taking strange photos in strange locations, that's me! :)

7. What's the latest news with you? Has anything changed since last CFUnited?

I've moved to California just after the last CFUnited. I came to CA by way of a week long, adventurous cross country drive. It was an interesting experience for me and my family. We are now in sunny southern California; one of the best locations in the U.S.--Orange County. I have also created a new user group in my area and I am the founder/manager for OCDev - Orange County Adobe Developers User Group (http://ocdev.org)

8. What is unique about CFUnited?

CFUnited is a focal point and unifying presence in the ColdFusion world. ColdFusion developers, Unite! :)

9. What do you like to do in your free time?

Mainly I play chess and Go. For sporting activities, I enjoy table tennis and surfing. Reading/writing on philosophy and especially epistemology have been long time interests. Life is good!