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M Technology Marketing Campaign Takes Off

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t's official. The first industry-wide M Technology marketing campaign is off and running. The March issue of Dr. Dobb's Journal carried a half-page ad touting the power of M. (See MTA Notebook.) MTA has been logging inquiries since it hit the newsstand.

Over the next four months, we'll take M Technology to the IT community in an all new way through advertising, exhibiting, and press exposure. Here's the schedule:

- March-Software Magazine and Dr. Dobb's carry M ads and MTA calls on editors to spread the good word about M Technology success.
- April-Repeat advertising in national magazines and follow-up calls on the press. Release the White Paper on M Technology.
- May—Repeat advertising in Dr. Dobb's and continue follow-up with editors. Release software demo as introduction to M Technology. Exhibit at Spring COMDEX in Atlanta.

For this campaign, we have chosen to focus on M's remarkable database capabilities, using the slogan "The world's most portable, scalable and interoperable databases begin with M." We'll repeat this slogan in every public relations message.

I've had a lot of questions about the demo disk. It's an interactive software demo to take viewers on a tour of the technology, where they will discover the true power of M. With the click of the mouse, the viewer may listen to a user's story, get an update on the standard, or delve into the details of this database wizard we know as M. The demo disk is going to be the mainstay of the campaign going out to people stopping at the COMDEX booth or responding to the ads.

This campaign is indicative of the many innovative ways the MTA Promotions Program strives to educate about and attract attention to our technology. Many MTA members have put their support behind this marketing campaign to ensure its success. So stay tuned for our next report. Or, you can call MTA anytime for an update.

In June, you can look forward to a report to the Association membership on these efforts while we convene at the Annual Meeting in Reno.

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