

IBM Mid-Peninsula PC Club Meeting

Date and Time: Monday, July 20th, 5:30 p.m.

Location: IBM, 4400 North First Street, San Jose, CA (see detail directions below)

Subject: Polaris: Virus Safe Computing for Microsoft Windows

Speaker: Dr. Alan Karp, Principal Scientist, Virus Safe Computing Initiative, Hewlett-Packard Laboratories



Polaris is a package for Windows XP that demonstrates that we can do better at dealing with viruses than has been done so far. Polaris allows users to configure most applications so that they launch with only the rights they need to do the job the user wants done. This simple step, enforcing the Principle of Least Authority (POLA), gives so much protection from viruses that there is no need to pop up security dialog boxes or ask users to accept digital certificates. Further, there is little danger in launching email attachments, using macros in documents, or allowing scripting while browsing the web. Polaris demonstrates that we can build systems that are more secure, more functional, and easier to use.

Directions

More detail information the site and driving directions:

Driving either from 237 East from Peninsula/Mountain View or 237 West from East Bay/Milpitas. Exit at North 1st Street, go northwest towards the Bay, over the freeway 237, NOT southeast towards downtown San Jose. IBM building is there, one block north of 237. IBM can be seen from 237 with the logo at the top of the building. Park in the semicircle in front of the building, go in the main lobby and turn left. Conference room, 1059, is at the very end of the hallway.

Also see: <https://www-03.ibm.com/services/continuity/resilience.nsf/pages/san-jose>

Very detailed IBM directions and map:

[https://www-03.ibm.com/services/continuity/resilience.nsf/pages/san-jose/\\$file/san-jose_site-directions.pdf](https://www-03.ibm.com/services/continuity/resilience.nsf/pages/san-jose/$file/san-jose_site-directions.pdf)

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