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## Fujitsu NEXT Work Groups Meet in Darmstadt



**What's going on in the mainframe world of the Fujitsu BS2000 operating system? Software AG invites the NEXT work group to share their experiences in Darmstadt**

Our Adabas & Natural product line is not just alive, it is kicking! Following the launch of our [A&N 2050+ initiative](#), Adabas and Natural have been performing so much better in recent years than anyone would have imagined a few years ago. Many colleagues at Software AG are responsible for this success, but one group is perhaps less in the limelight than the others: The teams that take care of the hardware and operating systems that run Software AG's traditional projects to this day—and there's simply no stopping them. They still form the backbone of mission-critical systems in many large companies: the mainframes.

At Software AG, the teams under Reinhard Springer and Hans-Georg Saftig are the ones who maintain the dinosaurs in our data centers and their operating systems. In other companies, there are also plenty of employees, including some young colleagues again, who were hired to do precisely that.

Data center managers, BS2000 administrators, users, partners and other interested members of the NEXT work group meet twice a year at one of the member's facilities to share their experiences with the BS2000 operating system from Fujitsu. Software AG hosted the meeting on May 6 and 7. The meeting was organized by NEXT BS2000 work group leader Michael Engel (fifth from the left in the above picture) working as a system programmer for mainframe on Reinhard Springer's team. The team welcomed almost 50 members of the BS2000 work group in Fujitsu NEXT e.V. in the Customer Briefing Center to their spring meeting at HQ in Darmstadt.



The individual topics were:

- Information about the latest innovations in the BS2000 operating system and its software add-on products
- Introducing and monitoring change requests to identify collaboration opportunities for continued development in the BS2000 world
- “Give-and-take”—real-world experience and practice reports directly from experienced BS2000 users from the work group for the work group
- Transfer of expertise on technologically sound BS2000 topics by Fujitsu experts

The Fujitsu NEXT work group ETERNUS CS, which concentrates on backup virtualization products, met the next day.

We were thrilled that we got to welcome so many mainframe enthusiasts in Darmstadt and their feedback on the event was overwhelming. We’re certain that the discussions will have a positive impact on the success of our A&N 2050+ initiative in one way or another. A huge thank you to the organizers and the CBC team!

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