

: *What was the DSS News in October 2000?*

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Volume 1, issue number 12 of DSS News was published October 9, 2000. Then as now DSS News was a bi-weekly publication of DSSResources.COM. We had more than 2100 unique visitors each week at DSSResources.COM and we had 330 subscribers to DSS News. In that newsletter I announced a new feature at DSSResources.com, a Researchers Directory. In October 2000, I could identify many of the researchers in academic decision support.

My column briefly discussed the question: What are the main types or categories of decision models used in DSS model base software? The question was submitted by Samuel Teong on October 06, 2000. My response:

"Recently, I posted Chapter 9 of my DSS Hyperbook that discusses building Model-Driven DSS. As I wrote and rewrote the chapter, I had to choose among various organizing frameworks. In the most recent revision I tried to examine 10 Management Science problem types: Cost-benefit analysis; Forecasting; Finance and investment; Inventory control and stockout; Location, allocation, distribution and transportation; Manpower planning and assignment; Project planning and control; Queuing and congestion; Reliability and replacement policy; and Sequencing and scheduling."

"I finally decided to discuss these 10 common decision support problem types in terms of five general categories of models: accounting and financial models, decision analysis models, forecasting models, network and optimization models, and simulation models. This structure helped organize my thinking. I deal with statistical, and artificial intelligence models in my chapter on Knowledge-Driven DSS and mining data"

"I would especially appreciate any comments on Chapter 9. Please send me your comments or post them to the DSSResources.COM Bulletin Board."

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There were a number of interesting DSS News Stories from Sept. 22 to Oct. 06, 2000.

10/06/2000 'Transforming Information into Opportunity' is theme of ShowCase's User Conference, COMPASS 2000, Oct. 8-11, 2000, Orlando, Fla.

10/05/2000 Enron plans to provide computers, broadband access to employees for use at home.

10/05/2000 MathSoft Data Analysis Division introduced S-PLUS® 6 for UNIX/Linux. Major upgrade includes Java-based Graphical User Interface and connectivity.

10/04/2000 NCR funded study predicts total market for terabyte-sized data warehouse systems should reach 3,200 by 2002.

10/03/2000 CACI forms strategic alliance with Maximal to offer Data Visualization and Analysis Tool.

10/02/2000 LeapSource unveils CxO Desktop Interface. Executives can monitor key business indicators, receive financial updates via laptop or Palm VII.

09/29/2000 MicroStrategy launched online store. Try MicroStrategy 7 with full featured hands-on demo.

09/28/2000 LeaseLoan is speeding up the contract financing process using Web-based automated credit evaluation.

09/27/2000 Hyperion Performance Scorecard now features full Web-deployment and access to Hackett Benchmarking & Research database.

09/27/2000 NCR's Teradata database now supports Extensible Markup Language (XML), the Common Warehouse Model (CWM), and the Open Information Model (OIM).

09/26/2000 IBM's LotusDevelopment announced the public beta availability

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of LotusSametime 2.0, its real-time collaboration platform.

09/25/2000 Sagent Technology announced the Sagent Portal, a second generation information portal that integrates a broad range of content and applications.

09/25/2000 Competing Data Warehousing standards merge. Meta Data Coalition will merge with Object Management Group.

09/25/2000 Net Perceptions introduced E-commerce analyst software.

Reference <http://dssresources.com/newsletters/12.php>

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