

PODS Association Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

June 2008: [GeoGathering](#)

August 4-8, 2008: [ESRI International User Conference](#)

August 7, 2008: PODS User Group Meeting at the ESRI Conference (one hour)

September 21-24, 2008: [GIS for Oil & Gas Conference](#)

September 25, 2008: PODS User Group Meeting (all day)

Address Change

Please note that the PODS Association address has changed to:

New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

[ENGlobal](#)

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PODS User Group Meeting

The annual PODS User Group Meeting will be Thursday, September 25, 2008, from 8am to 5pm. **If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Sheila Wilson.**

Next month, please watch for these opportunities to participate:

- Call for papers - open to operators and service providers.
- Call for sponsors - thank you to everyone who has already contacted us.
- Registration will begin in June.

The meeting will be at the Marriott Westchase in Houston, TX, after GITA's GIS for Oil & Gas Conference. GITA has arranged a special room rate for a limited number of rooms to be extended through Thursday. Please book your room early to receive the discounted rate.

Technical Committee Changes

The Board of Directors and Technical Committee is pleased to announce that three new members have joined:

- Mikel Collins, ConocoPhillips
- Bryan Ferguson, BP
- Dean Mikkelsen, Colt Geomatics

The Technical Committee is an outstanding group of people.

Technical Committee Tip

In the PODS model, what is <pk>, <ak>, and <fk>?

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<pk> is the primary key. The primary key in a database is the unique identifier for a specific record or event.

<ak> is the alternate key. A record or event may have more than one unique identifier. For example, a pipeline may have a pipeline ID and a name that is unique. Both could be a primary key; however, only one can be a primary key and the other would be an alternate key.

<fk> is the foreign key. This is referential constraint between two tables that references the primary key for each table.

Why does the foreign key have a number association with it? Ex: <fk2>

The numbers associated with the <fk> is a "local number" generated by PowerDesigner. PowerDesigner is the program used to create the data model and scripts. The number is not related to how data is displayed in the model but is an internal number that references a code list.

The Oldest Map Drawn to Scale

You may think your maps are the oldest but . . . according to *The Handy Geography Answer Book* by Matthew T. Rosenberg, the oldest known map drawn to scale was created around 6 BCE by the Greek geographer Anaximander. The map was circular with Greece at its center.

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