■ DesignCon Is Four Cons in One

Whether you're interested in digital, wireless, or virtual IP design, consider attending **DesignCon 2000**. The event, held January 31–February 3 at the Santa Clara Convention Center, features a technical conference with 125 talks in 23 tracks, more than 100 exhibits, eight half-day TecForums, and assorted panel discussions and plenary sessions.

The full package (TecForums, conferences, exhibits, and proceedings CD-ROM) is $695 (by 12/31). For more information, visit *www.designcon.com/2000* or call 312.559.4600.

■ Intel Informs of Itanium, Internet Intentions

PC hardware and software developers can't afford to miss the semiannual **Intel Developer Forum**—and IDF is rapidly becoming essential for networking companies as well. The next IDF is scheduled for February 15–17 at the Palm Springs (Calif.) Convention Center. Intel plans to present more than 115 sessions in 15 technical tracks and eight hands-on labs.

Early registration (by 1/17) is $995 for the three-day session. For more information, see *developer.intel.com/design/idf*.

■ Portable By Design Settles Into San Jose

Designers of portable systems may want to attend Penton's **Wireless Symposium/Portable By Design**. The event, held February 22–25 at the San Jose Convention Center, includes 19 full-day tutorials and workshops, a technical conference with 80 sessions in 20 tracks, and an exhibit floor with more than 400 vendors.

Exhibit admission is free, while four-day registration runs $828 (by 12/31). For more information, point your browser to *www.wirelessportable.com/west* or call 201.393.6213.

■ Spring Forward With Embedded Systems

The embedded-systems market has its own must-see show, the **Embedded Systems Conference.** The next ESC will be held at McCormick Place South in Chicago, February 28–March 2. The four-day conference includes a day of tutorials, a three-day technical conference with multiple tracks, and access to the exhibit floor. Noted astrophysicist and self-described high-tech heretic Clifford Stoll is back "by popular demand" as keynote speaker to extol his contrarian views.

Early registration (by 1/17) is $1,225 for a four-day pass; an exhibits-only pass is free. For more information, or to register, contact Miller Freeman (San Francisco) at 972.906.6800 or visit *www.embedded.com/spring*.

■ Got 3D?

PC 3D pioneer 3dfx has released its Glide API and FXT1 texture-compression algorithm under the Open Source licensing model, along with the register maps for all of its shipping 3D chips. Get the whole package at *linux.3dfx.com/open_source.htm*.