

Cfobjective - the Social

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Last night was the reception for Cfobjective. I met some old friends as well as some fantastic new folks. CF Webtools standouts Ed Bartram, Jason Durham and Denny Springle were all there schmoozing with the geek crowd. Dan Skaggs spoke with me about an interesting new product that I'll have to keep an eye on. I met a fellow named Steve who was originally from Ireland but his brogue was slightly disappointing (come on Steve - don't assimilate!). I spent some time With Jordan and Mike the guys from the outstanding **Vivio Tech** (check them out if you don't already know who they are - they have a booth). I caught up with Dan Vega. I met Steve Withington (again) and finally ended up the night hob-knobbing with **Charlie Arehart**, Scott Strutz (or Nathan Strozz... something with a single syllable "st" sound) and (a new friend) Darren Pywell who brought us **Fusion Reactor**.

Like most geek crowds we are a largely male audience, but this year's conference features a lot more women than I remember. Actually that could be my imagination but it's helped along by the fact that virtually all of them sat at the same table. That's one single table (if that gives the rest of you an idea of volume). The rest of the room gave them about 10 foot of padding and I saw many a male developer circling carefully. The Muse - who's lack of inhibition is exceeded only by a lack of modesty (and who's old enough to have fathered most of the folks here)- sauntered up and chatted with them for a while. By the time I left the reception they had at least one non-estrogen dominant member (I'm going on looks here) so perhaps they were making progress... or perhaps he was an unwelcome intruder (ticks are bad in MN). I couldn't tell.

In any case it's shaping up to be a fantastic conference and CF 10 is all the buzz. I'll be checking in throughout the day so keep an eye out for new tidbits. Remember, I'm wandering around in a Red shirt trying my best to be gregarious. Make sure and say hello!