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# Welcome to 2012, LANSA's 25th year



**A WORD FROM PETE DRANEY**  
Director and CEO

Every year since LANSA began has had its highlights and successes and 2012 won't disappoint our customers. A brand new version of LANSA, an international User Conference and a slew of real mobile development options should make this a year to remember.

Before adding some more details on the 2012 activity, I'd like to make sure that you are all aware that in 2011 we continued to invest heavily in product Research & Development and continued our drive to protect the investment in LANSA by all of our loyal customers. In 2011, we released new Versions of the core LANSA product, the Visual LANSA Framework (including RAMP), LANSA Composer, LANSA Integrator, aXes and LongReach (see later). And all of this whilst we are spending an enormous amount of effort and time to ready Version 13 for delivery this year. We're confident that we can continue to meet and exceed the expectations our customers have of LANSA's ability to deliver 'advanced software made simple'.

We've been developing and testing Version 13 of LANSA for some time now and we are aiming to have it ready-for-market in the second quarter of this year. It's difficult to single out one new feature from the many that will come, but LANSA Business Objects will certainly be one of the highlights. This will catapult LANSA further ahead of the competition as we add even more to the capabilities of LANSA's Repository. Business Objects hide even more internal complexity from application developers by enabling higher levels of application functionality re-use. Business Objects encapsulate not just Business Rules, but Business Processes as well (Web Services, 3GL Programs, RDML Functions & Reusable Parts, ActiveX and .NET components).

At the end of April in Orlando Florida, the 2012 International User Conference will be held over three days. Version 13 of LANSA will be presented at the conference. Some of

the highlights include :

- Cloud-based self-paced labs, providing hands-on education with an instructor available to help out as needed. Just bring your laptop and you're ready to go.
- A new mobile track covering LANSA's mobile solutions. From Smartphones to tablets, iPhone to Android and Web to native apps – we'll cover everything you need to know.
- A full exposé of Business Objects and the significant savings in application maintenance and support that this feature affords.
- We'll also be showing you the latest Version 13 features for building cutting edge Windows and Web applications, embracing technologies such as jQuery and Microsoft DirectX.

This year we will make outstanding product announcements under the "LANSA Mobile" banner. Most of you will know already that we have released LongReach, an iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch mobile application that provides file and folder creation, management and transfer between mobile devices and IBM i servers. The application can manage documents, presentations, spreadsheets, photographs, audio recordings, video, and text files. Files can be created on the mobile device or on the server and synchronized securely between the two. LongReach is an easy first step in taking IBM i mobile. Later this year, we will announce a brilliant new product that will enable both LANSA and RPG programmers to design and develop native mobile applications without having to significantly increase their current set of programming skills. This product will again underscore LANSA's motto of 'advanced software made simple'.

It's shaping up to be an exciting 2012 and I hope that all of you can share in some or all of the products and events that we have planned for roll-out this year.