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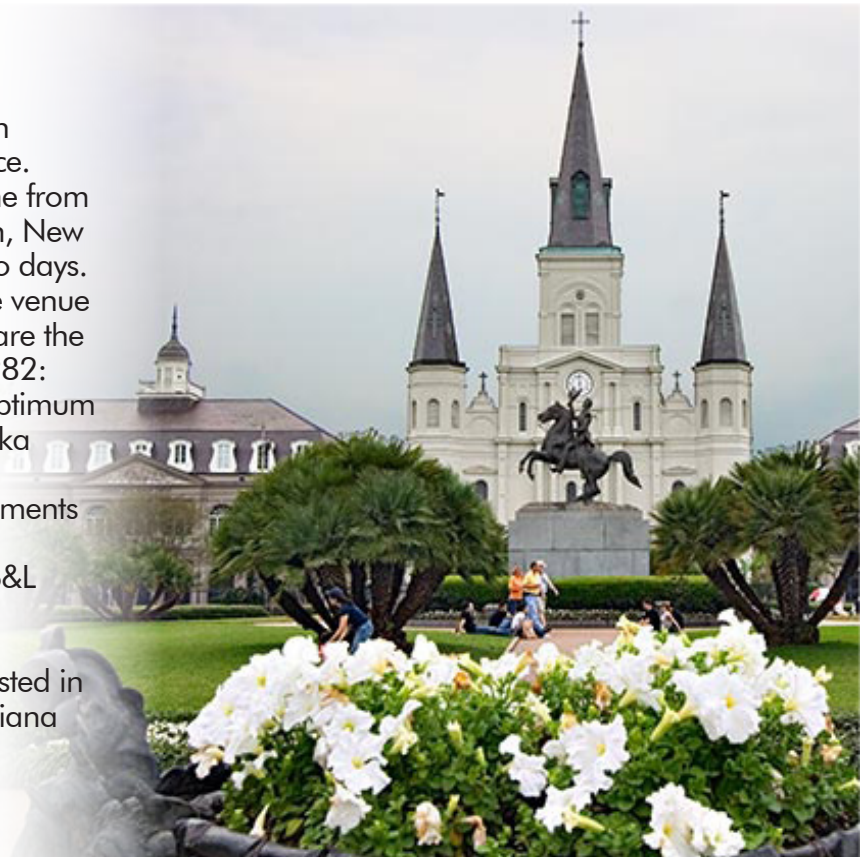
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## Spectrum

2014 marks B&L Information System's 32nd user conference. Back in 1982, attendees came from California, Indiana, Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania for two days. Since then, the name and the venue have changed but the goals are the same now as they were in 1982:

- Demonstrate how to get optimum use out of the computer (aka software)
- Showcase system enhancements available
- Exchange ideas between B&L clients

In 2014, Spectrum will be hosted in beautiful New Orleans, Louisiana (aka NOLA).



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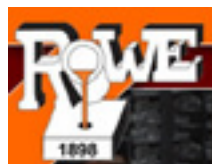
## Updating!

Congratulations to long-time B&L clients (users of B&L's legacy software, BLIS) who are beginning the conversion process to the Software as a Service (SaaS) model of Odyssey.

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# Unmask the secrets of Odyssey

MONDAY							
PATH	BLIS	Sponsor	BLIS Odyssey Combos	Odyssey	Metal Casters Room*	Odyssey	Questions
Room #	1	2	3	4	5	6	Cyber Café
7 to 9:15 AM	REGISTRATION/DEPARTMENT UPDATES/BREAKFAST						
9:30-10:20	WHAT'S NEW IN ODYSSEY						
10:30-11:20	BLIS to Odyssey Q&A	Mark Danley - Scheduling in Odyssey	New UI	10:30 - 10:50 Native Labels /10:55 to 11:20 Dynamic Time Allocation by Product	Hands-on	B&L Client Access Portal	Time with the Experts
11:30-12:30 PM	LUNCH						
12:30-1:20	PANEL DISCUSSION	CUSTOMER BENEFITS OF USING ODYSSEY					Time with the Experts
1:30 to 2:20	BLIS to Odyssey Transitions	Radley	Maintenance Mgmt. - A Client Case Study	FAQ's Crystal Reports	SFM New UI/ IV-Using Multi Views & Gauges /Quality Viewer	Standard Costs	
2:30-3:20	BLIS to Odyssey Implementations Q&A	IntelliChief- Implementing work flow rules with Odyssey (Stainless)	Plan for Success	Odyssey Production Tools & Tricks		Important Areas that Impact On-Time Delivery	
3:30-4:20	NETWORKING (2) 25 minute sessions	Business Intelligence			TBD		
5:30 -9pm	MONDAY EVENING EXTRAVAGANZA						

*Italics indicate a client story/case study.*



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## New for 2014:

This year at Spectrum, B&L will have a special “metalcasting” room where attendees will be able to see first-hand the capabilities of the new User Interface Shop Floor Manager (SFM) as well as the current SFM UI screens. You will be given:

- The opportunity to clock-in, job-on and/or off production, and experience the Quality Viewer.
- The ability to create a wide variety of transactions, including: production, scrap, indirect, setup, downtime, material inventory, physical inventory and equipment analysis transactions.

# at **SPECTRUM 2014** – NOLA

TUESDAY							
PATH	BLIS	Odyssey	BLIS Odyssey Combos	Odyssey	MetalCasters Room*	Odyssey	Questions
Room #	1	2	3	4	5	6	Cyber Café
<b>8:00-9:15</b> KEYNOTE SPEAKER/BREAKFAST							
<b>9:30-10:20</b>	BLIS Data Downloading	GL Tips & Tricks	Plan for Success	Crystal Answers to Most Frequently Asked Questions	Hands-on	Important Areas that Impact On-Time Delivery	Time with the Experts
<b>10:30-11:20</b>	BLIS Physical Inventory	Odyssey Admin Tools & Tricks	Technology Updates	10:30 - 10:50 Native Labels /10:55 to 11:20 Dynamic Time Allocation by Product		Managing Internal Projects using CARs	
<b>11:30-12:30</b> LUNCH							
<b>12:30-1:20 PM</b>	<b>NETWORKING (2) 25 min. sessions</b>	<b>TBD</b>			<b>TBD</b>		Time with the Experts
<b>1:30 to 2:20</b>	New UI	Odyssey Open Data	Standard Costs	Odyssey Production Tools & Tricks	SFM New UI/ IV-Using Multi Views & Gauges / Quality Viewer	Technology Updates	
<b>2:30-3:20</b>	BLIS Data Downloading	B&L Client Access Portal	Odyssey Open Data	Creating Efficiency with Templates through out Odyssey		GL Tips & Tricks	
<b>3:30-4:30</b>	BLIS Physical Inventory	Creating Efficiency with Templates through out Odyssey	Managing Internal Projects using CARs	Maintenance Mgmt. - A Client Case Study		Odyssey Admin Tips & Tricks	

## The Metalcaster's Room

- A chance to access Intelligent Views and/or data views as you prefer.
- A look behind the scenes at Shop Cards, Process Sheets and Work Orders.

All using a variety of display devices commonly used in production environments. This will be an **Odyssey experience room**. There are no set times. Join at any time, as your schedule allows, to ask questions on the topics highlighted and learn-by-doing.

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# Odyssey 4.6 MR5


**Bridgman, MI, July 15, 2014** – B&L Information Systems has launched Odyssey 4.6 MR5 for general availability. Updates to Odyssey 4.6 MR5 include:

- Added new transactions to the Production Interface
- Offering a choice of use of the Microsoft Windows on-screen keyboard or Odyssey keyboard
- Added the ability to automatically display work instructions (via the Quality Viewer) from the Shop Floor

Manager during a Job On (web UI, only).

The complete release notes for Odyssey 4.6 MR5, with detailed explanations of each function, may be found on B&L’s website, in the customer portal. Odyssey users can update from any version of Odyssey to Odyssey 4.6. Any assistance needed in the update process is free for clients on maintenance with B&L.

ON-SITE CLASSES	SHOWS
<p><b>Odyssey Boot Camp</b> 09-16-14 Two Day Class</p>	<p><b>2014 Die Casting Congress and Tabletop</b> 09-22-14</p>
<p><b>Crystal Reports Class</b> 11-11-14 Two Day Class</p>	<p><b>ICI 61st Anniversary Conference and Expo</b> 10-5-14</p>

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