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Golf course search easy

New website will guide you

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Searching for a great place to golf? Look no further.

IDfusion, a Winnipeg-based software company, has developed a new website that will help Manitobans find golf courses across the province.

The site, www.golffindermanitoba.com, helps golfers find courses close to any location in Manitoba. It can also tell golfers how far a particular course is from a location and how long it will take to get there.

"I think it's a great tool for golfers to find new courses that they may not have been aware of," said IDfusion CEO Christian

Dandeneau. "You may be 15 minutes away from a great course but you can't see it in the directory."

Dandeneau found he was always going to the same golf courses on the way to his lake so he started developing software to help him search for alternate courses in the area.

'Got to be a better way'

"The amount of effort I had to put into finding a new course was too much. I thought there has got to be a better way," Dandeneau said.

Dandeneau hopes this program will bring an influx of tourists to golf courses across the province. Calculation of distance and time will make it much easier for any golfer to find



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Dandeneau is a part of the team at IDfusion that developed a website to find golf courses.

a new course close to their destination.

IDfusion is showing off the technology used to develop the site. The program, called Ruby on Rails, is still considered by many programmers to be on the fringe of mainstream technology. Dandeneau was pleased with how the Ruby technology worked, calling it "a powerful way for developers to increase productivity."

"Ruby was the hammer we used to build this structure, but this site is only one example of what you can do with this tool," Dandeneau said.

Part of IDfusion's philosophy is maintaining an open flow of information. To accommodate this, IDfusion has made the source codes for the program available on their website at www.idfusionsoftware.com.