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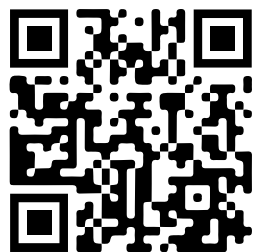# Staying Ahead of Constant Innovation

2023 WAS A YEAR OF CONSTANT CHANGE AND INNOVATION in the tech industry, and 2024 is showing no signs of slowing down. From the proliferation of generative artificial intelligence and quantum computing to growing concerns about cybersecurity and data privacy, businesses now have more factors than ever to consider when making decisions about technology investments.

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One of the biggest changes you'll notice from us in 2024 will be a redesigned TechChannel.com. The website will have powerful search capabilities, streamlined navigation, and a more modern look and feel that reflects the nature of our content. TechChannel.com will still host the articles, podcasts, videos, webinars and special content presentations you rely on, with an experience that makes relevant content even more accessible.

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An Integrated Partner Community Supports IBM i

Business partners and ISVs have supported and strengthened the IBM i ecosystem for the past 35 years

BY EVELYN HOOVER

Ask any 10 people what makes the IBM i ecosystem stand out and you are likely to get 10 different answers. However, the answers will likely fall under common themes with integration at the forefront.

After all, the "i" in "IBM i" stands for integration. The OS provides an integrated database, integrated security features and more. But the integration extends beyond the technology include the vast ecosystem of partners that supports IBM i.

"The partners have been excellent at understanding the value of what IBM i and Power Systems bring, explaining that to customers, helping them to find justification for moving forward," says Steve Will, IBM Distinguished Engineer and IBM i CTO. "And that's been crucial to the value of IBM i in the marketplace. Our success only happens because there are solutions on our platform that help people run business and there are business partners

who help those clients move forward and take advantage of it."

LOYAL AND PASSIONATE IBM i PARTNERS

No matter what type of solution a customer seeks, from an ERP solution to a labeling solution to a hardware upgrade to a modernization solution, to a cybersecurity product, etc., between IBM and the partner community, it's

available on IBM i. Many of the partners have been on the platform throughout much of its 35-year history.

"I'd say it's a very loyal ecosystem, to be honest. I mean, you've got so many hardware vendors and software vendors and ISVs that have been around seemingly forever," says Michael Ash, president, TL Ashford. "There's something for everybody. The expertise on the platform supports the ever-changing business needs."

Back in 1998, before his 16th birthday, Ash started working at the company his father founded, performing office tasks and listening in on sales and tech support calls. After he graduated college, he really dug in, working with clients, attending conferences and supporting customers. Today he leads the forms labeling company.

If you ask Pete Massiello, former president of iTech Solutions Group, what makes the partner ecosystem unique, he'll tell you it's passion. "The business partners are passionate. They're passionate about the technology, they're passionate about their customers, they're passionate about the platform," he says.

Massiello started working on IBM i (then AS/400) in 1989, shortly after the platform debuted. After helping many companies upgrade their systems, he eventually decided to go into business as a consultant, later becoming a hardware business partner for IBM.

Passion and loyalty are also words Marcel Sarrasin, chief services officer and GM, transformation for Fresche Solutions, uses to describe the partner ecosystem. The customer base relies on the partners to innovate and drive the platform forward. "We've got this passionate, loyal business partner ecosystem that loves the platform just as much as the customers do," he says.

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Back in 2001, when Sarrasin took a job in tech support with BCD Software, he had no idea what an AS/400 was but he learned quickly. He stayed with BCD until it was acquired by Quadrant Software in 2014. Two years later, Quadrant was acquired by Fresche Solutions.

"The ecosystem has been pivotal in helping organizations running these business-critical systems. The efficiencies they've gained from what the ecosystem has built is a big driver and a big reason why they've been able to be so successful," he adds.

MORE THAN PARTNERS

While the loyal and passionate partners are important, it's the integration among the partners, IBM and customers that work together to keep the platform vital.

IBM builds the technology, markets the platform and supports the many user groups worldwide. The partners sell the hardware, tools vendors' solutions make the hardware more efficient and secure, application vendors provide ERP and
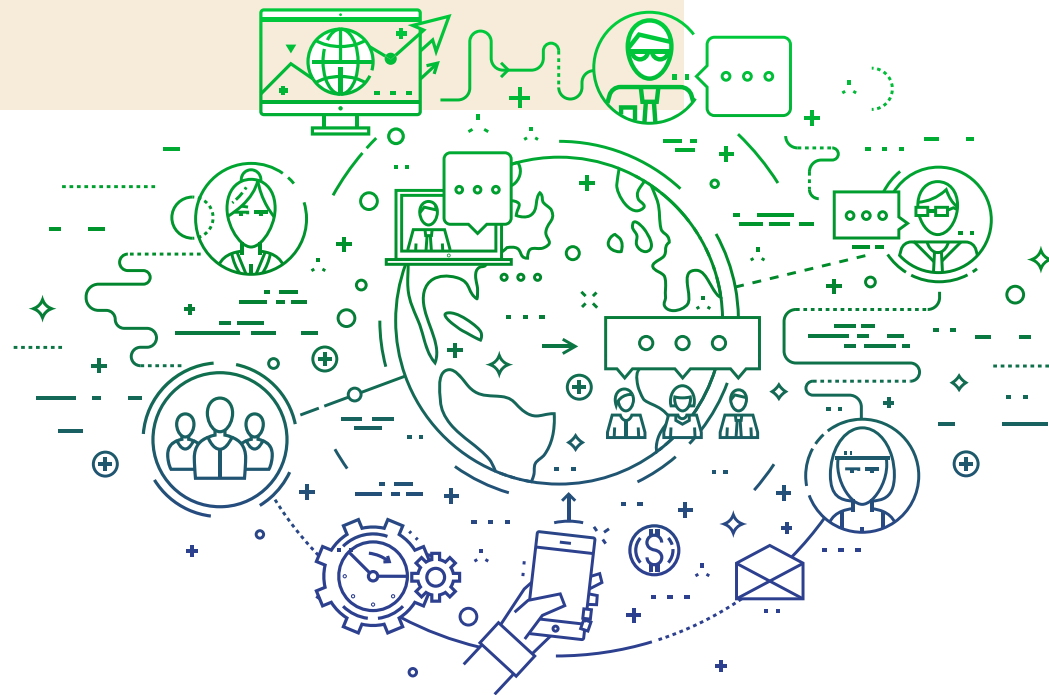
financial back-office solutions and the customers who regularly provide IBM with requirements to ensure the platform continues to meet their needs.

"It's a healthy ecosystem and a very big part of that ecosystem is how strong the people who use the platform feel about it and working with it," says Tom Huntington, executive vice president of technical solutions at Fortra.

35 YEARS OF INNOVATIONS

Throughout its 35-year history, the IBM i has embraced change and evolved to keep pace with industry standards and client needs. Chief among those innovations has been the ability to support open source solutions, which provides clients and partners with options for languages that have enabled modernization and attracted new developers to the platform.

"Open source has given clients the ability to integrate with things sitting in the cloud or other systems that are running in their environment," says Christine McDowell, vice president of marketing at Fresche Solutions. McDowell's introduction to the platform came at the young age of 19 when she took a job as a key punch operator for System/36 and System/38 in 1989. She became the company's AS/400 system administrator within a year.

Another innovation McDowell feels is key is all of the work IBM has done from a database perspective, enabling AI architecture, making data accessible to clients, and simplifying reporting and analytics with Db2 Web Query. "Data is the cornerstone of AI, and we're just starting to see the impact it can have," she explains.

IBM continues to ensure the platform stays current with tech trends like cloud, SaaS and

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others while maintaining backwards compatibility so that older software continues to run on new models of Power Systems running the latest version of IBM i.

"I think a lot of times people on the IBM i take it for granted because IBM has gotten so good at integrating hardware and software updates and updates while still giving customers the ability to keep running older software," Ash says.

LEGACY ISN'T A BAD THING

While it is modern and current, many slap the "legacy" label on the platform. Massiello laughs when he hears that term applied to a platform that's running entire companies.

"Legacy means it's proven; it works; it's dependable. It doesn't necessarily mean it's old," he explains. "So the user interface may not be the sexiest thing, but that integrated database, integrated security, those are second to none." ▪

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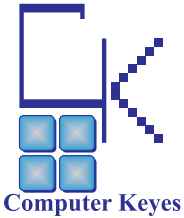
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HarrisData's ERP is an expert integrated system designed exclusively for IBM Power Systems. A comprehensive set of integrated applications manages the flow of information throughout the enterprise, including manufacturing, distribution, accounting, CRM, purchasing, human resources, payroll and employee self-service. Flexibility enables companies to respond quickly to customer demands, control costs and reduce time to market. Enabling improved processes and tools such as lean manufacturing and Kanban boosts productivity and profits while reducing waste for companies.

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↗ Education

Online Course: IBM i Concepts and Operations

This comprehensive course is designed for entry-level and other platform developers to learn the IBM i. Upon completion, students will be proficient in using the IBM i operating system, Db2 database and IBM's new development tools. The course includes a mixture of videos, graded quizzes and labs, and weekly online meetings to ensure optimal retention and understanding of the course material. Class duration varies and is based on student activity—maximum of eight weeks.

Online Course: Programming in ILE RPG

Train new and current developers on the ILE RPG language in less than 10 weeks. Students will learn the latest RPG techniques, with each section covering two chapters of Jim Buck's* "Programming in ILE RPG" 5th edition textbook. The course is a combination of lectures, graded quizzes, programming examples and programming assignments. Students are invited to attend live Webex meetups once a week to ask questions during the course.

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* Jim Buck is CEO, co-founder and lead instructor at imPower Technologies. He is an IBM Champion for many years and has been teaching IBM i technologies for more than 20 years.

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↗ **Application Development**

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↗ **Application Modernization**

IBM i Application Modernization

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↗ **Business Intelligence/Analytics**

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↗ HA/DR/Backup

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↗ Systems Management

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↗ Data Management

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↗ Managed Service Providers

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↗ APIs

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↗ Application Development

MDChange

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↗ Database

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↗ Application Development

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↗ APIs

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↗ Application Development

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↗ Application Modernization

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↗ HA/DR/Backup

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↗ Managed Service Providers

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↗ Systems Management

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↗ Business Intelligence/Analytics

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↗ Database

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↗ Security

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↗ Application Development

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What Is an IBM Business Partner, Really?

This question came up this week when discussing upgrading two systems from IBM i 7.3 to 7.5. The word "partner" means a lot to me.

First, what is an IBM Business Partner? Well, that definition can be a little broad. I'd argue that a Business Partner is the liaison between customers and IBM. We represent customers to IBM, and we represent IBM to customers. Business Partners primarily consist of IBM technology experts, hardware resellers, software resellers and ISVs.

The key word in Business Partner is "**partner**." The best partnerships have regular, effective communication. At Service Express, we view ourselves as an extension of every customer's business. There's value in that line of thinking.

There's plenty of partner-focused IBM education happening. It seems like a week doesn't go by that we're on webinars and conference calls learning about what's coming down the pike regarding technology and pricing changes, product withdrawals and replacements and the like.

Theory is great, but hands-on practice is even better. Will your Business Partner upgrade you to IBM i 7.4 as their *first 7.4 upgrade?* Do they have a Power10 in place to test things out? What about new IBM external storage? Or a POWER-based Hardware Management Console?

Ever wonder why your Business Partner calls you every couple of months? No, it's not to sell you something. We're checking in to tell you about what's coming next. It's to let you know your machine just went end of marketing, so it may only have a few years left. It's to remind you that 7.4 was released in 2019, and on average, you'll get seven years out of it; maybe 7.5 would be a good idea in advance.

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↗ Security

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↗ Systems Management

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As an IBM Platinum Business Partner, Tectrade is adept at managing and optimizing the performance of critical workloads in the cloud and data centers with IBM i, AIX and Linux operating systems.

From monitoring and managing all the components that impact system stability, to updating the hosted applications, backing up critical data and reacting to alerts 24-7, Tectrade ensures its clients spend their time utilizing cloud applications to drive business value, rather than managing them.

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↗ Application Modernization

Tectrade Cloud IBM i Services

Tectrade Cloud IBM i Services are designed to optimize the availability and performance of critical workloads running on IBM i and IBM Power Systems. Our experts provide the entire hybrid infrastructure in an OPEX managed service wrap and support platforms on-premises, hosted in data centers or the Tectrade PowerCloud.

We can take over the burden of mundane operations, allowing you to focus on business transformation with the confidence that your platforms are in safe hands.

↗ Cloud

Tectrade Cloud AIX Services

Tectrade has been managing critical AIX workloads running on IBM Power Systems for decades. Our experts support platforms on-premises, hosted in a third-party data center or in the Tectrade PowerCloud.

Our multicloud platform allows organizations to meet changing demands, increasing and scaling back resources.

We provide the entire hybrid infrastructure in an OPEX managed service wrap. This means end-to-end security across the whole hybrid environment, while only paying for what you use.

↗ Linux on Power

Tectrade Cloud Linux on Power Services

Running complex Linux on IBM Power Systems workloads at peak performance around the clock is an important but time-consuming activity. Tectrade's Cloud Services enable businesses to use technology to scale up or scale back as needed.

Our multi-cloud platform is a stepping stone to running private, public or hybrid cloud environments. We optimize the availability and performance of critical workloads on-premises, hosted in a third-party data center or in the Tectrade PowerCloud.

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TLAForms allows you to use data from existing IBM i spool files to create professional forms with no programming. Create fields from IBM i spool file data. Place data on a form as text, bar codes or images. Use SQL to retrieve data from your IBM i files. Use actions to condition objects on the form to easily create a header page, detail page(s) and last page. Or use actions to condition output. For instance, email the form when an email is available. If an email is not available, print the form. The Form Design Interface makes designing forms easy and no programming is required to generate forms.

Take a Deeper Look at Your Software Solutions

ORGANIZATIONS typically acquire applications to solve specific issues, using software with a single purpose in mind. Such was the case with a customer who had acquired our software to generate as many as 40,000 forms each day! Our work with them was to ensure the application ran as quickly as possible given the significant processing involved. Near the end of a conversation, almost as an afterthought, the customer mentioned their need for a more effective check printing solution.

This made me think about how much I enjoy delving into applications I use to uncover functionality that may not be readily apparent. It's like walking through the forest and catching a glimpse of a bear as it skitters away. The discovered feature may be something I had not even considered, but upon finding it, it provides an opportunity to improve functionality or streamline a task.

It turns out our forms application also includes the functionality to generate checks. The MICR font is an integral part of the product, and checks can be generated to printers capable of printing with magnetic ink and as PDFs for archiving, providing our customer with more functionality and value.

Sometimes we can become so focused on the task at hand that we overlook other valuable features. This is understandable. We're all busy and under pressure to solve problems and deliver results. It's worth taking time, however, to broaden the view, to discover hidden functionality in a solution you already use, to maximize

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XORUX

Xorux is an independent company that develops performance monitoring and reporting tools XorMon, LPAR2RRD and STOR2RRD.

LPAR2RRD is a performance monitoring and reporting tool for server virtualization on IBM Power Systems including IBM i and other platforms as well.

STOR2RRD is a performance monitoring and reporting tool for storage systems, SAN and LAN switches.

XorMon combines both tools into a single pane of glass.

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↗ Performance

LPAR2RRD

LPAR2RRD is a performance monitoring and reporting tool for IBM Power Systems, collecting basic data directly from HMC console using REST API. It's a great way to get information about PowerVM utilization from a single LPAR through a physical box to all resources managed by the HMC. All environments are supported: AIX, VIOS, Linux and IBM i.

STOR2RRD

STOR2RRD is a performance monitoring and reporting tool for storage systems, SAN and LAN switches. If you need to know how your storage environment is utilized, response times or any other key metrics, use STOR2RRD. With this solution you can monitor almost any storage and see all storage systems in a single pane of glass.

XorMon

Performance monitoring tool for server, storage, DB, cloud, SAN and LAN.

Gives you the ability to see the utilization of the IBM Power Systems, storage systems, SAN switches, DBs and more.

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As more companies recognize the importance of speeding up innovation and accelerating their digital transformations, it's critical for ISVs to keep pace with new, innovative products, tools and services offerings to deliver what customers need, when they need it, adding value and driving better business outcomes.

The following partners and ISVs are launching new products or offerings in 2024, contributing to the vibrant IBM i and AIX partner ecosystems with enthusiasm. We encourage users to investigate these availabilities on the platform:

New Products, Tools and Services Keep Customers Up to Date and the Power Systems Ecosystem Thriving

↗ **Business Intelligence/Analytics**

Embedded Business Intelligence *by Lansa*

Turn data into action with LANSA's business intelligence solutions. Uncover trends and opportunities through user-friendly, AI-powered tools that aid all types of users in generating insights. Create dynamic dashboards and reports for collaborative data exploration, empowering smart choices at the point of decision-making.

Learn more about Lansa and Embedded Business Intelligence on page 24 →

↗ **Cloud**

mPower Cloud Migration Factory *by Meridian IT*

Meridian's mPower Cloud Migration Factory is a comprehensive solution that helps businesses of all sizes migrate their workloads to the cloud quickly, securely and cost-effectively. Our proven methodology minimizes downtime and disruption to your business and ensures the successful migration of workloads to the cloud.

Learn more about Meridian IT and mPower Cloud Migration Factory on page 27 →

IBM i USER GROUP ROUNDUP

One sure constant in the IT world is change—and with it, the need to learn and grow alongside evolving technology. Keeping up with the rapid pace of change in IT can be challenging.

That's where local user groups come in, providing valuable opportunities for networking, education and connection. From conferences, student activities, virtual meetings, competitions and more, connecting with local user groups helps members plug into the Power Systems community, sustains the IBM i platform and fosters innovation.

Are you curious about active regional user groups around the U.S. and Canada? Check out these user groups for a sampling of events and networking opportunities in your area.

Canada

Ontario (Toronto)—Toronto Users Group

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The Toronto Users group's purpose is to provide a professional forum for presentations and exchange the ideas that pertain to IBM midrange computers as well as related subjects for users, from the technical management and end user perspectives. Meetings are usually held every second last Wednesday evenings of the January, March, May, September and November. Zoom meetings are conducted each alternate month.

United States

California (Costa Mesa)—Orange County Educational Advancement Network (OCEAN)

ougsc.memberclicks.net / info@oceanusergroup.org

The Orange County Educational Advancement Network (OCEAN) User Group's mission offers an affordable educational resource by providing the latest information on both IBM and multiplatform technology. Educational sessions are presented by guest speakers at monthly meetings, webinars, special events and the annual Technical Conference and Vendor Solutions Expo. Meetings are scheduled monthly and are held January to November. The primary focus of the meetings is to discuss the IBM Power Systems platform and IBM i OS while covering topics related to technical areas and career development. The user group focuses on how to innovate and thrive with iBM i, while offering full technical presentations that focus on all aspects of IT from strategic directions to today's latest technologies and hands-on workshops on learning how to tune up your skill sets.

COMMON User Group

www.common.org / common@common.org / 800-777-6734 or 312-279-0192

COMMON is the world's largest association of IT professionals that focus on IBM and related technolgoies and is focused on enhancing the careers of its members. By attending a COMMON event, you will have the opportunity to choose educational sessions that best support your educational goals while networking with others in the ecosystem.

Illinois (Oak Brook)—Omni Users Group

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The Omni User Group is Chicago's largest and oldest association of computer users. The user group specializes in the IBM midrange platform and associated computing devices. Omni's dinner meetings are held monthly to share educational and practical experiences among the IBM i community.

LUG (Large User Group)

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LUG (Large User Group) was formed in 1994, incorporated in Minnesota in 1999, and has been going strong ever since. LUG consists of 90 large companies that have a significant investment in IBM i, with members using more than 225 million CPW. Recognized leaders in their industries, member companies are present in finance, manufacturing, insurance, retail, petroleum and media. At LUG meetings, there are dozens of presentations, breakout sessions, and opportunities for dialogue. Each meeting includes in-depth, technical and strategic presentations on varied topics members are interested in, excluding marketing and sales. Working meetings are held three times per year, generally in February, June and September, at the IBM offices in Rochester, Minnesota, the birthplace of the IBM i.

Michigan (Rochester)—Southeast Michigan iSeries Users Group

semiug.org / webmaster@semiug.org / Southeast Michigan IBM i User Group, P.O. Box 80135 Rochester, Michigan 48308

The Southeast Michigan IBM i User Group's mission is to provide a forum for IBM i users to gain new skills, stay informed about upcoming changes on the platform and network with other IBM i professionals. Meetings take place monthly September through June (excluding December). Many of the speakers at the user group's meetings are current or former IBM i experts who have a vast wealth of knowledge to share with the attendees.

Michigan (Grand Rapids)—West Michigan IBM i Users Group

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West Michigan IBM i User Group (WMSUG) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to presenting timely information to CIOs, directors, managers, analysts and programmers who utilize the IBM i platform in their businesses. WMSUG meetings are typically held monthly September through May.

Mid-Atlantic Group of IBM i Collaborators

magic-ug.org / admin@magic-ug.org / MAGiC, 4658D Haygood Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455

The Mid-Atlantic Group of IBM i Collaborators (MAGiC) was founded to provide a place to collaborate and to learn new IBM i skills from industry experts and share ideas with other members. MAGiC provides informative monthly online sessions, an annual two-day workshop focused on open source and an annual conference. MAGiC has become a great resource for IBM i professionals to gain valuable insights and training from knowledgeable industry experts, designed to help us shift our thinking and approaches from reactive to proactive, from status quo to visionary, from keeping up with the industry to leading from within it.

Minnesota (St. Paul)—QUSER

quser.org / QUSER, P.O. Box 40062, Saint Paul, MN 55104

The QUSER Group is an excellent opportunity to network with peers, share ideas and tips, and become knowledgeable on topics relevant to the IBM i community. Becoming a member allows for access to additional support provided by IBM, COMMON and other corporate sponsors, all of which are committed to the success of QUSER Group. These sponsors provide special guest speakers, contributing to education funding and provide discounts to attend the popular conferences such as COMMON.

New Hampshire (Peterborough)—New Hampshire Midrange Users Group

nhmug.org / Follow @NHMUG1 on Twitter

The New Hampshire Midrange User Group is a nonprofit organization working to grow and strengthen the IBM i community. The user group meets within and the surrounding areas of the state of New Hampshire as well as Vermont, Maine and Massachusetts. The New Hampshire Midrange User Group meets several times in September through June but does not have any meetings during the month of the Northeast User Group Conference. NHMUG actively participates in the Northeast User Groups Conference that is held each spring in Framingham, Massachusetts.

New York (Syosset) – Long Island Systems Users Group (LISUG)

lisug.org / Long Island System User Group (LISUG), 338 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 101, Syosset, NY 11791-3504

The Long Island System User Group (LISUG) is dedicated to the education of system professionals that utilize the IBM Power Systems platform, including IBM i, System i, iSeries and AS/400. The user group has become one of the largest and most technical user groups in the country, consistently advancing the knowledge of all computer users on all platforms. The user group meets every month (with the exception of June, July and August) and consists of a pre-meeting followed by a cocktail hour, dinner and then the main presentation. The knowledgeable speakers and members make for a very interesting experience, and LISUG attracts some of the industry's top speakers, including professionals from IBM Rochester and Toronto labs. In May they hold their May Education Day.

Tennessee (Nashville)—IMUG Midrange Users Group

imugtn.org / 270-885-9011 / MUG, 718 Thompson Lane, Suite 108-266, Nashville, TN 37204

IBM Midrange User Group (IMUG) is an organization serving the IBM Power Systems community in Nashville and its surrounding areas. Members can meet in person or attend the video conference online for each monthly meeting. As an IMUG member, you will have the opportunity to attend presentations from a network of industry leaders and become a part of a supportive community of local IT experts.

The Central Texas IBM i User Group CTXiUG

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The Central Texas IBM i User Group (CTXiUG) is a community of passionate technology experts focused on sharing knowledge about the IBM operating system IBM i and everything related to it. No topic is too unique or niche for CTXiUG. The group was founded in 2020 and is always looking for members in central Texas, including metropolitan Austin and San Antonio areas. The user group meets every other month and has successfully brought a host of IBM champions and other accomplished people in the IBM i community to present exciting new ideas to the group. Each meeting is typically accessible online to anyone who registers.

Wisconsin (Elm Grove)—Wisconsin Midrange Computer Professional Association

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The Wisconsin Midrange Computer Professional Association's purpose is to allow members to exchange information regarding the use and growth of the midrange system. The dinner meetings are held monthly from September through May—with the exception of March—and each meeting consists of two sessions by a guest speaker. In March, the user group holds its annual Spring Technical Conference, which is a two-day event. Membership is recommended to any person, company, group or organization which has a midrange computer system, such as an AS/400, iSeries, System i or IBM i on Power Systems installed or on order, or to anyone who is directly involved in the creation of software and hardware related to midrange systems.

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