



Southeast Michigan iSeries User Group



Common IBM i certification testing.

Overview presentation followed by testing.

Date: Tuesday, June 19th
Time: 5:30-6:30 Webinar presentation; 7:00-9:00 Certification Testing
Location: IBM-Southfield
18000 West Nine Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48075 ([map](#))
Speaker: Randy Dufault

The session will start with an overview presentation on the available certifications provided through COMMON including: [COMMON Business Computing Associate](#), [COMMON Certified Business Computing Professional](#) and newly added RPG certification.

The overview will be followed by certification testing. The tests will be administered by a COMMON certified proctor. LUG members will be offered the discounted price of \$125 (regular pricing ranges from \$250 to \$350). If you would like to take the exam you will need to pre-register and pre-pay using the following link:
<http://www.common.org/index.php/event-reg.html>

Please contact Laura Ubelhor at ubelhor@sbcglobal.net or Manzoor Siddiqui at MSiddiqui@common.org. Test takers will need to bring their own laptop with Internet Explorer or Firefox pre-loaded. The exam proctor will release the exam to each test taker on that person's laptop, at which time they will have 2 hours to complete the exam. The exams will also be offered at the COMMON fall conference which will be held September 24 through September 26, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus, Ohio.

COMMON Certified Application Developer - ILE RPG

The newest credential offered through the COMMON Certification Program, the exam for COMMON Certified Application Developer – ILE RPG on IBM i on Power debuts in Anaheim at the 2012 Annual Meeting and Exposition – available for the first time anywhere. This is your first opportunity to take the exam and gain this credential before leaving Anaheim and have your RPG expertise validated - become one of the first COMMON Certified Application Developers!

Recommended prerequisites include:

- 3 - 5 years performing a broad range of RPG design and programming activities
- Advanced knowledge of keywords and their functions
- At least 18 months to 2 years experience using ILE and / free format techniques

The ILE RPG on IBM i on Power Exam covers the following:

1. Core RPG, Subfiles, and Externally Described Files
2. Advanced RPG & Problem Determination / Resolution
3. RPG Data Handling
4. ILE

Learn more about this credential, including details on what is covered on the exam at <http://www.common.org/certification>

Don't miss your opportunity to gain this new credential.

About the Speaker:

Randy Dufault is the Director of Solution Development for Genus Technologies in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In that role he is responsible for the architecture and design of software solutions for clients across the country and around the world. Those solutions center on IBM Software technologies and often concentrate on unstructured data management. He is a long-time COMMON member and volunteer, with experience across the organization. He currently serves as Chairman of COMMON's Certification Steering Committee.



From the President:

Dear Members:

MITEC 2012 is almost here. We are excited and looking forward to a power packed day of education. The event features a great line up of presenters and current topics. Please see details at www.gomitec.com. There is still time to join in and participate at **MITEC 2012**. The event also features a full track of AIX presentations.

Congratulations to the MITEC registration winners:

Gerry Abela

Dextech

CES, Inc.

TRAM, Inc.

Sterling Bank and Trust

Our June meeting will introduce members to the COMMON certification exams. The meeting will start out with a review of what certification exams are available, why certification is important and how you can prepare for the exam. Randy Dufault has led the COMMON team in preparing and overseeing COMMON certification. Randy is the current COMMON President. The certification exams are offered at a great discount to LUG members. The presentation will be followed by an opportunity for members to take the exam. If you aren't prepared to take the exam on Tuesday June 19th the exams will again be offered at the September COMMON fall event in Columbus Ohio. Join in on site or remotely to see the certification

presentation. Don't miss this great opportunity to learn about the exams and the opportunity to take the exam.

Board elections will be held during the June meeting. Over the summer we will plan for the 2012/2013 SEMIUG year. Special thanks goes out to current board members for doing a great job in serving the local IBM "i" community. A special thanks to Dale Thieme for doing such a great job maintaining the SEMIUG web site. The board serves on a volunteer basis and the efforts are greatly appreciated and make a difference in bringing education to our local IBM "i" community.

If there are topics you would like to see and learn more about please make sure to provide the information to any SEMIUG board member. Your input helps greatly to put together a plan for presentations and user group activities.

2011/2012 has been a great year for SEMIUG. We've had great topics and presentations provided through regular user group meetings and also had a couple of hands on opportunities including PHP and Ajax, Json, JQuery and RPG working together. We have plans to provide other hands on opportunities including plans for another PHP and a web query hands on completing a member project. If you have other ideas for hands on that you would like to see included please share your ideas. If your organization is interested in providing a project for a hands on activity don't hesitate we will be rounding up potential PHP and web query projects soon. We will also be able to open up access to the box we use for hands on activities for LUG members to be able to use for learning activities. If you would like to have a sandbox to freshen up your skills or try out something new please contact Laura at ubelhor@sbcglobal.net.

The role of IT has changed over the years and today often it is required to do more with less and also to have skills and expertise within many areas of technology. SEMIUG strives to assist the local IBM "i" community to fulfill requirements by providing an opportunity to learn, keep current and provide a comfortable environment to interact with other IBM "i" colleagues. Thank you to our membership for enthusiasm and participation in SEMIUG activities.

We look forward to seeing you at MITEC and at the upcoming June user group meeting.

Regards,
Laura

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January - December

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The primary contact will have the responsibility for member voting as stipulated in the constitution. The primary contact name can be changed at will by the member company. Membership voting rights are limited to one person employed by an organization regardless of holding an individual or organization membership.

Paper copies of the newsletter are no longer being mailed. The newsletter will be distributed through email (usually in PDF format). Feel free to forward the email on to others.

Annual dues per member company - \$100.00; Individual memberships are available for \$50.00 (An individual is defined as a person not directly employed by an organization or a person employed by an organization paying membership dues from personal funds). Memberships are for the calendar year, January through December. Dues are not prorated for a partial year. Please make check payable to: **Southeast Michigan iSeries User Group**.

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