



Southeast Michigan iSeries User Group



Skills for the Modern IBM i Technical Resource

Date: Tuesday May 21st, 2013

Time: 5:30 (Deli snack) - 6:00 (Meeting)

Location: IBM-Southfield
18000 West Nine Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48075 ([map](#))

Panelists: Char Parker MCC – Muskegon Community College, Paul Ubelhor Consultech Services, Inc, Michael Cain IBM and Tim Rowe IBM, Mike Pavlak Zend

Notes: You may join in onsite or remotely. Details for remote connections will be provided on SEMIUG's site.

The meeting will be a panel discussion "Skills for the Modern IBM i Technical Resource". The meeting will include a panel to begin the discussion by sharing insight on what skills IBM i technical resource should be focusing on now and in the future. The meeting will begin with each panelist sharing insights on technical skills required today and in the future. The brief insight by each panelist will be followed by an open discussion with group members focusing on the topic.

Attendees will be provided a copy of "Managing without Walls" by Colleen Garton and Kevin Wegryn on a first come first serve basis. Books have generously been provided by MCPress.
<http://www.mcpressonline.com/career/general/managing-without-walls.html>

Tim Rowe

Tim Rowe has worked for IBM in Rochester, Minn. for more than two decades. He is currently the business architect for application development on IBM i with responsibility for ensuring that the platform has the infrastructure and components necessary for customers to develop, build, and run applications on IBM i. He works with Rational and WebSphere on a daily basis and also has IBM i responsibility for the IBM HTTP Server, Web Administration GUI interface, integrated web application server for i, web services server for i, and other application components. Before focusing on web-based middleware, Tim spent several years on work management of IBM i.



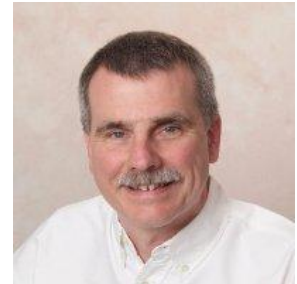
Michael Cain

Mike Cain is the team leader of the IBM DB2 for i Center of Excellence in Rochester, Minnesota USA. Along with a team of highly skilled subject matter experts, Mike travels the world guiding, educating and supporting clients who want to get the most out of DB2 for IBM i. He specializes in SQL query performance and scalability, as well as very large database, business intelligence and analytics within the IBM i environment. Mike has worked on behalf of IBM since 1988, starting his career as an AS/400 Systems Engineer in the Chicago IL metropolitan area. In 1992 Mike transferred to the IBM Rochester Laboratory where he has continuously worked with clients, software providers and business partners around the world. Mike is a frequent speaker at technical conferences and user groups. He has spoken to and educated thousands of people on database concepts and information management at events across the United States, Europe and Asia.



Mike Pavlak

Mike has been working with IBM midrange solutions since 1992 and IBM Mainframes before that. After years of developing applications using RPG, CL and PHP he managed IT development and IT for power protection manufacturer Tripp Lite. Mike joined Zend Technologies as a Solutions Consultant working with the i5 sales team in 2008 and enjoys helping IBM i customers explore PHP as a state of the art solution for application modernization. Mike lives in suburban Chicago with his wife, five kids, two dogs, three cats, a leopard spotted gecko, Russian tortoise, two rabbits, and a half dozen fish. Mike teaches PHP I: Foundations for IBM i.



Char Parker

Full-time Computer Information Systems instructor and CIS Coordinator for the Business department, is currently in her eleventh year of teaching at MCC, with over 14 years of previous college teaching experience. She has a Bachelor's degree from Aquinas College and a Master's degree from Western Michigan University, and regularly attends IBM training. Char teaches both introductory courses, computer programming and midrange computing courses, and handles MCC's affiliation with "IBM Power Systems Academic Initiative."



Paul Ubelhor

Vice President Consultech Services, Inc. specializing in application and system support of IBM's system i series computer. Offering solutions to clients that include software, hardware, consulting and training. Client base ranges across many industries, from manufacturing and health care to non-profit organizations.



From the President:

Dear Members:

We have an exciting meeting planned for May. The meeting will focus on “Skills for the Modern IBM i Technical Resource”.

Whether you are a technical resource new to the platform or someone that has been on the platform for some time it is important to keep skills current and also to understand what skills are required today and in the future. Managers also will benefit from the meeting. We have rounded up a group of experts to share their insight. Attendees will have an opportunity to join in open discussion to ask questions, share thoughts and explore the topic of skills.

The panel will include Char Parker from MCC – Muskegon Community College. MCC has a full IBM i curriculum and works hard to prepare students new to the work world in technology roles. Paul Ubelhor from Consultech Services, Inc. works daily with helping organizations find resources and helping resources find opportunities on the IBM i. Tim Rowe Business Architect Application Development & Systems Management for IBM i Development Lab, Rochester, MN, Michael Cain Senior Technical Staff member IBM DB2 for I Center of Excellence Lab Services and Training IBM System and Technology group and Mike Pavlak Solutions Consultant at Zend Technologies, Inc. are on the panel and ready to share their expertise and insight. Thanks to Gelita Maxwell for such a great idea for an excellent topic and beneficial meeting. SEMIUG strives to continue to bring an opportunity for fellow i colleagues to learn and interact. Skills are an important focus as much today as ever. Technology is continually changing and it is a very worthwhile focus to consider what skills are needed today as well as in the future.

MITEC plans are well under way. We have an exciting Power Packed day planned for i colleagues. The event will again be held at Schoolcraft College Vistatech Center. Choose from over 40 sessions presented by Industry experts. We have an all star line up of presenters including: John Bizon, Larry Bolhuis, Xuan Chen, Jesse Gorzinski, Charles Guarino, Ash Hariharan, Doug Herman, Jackie Jansen, Dave Levites, James Lembke, Pete Massiello, Rick Milton, Derrick Smith, Richard Schoen, Tracy Smith, Paul Tuohy, Laura Ubelhor and Dean Woodke. Choose from a variety of topics including SQL, RPG, CL, Java, .Net, PHP, Client Access, RDp, Rational, Upgrading OS, Mobile Apps, Web Query, Web Services, Navigator, AIX, HA, Networking, Performance, Cloud, Backups, HMC, External Storage, iASPs, Director, Database, Electronic Signature, Geo Mirroring, Programmers Future and much more. See details at www.gomitec.com. The event will be held at the Schoolcraft College Vistatech center located in Livonia Michigan. Breakfast and lunch will be provided by the Schoolcraft College Culinary Institute. The event features many sessions to choose from, Vendor Expo and attendee raffle. We’re pleased to have students participating. Go out of your way to meet upcoming IBM i resource. The event is an affordable way to learn and interact with fellow i colleagues in your local area.

Early bird, user group member and group rates apply.

We will be giving away 2 MITEC registrations to attendees at the May meeting.

We look forward to seeing you in May!

Regards,

Laura



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