



Date: **Wednesday**, February 18, 2009

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

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

Speaker: Ross Freeman

A Great Time To Be i

With the economic change in the air, and the new System i introductions from IBM, it has never been a better time to be i. Priorities have changed, and the System i is poised to capitalize on the change.

Infor is the largest System I ISV in the world, with 15,000+ customers on System i. We see the opportunity in this market, and we want to share that good news with you. Whether you have been on the platform for many years, or just recently joined, you have seen the hard dollar advantages. Learn more about how we are focusing on this market, and why we think everyone should.

About the Speaker:

Ross is currently Senior Product Manager for Infor ERP XA. Responsible for product direction and marketing coordination of XA, which currently has 1600+ global ERP customers. Ross is skilled in developing, improving and repairing productive business relationships to support corporate objectives. He has over seven years of Program/Engagement management, successfully delivering multiple simultaneous projects across diverse geographies and project phases. He is highly skilled in organizational development and mentoring. Ross is highly skilled in executive presentation and relationship management.

Ross has 15 years of ERP experience, 12 years with other applications: Supply chain, advanced forecasting, MES, Warehouse Management. Ross has 18 years of IT experience, including software design, development, maintenance and package

implementation. During his career Ross held the position of Director of IT for manufacturing company

From the President:

Dear Members:

We have an exciting meeting planned for February. Please note the meeting will be on Wednesday Feb 18th. Ross Freeman from Infor will share his insight on why it is a great time to be on an "i". The topic will be interesting in light of the current economic conditions and is a don't want to miss presentation for all i colleagues.

In March John Earl of Powertech will be visiting our group to present "OS 400 forensics" focused on how to reconstruct what has taken place on your system whether it be for fulfilling legal requirement or for debugging.

MITEC 2009 plans are well under way. Registration will open in March for the Tuesday June 2nd 2009 event. We have a robust day planned packed full of education including BRMS, disaster recovery, PHP, RPG, CL, SQL, java, .NET, The new rational tools, RDi, SOA, RTCi, Web 2.0, Web Query and much more. This will be the 4th year for the power packed day of education. We will be holding the event again at the Henry Ford Event and Conference Center located in Dearborn Michigan. Now more than ever it is important to fuel up and improve your skills. The event again features world class presenters. Note the date and stay tuned for updates.

We encourage you to share user group information with other "i" colleagues. You can easily sign up to be included on the SEMIUG email list by following the instructions on the Subscribe tab of the user group web site.

If you haven't done so already please do renew your user group membership. You can find information under the membership tab of the user group web site.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Regards,

Laura
President, South East Michigan iSeries User Group

Membership Renewals:

It's time to send in your membership renewal for the 2009 year. As you know, the user group is the best education buy you can get. There is no other forum that provides 9 world-class sessions for as many employees as your company wants to send for only \$75 (and we even provide refreshments).

The "Membership" page is being updated as the renewals are received.

Thank you to all that have supported the group over the years.

E-Mails and Monthly Newsletter Delivery

We are changing the format and delivery system for our monthly meeting announcements.

Midrange.com – the home to popular email lists such as "midrange-L" and "RPG400-L" – has offered to host an "announcement list" for us. They have set up a separate, secure email lists for our own use in distributing meeting announcements and other general user group emails.

The emails will now be sent from SEMIUG-Announce@midrange.com on behalf of the user group secretary (paul.thieme@hutchinsonfts.com).

This is a big improvement for the user group. Members can now maintain their own enrollment in the email list. As addresses and/or preferences change, individuals can add/change their entry in the list server at will.

The server is secure and all emails are sent to individual addresses. This should eliminate problems with spam filters due to the old method of sending the email to 200+ "BCC" addresses.

Unlike most list servers, this is set up for User Group announcements only. Only a select few users will be able to send emails to the list. Any other emails sent to the server for distribution, will end up in the dead letter box for review by the admin.

Again, the server is secure and the list is for the user group's use only, please visit www.midrange.com and review their privacy policy for more information.



Southeast Michigan iSeries User Group
P.O. Box 99284, Troy, Michigan 48099-9284
Membership Renewal
January - December
2009

Company Name: _____

Company Web Site: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Primary Contact: _____

(Voting Member)

Phone: (____) ____ - _____ Fax: (____) ____ - _____

E-Mail _____

Other Contacts:	Name	Email
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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.

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 - \$75.00. 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.**