



Southeast Michigan iSeries User Group



Why Ruby and Rails?

- Date:** Tuesday, January 21st, 2014
- Time:** 5:30 (Deli snack) - 6:00 (Meeting)
- Location:** IBM-Southfield
18000 West Nine Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48075 ([map](#))
- Speaker:** Aaron Bartell
- Notes:** Meeting will be presented in Webinar format. Join in onsite or remotely. Details for connecting remotely will be posted on the January page and on the front page

Languages are interesting animals. They can evoke great unity or spark potent dissension. A geek is to their language or operating system as a jock is to their favorite sports team - wholly, and sometimes unreasonably, devoted. That's been my life with RPG for over a decade.

Then a few years ago I started doing RubyOnRails development on Linux. After the excitement of learning something new wore off I realized something different and special was occurring in the world of Ruby and Rails - specifically, the Ruby and Rails community are prolific in recognizing patterns, and, in organized fashion, developing automations around those patterns to expedite the building of technology solutions. As of Oct 8th there is now a freely available and formally supported port of the Ruby language and Rails web framework for IBM name [PowerRuby](#).

Attend this session to learn more about all of the components that make the Ruby language and Rails web framework so successful and plain old fun. Topics covered will include Ruby, Rails, ActiveRecord, gems, bundler, social coding, agile practices, Convention Over Configuration, and test driven development.

About the Presenter

Aaron Bartell is co-founder of PowerRuby.com, a partnership with IBM to bring the Ruby language and Rails framework to IBM i. His history takes him through many years with RPG and Java programming, but his current focus is bringing the many cool realities of RubyOnRails to IBM i.

He enjoys being part of the IBM i community through forum participation, article writing and providing open source software on his personal website - [MowYourLawn.com](#).

Aaron finds value in pursuing how he can use his abilities to benefit those in need. He started the site

[SoftwareSavesLives.com](#) as a mechanism to raise money for digging clean water wells in Africa, feeding starving children, and camps for neglected children. Aaron lives with his wife and five



children in southern Minnesota and enjoys playing guitar, studying the Bible, and learning about other people's beliefs.

Aaron accidentally bought "skinny jeans" but refused to take them back because they were such a great deal. His wife doesn't like the jeans because they are bright red - maybe why they were on sale? Who knows why they were on sale, but Aaron does know they sure do stretch well when taking long strides trying to escape bears in the Minnesota woods. Warning: Portions of this biography might be slightly fabricated.

From the President:

Happy New Year!

We'll kick the year off with a very exciting presentation by Aaron Bartell introducing our local community to Ruby on Rails. There's been a lot of buzz about recent announcements of the collaboration and efforts with IBM to bring Ruby on Rails for IBM i. Come see for yourself and learn what the buzz is about. Aaron is sure to enlighten and excite our local community. You may join in onsite or remotely through webinar format.

We're busily planning MITEC 2014. The date has been set for Tuesday June 3rd, 2014. The event will again be held at Schoolcraft College Vistatech Center. We're busily finalizing speakers and topics list. If there is something that you especially would like to see included please email Laura at ubelhor@sbcglobal.net. Now's your opportunity to put in your request!

It's that time of year. If you haven't done so already please do renew your membership. Membership dues help us bring great presentations like January's "Ruby On Rails" presentation to our local community, helps pay for the use of the iDevcloud box and much more. Membership dues are very affordable \$50 per individual or \$100 per organization. As a member of SEMIUG you are automatically a COMMON member, have access to the iDevcloud box, are entitled to participate within user group activities and are provided a discounted rate to the annual MITEC one day conference event and much more. To renew membership tab and you'll find the group renewal form at the bottom of the page.

We have exciting plans for the 2014 year and look forward to seeing you in January.

Happy Holidays!

Regards,

Laura



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