



Southeast Michigan iSeries User Group



RPG Free-form Enhancements

Date: Tuesday, February 18th, 2014

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

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

Speaker: Barbara Morris

Notes: Meeting will be presented in Webinar format. Join in onsite or remotely. Details for connecting remotely will be posted on the February page and on the front page

More Freedom for RPG: Free-form H F D and P specs Find out all about the additional support for free-form coding in RPG with TR7 for 7.1

- The syntax for free-form H F D and P specs
- How some of the new features will help you write more robust code
- The gotchas that experienced RPG programmers might run into at first

About the Presenter:

Barbara Morris is the lead developer for the RPG compiler in the IBM Toronto Lab. She has been working on the RPG compilers since she started at IBM in 1989 after receiving a Computing Science degree from the University of Alberta.



From the President:

Dear Members:

There's lots of buzz about the new functionality provided in RPG Free enhancements. Join us in February with presenter Barbara Morris to find out what it's all about. You are sure to enjoy the presentation and also sure to be able to take back tools to use within your environments. You can join in on site or remotely by joining in webinar format.

MITEC 2014 plans are well under way. We have an "All Star" line up of presenters for the conference event including: Aaron Bartell, Larry Bolhuis, Pete Massellio, Paul Tuohy, Tracy Smith, Steve Will, Dave Levites, Dough Herman, Scott Klement, Ted Holt, Debbie Saugen, Tim Rowe, Jesse Gorzinski, Charles Guarino and more. We're honored to have Steve Will kicking off the day with a "Trends and Directions" presentation. Mark your calendars for Tuesday June 3rd. The big event will be held at Schoolcraft College Vistatech Center. The conference website updates are in progress. Stay tuned for updates at www.gomitec.com.

In March we will kick off an activity to include students. Students will team up with group members and will have one month to create a game using IBM i tools. The development will be completed using the iDevcloud box. Not many rules other than whatever is coded must be done on IBM i. In April we will unveil the finished games. The games will be presented to the group and members will vote on the winning apps. Students will be awarded cash prizes to use toward education expenses.

We ask that you step forward and sign up to work with a student or to make a contribution toward the prize monies. SEMIUG is a non-profit group so you'll be able to account for the contribution. Contributions can be provided as an individual or organization. Students will be teamed up with group members to have available to ask for questions or guidance. The activity won't take much time and will be a great way to introduce, welcome students into the community and enthuse and inspire students. Please do step forward and make a difference for the future! For details or answers contact Laura at ubelhor@sbcglobal.net.

It's that time of year again. We ask that if you haven't done so already please renew your group membership. Dues help us be able to bring current topics and world class presentations and education opportunities to our local group. To pay membership dues visit the membership tab and find the membership renewal form at the bottom of the page. As a SEMIUG member you're automatically a COMMON member and entitled to COMMON benefits. For the very low price of \$50 for an individual or \$100 per organization you're also provided discounted rates to MITEC, provided access to iDevcloud box and all of the education provided through monthly group meetings and activities.

Keep Warm.

Regards,

Laura



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