



Welcome to the April Issue of the IBM Canada iSay Newsletter

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After what seems to be a very long winter (one still going on in many areas of the country despite the date on the calendar) spring has finally sprung. One thing spring usually brings is IBM events, and Spring 2009 is delivering just that, with several live seminars and webcasts.

We started in March with the IBM Smarter IT Decisions Conference, and that continues throughout April with 8 events. We are excited that a new break-out session on Virtualization has been added in Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic Canada where PowerVM will be covered. More details are included on page 7.

I am also excited to announce that we have the IBM Power of iLoyalty Tour in Canada, with speakers from IBM Rochester in 5 locations in May. It's great to have these fabulous speakers in Canada, to update IBM i customers on the latest and greatest relating to IBM i Power Systems. Registration for this event is now open at the IBM Canada Events Website. More details are included on page 6. Also the new 2009 Power of i Webcast series kicks off this week with titles continuing into May. More details on that Page 4.

Our IBM i in the News section has information on the IBM iLoyalty program, news on Dr. Frank Soltis, and news on DB2 Web Query.

And our Technical Tips section has links to help you with Firmware release information and Fix Levels.

Lots of information for this Spring 2009 edition. As always, thank you for your continued interest in our product family. I hope you enjoy this issue of iSay.

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*I want the best
I want control
I want an i*

IBM i Product Related Announcements

Document

Number Title

[A09-0057](#) IBM Power 520 and Power 550 4GB memory feature available; 520 configuration conversion available

*These
announcements
were made between
February 3, 2009 and
March 31, 2009*

[A09-0241](#) IBM Lotus Web Content Management 6.1 delivers enhanced professional editing capability

[A09-0427](#) Revised availability: Small Form Factor DASD features on IBM Power 550

*Click on The
Document Number
to go the online link*

[309-517](#) IBM i Licensing by User Promotion (expires June 19, 2009)

[309-524](#) Modification: Software solutions for IBM Power Systems rebate offering

Hot Off the Press

Drafts

IBM Power Systems 520 Technical Overview

Revised: February 20, 2009

More details are available at

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/abstracts/redp4403.html?Open>

IBM Power Systems 550 Technical Overview

Revised: February 20, 2009

More details are available at

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/abstracts/redp4404.html?Open>

Implementing IBM Systems Director 6.1

Revised: February 20, 2009

More details are available at

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/abstracts/sg247694.html?Open>

Redbooks

IBM PowerVM Virtualization Managing and Monitoring

Published: March 12, 2009 ISBN: 0738432466 586 pages

Explore the book online at

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg247590.html?Open>

Using IBM DB2 for i as a Storage Engine of MySQL

Published: March 12, 2009 ISBN: 0738432407 220 pages

Explore the book online at

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg247705.html?Open>

Redpapers

IBM Midmarket Software Buying and Selling Guide

Revised: March 27, 2009

More details are available at

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpapers/abstracts/redp3975.html?Open>

IBM Power 520 and Power 550 (POWER6) System Builder

Published: March 26, 2009

More details are available at

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpapers/abstracts/redp4412.html?Open>

Calendar of Events

WebCast Series: “IBM Power of i - Innovation Served Simply”

Join System i Network for their NEW [2009 Spring WebCast series](#), sponsored by IBM

In these sessions, they'll show you how the latest IBM Power Systems™ technology can help you reduce your monthly costs while providing significantly increased performance. They'll discuss the popular IBM DB2® Web Query solution, including new features under development. And you'll receive updates on IBM i enhancements, news from the Spring COMMON conference and new information about IBM i running on IBM BladeCenter® technology

Special Offer

Register and take advantage of this offer – a USB key preloaded with insightful white papers, brochures, the Spring webcast presentations and more

Register now to attend the webcasts at www.systeminetwork.com/poweriwebcasts

Discover how IT decisions can be smarter and less complicated, and how IBM i technology can help you reduce costs, manage risk and improve service. We look forward to your attendance at one, or all, of these sessions:

The Power of iLoyalty – Tuesday, April 7, 2009 – 2pm EST

The Power of DB2 Web Query – Tuesday, April 21, 2009 – 2pm EST

The Power of i: The Latest Enhancements – Tuesday, May 5, 2009 – 2pm EST

The Power of IBM BladeCenter and IBM i – Tuesday, May 19, 2009 – 2pm EST

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

IBM i Enterprise Modernization Webcast – Tuesday, April 21

IBM Rational Software would like to invite you to attend our upcoming complementary webcast:

IBM i Enterprise Modernization Webcast – Tuesday, April 21 from 11:00am-12:00pm MST

In these difficult economic times, every company is challenged by shrinking markets, fierce competition and increasing budget constraints. To remain viable and competitive IT organizations are now required to :

- Modernize their aging systems to make their users and business processes more efficient
- Reduce costs of new application development and maintenance
- Build composite solutions that can leverage multiple platforms and operating systems
- Staff projects with new developers as the current RPG experts retire

IBM has created technologies and services to help **transform your heritage green screen applications into cross platform solutions** with new user interfaces that take advantage of the latest technology initiatives like Web 2.0, and improve the productivity and collaboration of your development teams.

Webcast Agenda:

- I. Introduction to Enterprise Modernization for Applications, People & Teams
- II. Modern Application Development with RDi
- III. Modern Architectures with Web Services and Web with RDi SOA
- IV. Business & IT Value: "Putting it all together"
- V. Application Lifecycle: Manage, Build, Deploy – RTCi
- VI. How to get started, next step recommendations

REGISTER to attend this IBM i Enterprise Modernization briefing webcast by emailing Ranjit Bal (rbal@ca.ibm.com) with the following information for each registrant:

- I. Full Name
- II. Company
- III. Title
- IV. Phone
- V. Email
- VI. Address

Learn more about Enterprise Modernization for IBM i at:

<http://www-01.ibm.com/software/rational/solutions/em/systems/i/>

Power of iLoyalty Tour Coming to Canada in May

Use IBM Power Systems™ to run multiple business applications. When budgets are tight, make better use of your IT assets — and avoid deploying another server every time your business needs another application. Run your business your way

What you'll hear from our IBM Rochester Executive Briefing Center Speakers:

- The latest IBM Power System announcements, Power IBM i Roadmap & Technology Trends
- An update on new DB2 Web Query functionality
- A variety of expansion options suited to your business needs - PowerVM, Blades, Storage & IBM Systems Director
- The ability to maximize return on your IT investments
- Drastically reduce monthly operating expenses
- Learn more about new and compelling incentives for Power Systems - IBM iLoyalty

Where? When?

[Winnipeg - May 5 – Delta Winnipeg, 350 St. Mary Avenue, Winnipeg, MB](#)

[Calgary - May 6 - Delta Bow Valley, 209 Fourth Avenue SE, Calgary, AB](#)

[Vancouver - May 7 - IBM Burnaby Office, 4601 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC](#)

[Montreal - May 27 – Le Centre Sheraton, 1201 Rene-Levesque Blvd. W, Montreal PQ](#)

[Toronto- May 28 - IBM Markham, 3600 Steeles Avenue East, Markham, ON](#)

Agenda

8:00 am	Registration and continental breakfast
8:30 am	Power and IBM i Roadmap - Dynamic Infrastructure, Power System Announcements, Technology Trends
10:00 am	Break
10:15 am	DB2 Web Query Update
11:00 am	Virtualization Strategies - Power VM, Blades, Storage, IBM Systems Director
12:15 pm	Close and Light Lunch

To register please go to:

www.ibm.com/events/ca

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IBM Canada Smarter IT Decisions Conference

Reduce your IT costs through better IT decisions		11 cities across Canada click to register
IBM Smarter IT Decisions Conference		

Is your IT Budget shrinking? Do you need to find innovative ways to manage your IT environment?

Attend the [IBM Smarter IT Decisions Conference](#) and find out how you can help your IT department take action and reduce costs by making better IT decisions through new insights, new flexibility, and new efficiencies.

Our planet is becoming smarter - more interconnected, instrumented, and intelligent - leading to new opportunities for cost savings and efficiency. And IT leaders like yourself are facing unprecedented challenges.

At this conference you will learn:

- How technology can change the way your organization thinks about IT
- How companies like yours have reduced their IT costs
- How to validate which IT investments are right for the long term
- Which new applications you can quickly deploy to grow your bottom line
- What actions you can take to immediately reduce infrastructure complexity
- Where the hidden cost savings are within your IT department

Time	Topic			
7:30 - 8:00	Breakfast, Registration and Networking			
8:00 - 9:15	Welcome and Keynote Speaker			
9:15 - 10:00	Breakout Session 1	A. Optimize IT Budgets in Mid-sized Companies Focus: Mid Market Description: Please See below	B. Dynamic Infrastructure: Optimizing your data centre Focus: Large Enterprise Description: Please See below	
10:15 - 11:00	Breakout Session 2	A. Reducing Costs and Improving Service with Virtualization NEW SESSION Power Virtualization Manager will be covered	B. Optimizing Security and Resiliency Focus : Mid Market & Large Enterprise Description: Please See below	C. Unlocking the Business Value of Information for Competitive Advantage Focus : Large Enterprise Description: Please See below
11:00 - 11:45	Breakout Session 3	A. Connect, Collaborate and Innovate to Drive Workforce Productivity and Cost Savings Focus : Mid Market & Large Enterprise Description: Please See below	B. How Storage can help you save Focus: Mid Market & Large Enterprise	
11:45 - 1:00	Lunch and Interactive Customer Panel			

IBM Canada Smarter IT Decisions Conference

Session Descriptions

9:15 - 10:00

1. A. Optimize IT Budgets in Midsized Companies

Come and learn how medium-sized businesses are reducing costs and improving application service levels with virtualization and server consolidation.

1. B. Dynamic Infrastructure: Optimizing your data centre

Learn innovative ways to enhance your infrastructure today. In an age where almost everything is becoming digitally aware and connected, an organization with a more efficient, secure, resilient, intelligent and dynamic infrastructure is essential. We will describe solutions and services that are designed to help organizations in the increasingly connected and collaborative world to:

- lower costs
- mitigate risks
- and improve service delivery

10:15 - 11:00

2. A. Reducing Costs and Improving Service With Virtualization - **NEW SESSION**

Virtualization provides a logical rather than a physical view of computing power and other resources, enabling you to see and manage computing resources in ways that offer more flexibility. Come and learn how Virtualization can reduce overall costs and to increase the utilization of existing resources.

PowerVM will be covered during this session

2. B. Optimizing Security and Resiliency

Security experts agree that when there is a slowdown in economic growth, cyber-attacks and network breaches increase. Meanwhile, organizations of all sizes continually look for opportunities to reduce operating costs in response to the current slowdown. More than ever, solutions that help businesses decrease these costs while reducing complexity are in high demand. Understand the new threats and hear how you can:

- Reduce cost and complexity of security to enable the business without compromising risk
- Enable innovation through secured infrastructure and platforms
- Reduce redundant security expenses
- Improve organizational and operational agility and resiliency

2. C. Unlocking the Business Value of Information for Competitive Advantage

Many factors influence your organizations performance. But few areas are more important than your organization's decision-making ability. Getting answers and acting on them means integrating reporting and analysis, planning, and measuring and monitoring—across your organization. Organizations today are faced with an ever mounting volume and variety of information in multiple silos. Business leaders are pressuring their IT departments for solutions that can help them get at data in new ways to drive innovation and differentiation. IT leaders, in turn, are stymied by environmental, technological and budgetary challenges. In this session, you will learn how IBM business intelligence (BI) solutions can provide an integrated approach to performance management in uncertain times.

Session Descriptions ... continued

11:00 - 11:45

3. A. **Connect, Collaborate and Innovate to Drive Workforce Productivity and Cost Savings**

To drive growth in today's fast-paced business environment companies need to innovate faster. This session details IBM's collaboration and unified communications solutions that can help you drive business growth through innovation, all the while reducing disk space and CPU requirements, travel, paper use and physical real estate costs. You'll hear about solutions that help to deliver dramatic improvements in individual and team effectiveness, productivity and cost savings across employees, customers, suppliers, and partners.

3. B. **How Storage can help you save**

You are invited to attend a Special session for IBM Power and BladeCenter attendees!!!

Following the Lunch and Interactive Customer Panel you are invited to attend a special Dessert & Coffee session that will be a Deep Dive into IBM Power & BladeCenter and how they can reduce cost and help you manager your IT environment better. Relax with dessert & coffee and listen to the experts discuss options ideal for your business.

Locations & Dates

Edmonton - April 7, 2009
Calgary - April 8, 2009
Ottawa - April 16, 2009
Burlington - April 21, 2009
Montreal - April 23, 2009
Halifax - April 28, 2009
St. John's - April 29, 2009
Fredericton - April 30, 2009

For more information on Locations and To Register [Click Here](#)

Calendar of Events

COMMON – 2009 Annual Meeting and Exposition

– **April 26-30 in Reno, Nevada**

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COMMON acts as the networking community, industry advocate and leading education provider for Power Systems (IBM i, AS/400, iSeries, System I, AIX and Linux) users in North America

This annual meeting is COMMON's largest educational conference of the year. There is also an IT Executive Conference running in Reno from April 26-28 designed for high-level decision makers. The Session Guide is now online - view the broad range of topics and sessions available at <http://www.common.org/sessions.html>

Highlights of the COMMON 2009 Annual Meeting and Exposition include:

- Providing attendees with over 500 educational sessions to choose from over five days on IBM i, AIX and Linux related topics.
- The most cost-effective conference option available to meet your 2009 Power Systems-related educational needs, providing the greatest ROI.
- All-day pre-conference workshops provide an unprecedented opportunity to gain in-depth and wide-ranging education that will immediately impact your daily work - learn more at <http://www.common.org/workshops.html>.
- The largest Exposition of its kind, giving you the ability to supplement your education with the latest Power Systems-related solutions available.
- Over 80 vendors present in the Exposition to experience first-hand the next generation of technologies and solutions that you can implement immediately.
- Don't miss the special keynote address during Opening Session by Jeff Jonas, IBM Distinguished Engineer and Chief Scientist, Entity Analytic Solutions, IBM Software Group
- Take part in the COMMON Cares Charity 5k Run/Walk and Blood Drive initiatives to give back to the Reno community - learn more at: <http://www.common.org/conferences/2009/annual/cares.html>
- Have fun and share with your peers, renowned speakers, IBM executives, and fellow members.

The COMMON 2009 Annual Meeting and Exposition is a Power Systems-related educational and networking event that you and/or your team won't want to miss.

To learn more about the 2009 Annual Meeting and Exposition and to register, visit:

<http://www.common.org/annualmeeting>

IBM i in the News

IBM Announces Program to Help System i, AS/400 Customers Manage Their Infrastructures

iLoyalty Initiative Offers Improved Performance with Power Systems Servers, Blades at Reduced Costs

From Marketwire

Updated 12:00 p.m. PT, Fri., March 13, 2009

ARMONK, NY - IBM (NYSE: IBM) today announced the iLoyalty program, a new initiative designed to help mid-sized customers update their System i infrastructures and reduce hardware and software maintenance costs. By moving to a newer solution, clients can purchase a more powerful system capable of running the latest software, such as business intelligence and web applications.

Specifically, IBM's iLoyalty program offers AS/400 and iSeries customers an attractive option to move to new selected i Editions of the Power 520, Power 550 and IBM BladeCenter solutions with a no-charge IBM i processor license. Additionally, for a limited time only, customers can acquire selected IBM i user licenses at a 50-percent discount.

"The iLoyalty program offers IBM clients a compelling proposition, and a solution that reduces costs, improves performance and supports the latest software to deliver business value with i Editions for IBM Power and BladeCenter offerings," said Todd Morris, director of worldwide sales for IBM Power Systems. "It's a great opportunity for customers to leverage discounted servers that can both improve the performance of their business applications and reduce overall monthly costs. "

Country Curtains, a private family and employee owned company based in Stockbridge, Mass., is known for window treatment design, quality, fair and reasonable pricing and outstanding customer service. Country Curtains took advantage of IBM's iLoyalty program, acquiring an i Edition of the Power 520 server and DS4700 storage to replace an older System i.

"The iLoyalty program was a perfect fit for Country Curtains," said Jeremy Warren, IT manager, Country Curtains. "With our new Power 520 server and IBM storage we've been able to increase performance, reduce power consumption, and now have the foundations for several future internal enhancements, all geared towards improving customer service, which, above all else, is the most important thing we do here."

The new Power i servers bring the following benefits to their customers:

- Improved management
- Virtualization
- Business resiliency
- Energy efficiency

This offer is available now and will be available until June 19, 2009 throughout North America. Customers can contact their IBM sales representative, IBM business partner or reseller for more information.

For more information on IBM Power Systems, including i Editions with integrated hardware and software pre-installed, visit: <http://www-03.ibm.com/systems/power/>.

IBM i in the News

Information Builders Expands Product Offering With New Database Adapter for IBM DB2 Web Query for Business Intelligence **New Feature Provides SMB Users Seamless Integration With Microsoft SQL Server(TM)**

By Marketwire

02/04/09 -- Information Builders, the independent leader in operational business intelligence (BI) systems, today announced an agreement with IBM to expand the capabilities of IBM's DB2 Web Query for i business intelligence solution, based on Information Builders' WebFOCUS platform. The agreement with IBM is to provide a new DB2 Web Query Database Adapter feature, allowing DB2 Web Query to extend its reach by enabling report access to data sources other than DB2 for i. This new offering enhances reporting functionality and increases ease of use while minimizing installation, support and management, and overhead for users. It marks another key milestone in Information Builders and IBM's joint roadmap for IBM's DB2 Web Query for customers of the IBM i (previously named i5/OS).

The Database Adapter is designed to provide seamless connectivity to relational databases other than DB2 for i, allowing DB2 Web Query reports to include data from either a specific remote database or multiple remote instances of that database type. The initial Database Adapter enables access to Microsoft SQL Server(TM). Access to other relational database types will be offered in the future.

"In today's business environment, small- and medium-sized companies need to get to all the data they have to make the best informed business decisions," said Gerald Cohen, president and CEO of Information Builders. "The Database Adapter feature does just that by enhancing the reach of our common customers' Web-based business intelligence applications."

IBM DB2 Web Query for i has more than doubled its customer base in the past six months, shipping more than 20,000 licenses of the reporting tool. It supports a broad range of business intelligence applications and development environments, while leveraging the self-managing and query optimization features of DB2 for i.

"The new database adapter feature fulfills a high-priority requirement from our customers. While the majority of their data most likely resides in DB2 for i, the desire to have a single tool that also accesses non-DB2 databases without having to replicate data enhances productivity and keeps costs at a minimum," said Doug Mack, Power Systems marketing manager at IBM. "Together with Information Builders, we plan to continue to extend our DB2 Web Query product with additional database connectivity enhancements in the future."

The Database Adapter feature is slated for delivery in the first half of 2009 and will be available in beta mode in the first quarter.

IBM i In The News

Vision Solutions Names Dr. Frank Soltis to Advisory Board

February 10, 2009 08:01 AM Eastern Daylight Time

IRVINE, Calif. – (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Vision Solutions, a leading high availability and disaster recovery solutions provider in IBM Power Systems markets, announced Dr. Frank Soltis has joined the Vision Solutions Technology Advisory Board (VTAB). Dr. Soltis, a celebrated scientist and founder of IBM's System i technology, will share his experience and insight as he helps guide product strategies. Comprised of leading IBM Power Systems experts, which includes employees, customers, business partners and consultants, the board continues to work closely with senior Vision Solutions' experts delivering technology and services exceeding customer expectations.

"These industry leaders work on long-term technology and product strategies for advanced solutions across IBM Power Systems. There's nothing quite like it in the IBM Power Systems world today," says Alan Arnold, chief technology officer and executive vice president of Vision Solutions, who leads VTAB as its chairperson. "We are honored to have Dr. Soltis join this prestigious team of professionals, where he will bring unique perspectives and insights."

Dr. Soltis is regarded throughout the world as one of the most significant computer scientists of the 20th century. Based on his doctoral dissertation research, Soltis created a revolutionary computer architecture, which led to a completely new breed of computers. During the last decade, he led the effort to define the architecture of the 64-bit PowerPC processors used in IBM's Power System servers. Before retirement from IBM as its Chief Scientist, Soltis defined directions for IBM systems and the IBM Development Laboratory in Rochester, Minnesota, USA. He currently travels the world speaking about IT trends and technology advancements.

"It is a privilege to be a member of the Vision Solutions Technology Advisory Board," says Dr. Soltis. "Its members have tremendous experience, success and passion for the Power Systems, which is a key ingredient to the ongoing success of the board and Vision's technology solutions for IBM i and AIX."

Announcing the IBM i Virtual Tape Beta Program

IBM Power Systems is announcing a Beta program for IBM i Virtual Tape support. IBM i Virtual Tape provides the ability for IBM i partitions, running on JS12 and JS22 servers using VIOS virtualization layer for I/O, to directly backup to a SAS attached tape drive. This allows the IBM i partition to issue SAV/RST and BRMS commands and have the data written directly to a TAPxx device.

This is a software only Beta program. General Requirements:

- To participate in the program you must have or purchased the hardware and software requirements listed below.
- You must not run any production workloads on systems containing Beta code
- Support for Beta code will be provided through regular IBM support channels from 8:00am to 5:00pm Central time.
- We will not accept any SEV1 PMRs on Beta code
- You will be required to sign a Confidential Disclosure agreement with IBM
- You will be required to provide occasional feedback to IBM on the Beta solution.

Hardware Requirements:

- BladeCenter: BladeCenter H (7989-BCH or 8852-xxx) or BladeCenter S(7779-BCS or 8886-xxxx) with SAS Connectivity Module (Power Systems Feature code 3267 or System x Feature code 2980 or part number 39Y9195)
- Power System: JS12 (7998-60X) or JS22 (7998-61X) with a SAS Expansion Card(CFFv) (Power Systems Feature code 8250)
- Tape Drive: IBM System Storage TS2240 Tape Drive (LTO4) 3580S4E(SAS version)

Software Requirements

- IBM i 6.1 with the 1/6/09 resave (this is part of the beta code). Additional PTFs maybe required
- VIOS 2.1 with [Fixpack 20.1](http://www14.software.ibm.com/webapp/set2/sas/f/vios/download/home.html) (Fixpack available at <http://www14.software.ibm.com/webapp/set2/sas/f/vios/download/home.html> , Note: a migration aid is required to move from earlier version of VIOS to VIOS 2.1. The migration aid is available at this URL too.)

Power Systems SP Firmware level 3.4.2 (this is part of the beta code)

SAS expansion card firmware: 20 Nov 2008 version of the “SAS Expansion Card (CFFv) [Firmware for AIX - IBM BladeCenter](http://www-947.ibm.com/systems/support/supportsite.wss/docdisplay?Indocid=MIGR-5078697&brandind=5000020)” (Version 00105000.1004912584) (available at: <http://www-947.ibm.com/systems/support/supportsite.wss/docdisplay?Indocid=MIGR-5078697&brandind=5000020>)

If interested in participating in the Beta, please send an email to Kyle Wurgler (wurgler@us.ibm.com) and CC Ken Brown (keneb@us.ibm.com). We reserve the right to limit the number of participants in the program. The Beta will commence on or around Mar. 18, 2009 and run through 1 month past the General Availability of the solution.

Technical Tips

Thanks to Dave Fairall from our Burnaby office, one of our superb Field Technical Sales Support resources. Dave suggests the following sites could be very useful.

Tip #1: The POWER code matrix

Ever get confused about firmware on your system? What is firmware, what levels are available, how do you follow the terminology?

Here's a useful link to the [IBM Power Code Matrix](https://www14.software.ibm.com/webapp/set2/sas/f/power5cm/power6.html) (<https://www14.software.ibm.com/webapp/set2/sas/f/power5cm/power6.html>). This URL is your definitive source for Firmware release info, terminology and concepts for POWER5 and POWER6 systems from IBM.

Tip #2: The Fix Level Recommendation Tool (FLRT)

Ever wondered whether you are at the correct fix levels for your system and/or HMC?

The Fix Level Recommendation Tool ([FLRT](https://www14.software.ibm.com/webapp/set2/flrt/home)) for administrators of Power Systems is there to help. The FLRT provides minimum recommended fix level information on key components of IBM Power Systems running the AIX and IBM i operating systems. FLRT can be useful for those who are planning to upgrade key components or for those wishing to verify the current health of a system. Check it out at <https://www14.software.ibm.com/webapp/set2/flrt/home>

Local User Group Upcoming Events

We have a strong network of IBM i User Groups across Canada. These volunteers work tirelessly to bring you relevant System i information with a huge dose of camaraderie thrown in. Even if you're not a member today, come out to an event close to you, enjoy great networking with your peers and hear some top speakers, you'll be glad you did!

1. Toronto Users Group for Power Systems (TUG) –

A) **TUG magazine goes online with the publishing of the TUG E-ZINE.**
The TUG magazine is a wealth of information about IBM Power System related topics. Anyone can have a subscription to the printed TUG magazine for \$72 per year, individual TUG members get a free copy, corporate TUG members get up to 5 free copies, and gold TUG members get up to 20 free copies.

In 2009 TUG also launched the **TUG online magazine** (TUG e-zine). The on-line version will be free of charge world-wide! All you need to do to secure your free subscription to the new TUG e-zine is go to the TUG website (www.tug.ca) and fill in the Subscription Request form. It's that easy! Sign up

today and start reading on-line... **TUG E-ZINE** magazine online. Check it out at www.tug.ca

B) **TUG is on Facebook**

If you want to connect with other IBM i Power contacts, check out TUG on Facebook . Search "Groups" for Toronto Users Group (TUG)

2. Manitoba Midrange User Group (MMU)

The MMU will be holding it's annual Golf Tournament on Monday, August 24th, starting at noon. It will be held at Bel Acres Golf & Country Club. For more information on this or regarding upcoming meetings, please contact Glen Linington at glen@ghy.com

3. BC Power Users (Formerly BC System i Users Group (BCi400))

The next meeting of the BC IBM Power Users' Group will be on Friday, June 5. For more information on this meeting or regarding the BC Power Users please contact Paul Saunders at psaunders@westernmarine.com

Check out These Sites

There are some great sites out there related to IBM i that you should bookmark. Check out the following:



1. Are you a member of *iSociety*?

iSociety is about harnessing the collective passion and creativity of the System i community in one place. It was developed by clients, partners and students to be the central meeting place for anyone who owns, sells or develops applications for IBM i --as well as CIOs and IT managers who are unfamiliar with the system and want to learn about it. Check it out and become a member of iSociety today at <http://isociety.org>

2. IBM i For Everyone

This site is a collection of videos and marketing suggestions submitted by users of IBM i. Check it out at <http://www.i4everyone.com>

3. i Want an i

This is a fun *i* site at frapper.com. Map your location and trace where other IBM i supporters live! <http://www.frapp.com/iwantani1>

4. Angus the IT Chap

This amusing site is 'virtual' plethora of information and trivia with IBM i. Check it out and make sure you have time to

<http://www.angustheitchap.com>



dealing
explore.

5. IBM i Website

Always worth checking for the latest info on the greatest platform
<http://www.ibm.com/systems/i>

6. IBM DB2 Web Query for IBM i Website

There is a lot of great information available on this IBM i product, including a redbook, demos, Frequently Asked Questions, customer successes and more. Check it out at:
<http://www.ibm.com/systems/i/software/db2/webquery/>

Last but certainly not least.... Have your say!

I'd like your input, I am listening! I know your time is precious and that you have a lot of demands on it already. We want to ensure we deliver value to you in the most effective manner so tell me what you'd like to see.

Please drop me a note if you have comments or suggestions. My email id is kathyt@ca.ibm.com

Thanks in advance for your input and thanks for your continued support of the IBM i family of products.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy".