Speaker Biographies

David Aktary
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As Founder and CEO of AktaryTech, David leads a team of custom software developers that specialize in full-stack JavaScript applications for web, desktop, and hybrid mobile platforms. Beginning his career as a software engineer in the automotive industry, he then spent six years with IBM as a lead web developer, project manager, and business development manager before heading to business school. After graduation, David went on to build a tech management consulting practice, which led to a VP of Tech role at Threshold Interactive, a digital marketing agency, which he left to found AktaryTech.

David holds a BS in computer science from the University of Michigan and an MBA with a concentration in corporate and investment finance from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. He is a Sun Certified Java Programmer and Project Management Professional.

Patrick Behr
CELS Enterprises, Inc.
Programmer Analyst

Started as an apprentice programmer right out of high school on a system 36; I showed promise but didn't like it and left to join the Navy. Served in the US Navy for several years, reaching Quartermaster First Class (that's an "E6" or Staff Sergeant in the Army/Marines). Restarted as an apprentice programmer in 1996 after my stint in the Navy (oh my God, has it really been that long?!?). Worked for Costco for a few years, during which time I earned my black belt. Decided to become an instructor and operated of a martial arts school for a few years until the great recession wiped me out. Restarted as a programmer yet again, at Starbucks this time (they were desperate), and finally decided that I was going to be a programmer when I grow up.
I've been a programmer ever since, although I'm not sure that I've actually grown up.

Larry Bolhuis
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Larry has grown up with computers since his father became a CE in 1967. He obtained a bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Calvin College in 1982 and soon after began working on IBM midrange equipment with the S/34 and S/36. Larry began working on the As/400 at its introduction In 1988. After spending many years as a developer, Larry began working on communications, networking, and systems management tasks. Years of working with SNA, SDLC, SNADS, APPC, APPN followed by Token Ring, Ethernet, and TCP/IP taught strong communications troubleshooting skills. In addition to networking on the IBM side Larry learned the infrastructure components of the network including switches routers and firewalls, working chiefly with Cisco equipment.

In 15 years as an IBM Business partner Larry worked with IBMs systems from design through implementation and migration. He has worked on the smallest and largest and everything in between. He has been involved in many Beta and other early release programs with IBM. Larry has held more than 30 IBM certifications on the AS/400, iSeries, System i and Power Systems, including IBM Certified Advanced Technical Expert and is a contributing author to many IBM Certification tests.

Larry is a frequent and award winning speaker at users groups around North America covering Systems design and management, networking and connectivity, work management, PTF, and Hardware Management Console topics. He has been a long time volunteer and speaker with COMMON and has been awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze medals and also its highest Honor the Distinguished Service Award.
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Dynamic Solutions
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Chris Bremer holds a Business Administration degree from John Carroll University. His history in engineering data storage software gives him a unique perspective on cyber security. He has 35 years of experience in the tech field and still lives and breathes technology. If he is not skiing, he is either thinking about how to make a product better or coming up with a new product.

Alison Butterill
IBM Power Systems
IBM i Product Offering Manager

Alison Butterill is the WW Product Offering Manager for IBM i. In this role, she works with the entire IBM i team to define the future of IBM i including the content for releases and technology refreshes. Her responsibilities include working with the IBM i sales, marketing, development and clients and partners to ensure that the IBM i Operating System and associated software products reflect their requirements.

Having worked in the mid-range area for more than 30 years, Alison has held a wide variety of positions at IBM, primarily with midrange servers and software. She has held a range of positions including field Systems Engineer, an instructor in Customer Technical Education, national support representative for IBM Canada, and Worldwide Technical Marketing support representative for the development tools and compilers from the IBM Toronto Laboratory.

Alison is a regular speaker at industry and technical conferences around the world.

Dan Cruikshank
IBM Rochester Lab Services
Sr. Consultant DB2 for i

Dan is an IBM Sr. Consultant and is a member of the IBM Rochester Lab Services DB2 for i team. Dan has published several articles relating to IBM i performance analysis, database optimization and database reengineering. More recently he has done webinars and user group presentations on application development methodologies and database re-engineering topics (e.g. DDS to DDL, RPG

Open Access). Dan's main role is to illuminate, educate and enable IBM i customers in how to take advantage of this remarkable system and it's integrated, state of the art relational database.

Gus Delgado
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Gus is currently a Solutions Architect for OpenLegacy, Inc. specializing in the areas of integration and modernization. He received his degree in Management Science and Information Technology from Virginia Tech, and has over 15 years of experience with critical development projects and legacy production support. His expertise spans web application development, architecture design within Java environments, and integrated development environments. Gus has worked with web frameworks such as Spring, Struts, and GWT, and mobile platforms such as Blackberry, Android, and iOS using hybrid frameworks.

Floyd Del Muro
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Floyd Del Muro is a 26-year veteran of the IBM midrange platform. He is currently the Business Development Manager for ARCAD Software, a global application lifecycle management (ALM) Software Company and leading IBM Business Partner. Floyd manages the IBM relationship and partnership with the Systems Middleware team and product managers for Rational Team Concert (RTC), Rational Developer for i (RDi) and UrbanCode (UC). Currently, the suite of Application Lifecycle Management (ALM) products from ARCAD Software covers a broad range of functional areas from incident request tracking, application cross referencing, source refactoring and control, to release and change management. In addition, Floyd has presented educational sessions at COMMON and many other technical conferences around the world as well as on-line webinars. He

has authored articles in several System i publications on the subject of application analysis, modernization, SQL, and business intelligence.

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Currently operations manager with inFORM Decisions, and for over the last 10 years. Background experience in operations, sales/marketing, business development, and customer/business partner services. Prior experiences fall within the lodging/hospitality industry and telecommunications industry.   Educated at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Paul Forney, CISSP-ISSAP, CSSLP
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Lead Global Cyber Security Architect
Mr. Forney is a voting board member and Technical Chair of the ISA Security Compliance Institute (ISCI) which develops the conformance specifications to the ISA 99/IEC 62443 ICS cyber security standard, has held the Co-chair position for the Research and Development Sub-group of the Department of Homeland Security Industrial Control System Joint Working Group and has sat on the Board of Advisors for Cylance. He is also an active participant in the ISA99 WG4 TG6 committee working on completing the IEC 62443-4-1 standard. Paul has been a guest speaker on the subject of SDL and incident response in industrial control and cyber physical systems at national and international conferences for Microsoft, Gartner, SANS, ICSJWG, RCMP and Public Safety Canada. Paul works closely with the ICS-CERT organization on ICS cyber vulnerabilities and also with cyber researchers around the globe.

Mr. Forney has been awarded eleven patents in areas such as failure prediction for upstream Oil and Gas and collaboration technologies for Power; and for twenty-five years, has been involved in the

design, security and implementation of SCADA, Event Driven/Service Oriented Architecture (EDA/SOA) and distributed control software and systems for industrial automation.

Paul is an active member of the Azure Advisory Board for Azure Active Directory and Azure Service Bus. He is a certified Information Systems Security Professional –Information System Security Architect (CISSP-ISSAP), a certified Secure Software Lifecycle Professional (CSSLP) and an avid jazz musician.

Vijai Garg
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Mr. Garg is a Technology Evangelist. He understands and makes the most of new technologies while maintaining clear focus on existing ones. He looks for patterns of use that are working well, and then empowers them to make them even better. Mr. Garg engages people proactively and improves the productivity of the team. He is a member of International WHO´S WHO Historical Society which has recognized his contributions to the information technology and business worlds.

Mr. Garg has enjoyed a successful and versatile career. During his a decade of tenure at the Department of Space in India, he specialized in the optimization of computer processing and memory usage. Besides space, he has been involved in variopus fields such as developing an ERP solution.

Mr. Garg developed the SuperLayer architecture, a Rapid Application Development (RAD). SuperLayer was developed in SuperLayer itself and is a 4GL forerunner, which allowed application developers to focus only on business knowledge, independent of technology details. His most recent achievement is the conception and architecture of OpenLayer. OpenLayer transforms legacy client-server systems to cloud-service architecture while retaining the benefits of the existing system, without any recoding.

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With an IT career spanning over 30 years, Charles Guarino has been a consultant for most of them. Since 1995 he has been founder and President of Central Park Data Systems, Inc., a Long Island and New York City area based IBM midrange consulting and corporate training company. In addition to being a professional speaker across the United States and Europe, he is a frequent contributor of technical and strategic articles and webcasts for the IT community. He is a member of COMMON's Speaker Excellence Hall of Fame and The Long Island Software and Technology Network's Twenty Top Techies. In 2015 Charles became the proud recipient of the Al Barsa Memorial Scholarship Award. Additionally he currently serves as a member of COMMON's Strategic Education Team (SET) and is also the monthly Q&A host and chairman of the speaker committee for LISUG, a Long Island IBM i User's Group www.lisug.org.
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Currently Java Team Lead at Bible Study Fellowship International. Pete is an RPG/C++/VB/Java programmer with over 24 years of system 3X/AS400/iSeries/IBM i experience. He holds certifications as a GIAC Secure Software Programmer-Java, and as a MCSE. His passion has always been in system integration and currently focuses on Open Source applications and integration activities. He has had previous lives as a Regional Training and Support manager for Pearson Plc and HR Director for Meridian School District, Meridian, ID.

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Bob Langieri has been involved in IT recruitment and contract staffing services for over 35 years, specializing primarily in the IBM i skilled professionals, but also Microsoft and other technologies. A founding member of OCEAN User Group, Bob has served on the OCEAN Board for over 20 years as former President, Publicity and Conference Chairman. He has written numerous career articles and has been a regular presenter on IT Career Trends. He is owner of Excel Technical Services Inc. based in Laguna Niguel, California. www.excelsearch.com and can be reached at bob@excelsearch.com or 949+240-0438.

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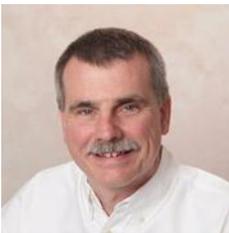**Twitter** - @BMaytheYiP

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Mark Ruberry
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Mark Ruberry is an IBM Client Technical Specialist supporting IBM Power Systems. He has worked in the Information Technology industry with IBM for 37 years. Mark began his career with IBM as a Systems Engineer providing technical support for the IBM family of mid-range systems including the 5100, 5110, 5120, System/23, System/34, System/36, System/38, and AS/400. Mark worked for IBM Global Services during the 1990s providing consulting services to customers with AS/400 and iSeries systems. His service engagements included many CISC to RISC system migrations. Mark transitioned from Global Services to his current role during the summer of 2000. He has worked on almost all aspects of Power Systems and the IBM i operating system including system installation, logical partitioning, virtualization, operating system installation and upgrades, application development, database, security, SNA and TCP/IP networking, performance analysis, capacity planning, high availability, disaster recovery, and integration with Linux, Unix, and Windows servers.

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Rob has worked as a developer on IBM i and its predecessors since 1992, focused initially on green screen development with RPG. As the web and mobile world evolved, the preferred medium gradually switched from green screens to applications using a browser or tablet-based interface. Today Rob is Senior Partner at CNX Corporation in Chicago, where he serves as a staunch advocate for bringing desktop and mobile apps to IBM i using a modern and user-friendly UI.

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Always surrounded by technology, Clayton Weise grew up in television studios, edit bays, and datacenters. His first job was technical support for a local dial-up ISP in Southern California before the days of broadband. Since then he has always held positions at service providers in capacities ranging from system and network administration to IT management. He was one of three core staff members that oversaw the construction of two datacenters in Agoura Hills for ISWest and then became the primary systems and network architect supporting several thousand customers.

Leveraging that diverse set of skills and technical knowledge, Clayton Weise is now the Cloud Architect for Key Info. Clayton's responsibilities include new offerings such as IaaS (compute, storage, and network available on-demand), disaster recovery and backup, IBM i cloud hosting, and future cloud services. He is a contributor to the Apache CloudStack project (a tool for cloud orchestration) as well as an enthusiast of OpenStack and IBM's efforts to contribute to the project. The cloud infrastructure and tools to manage it will be an important component of managed services and partner relations for Key Info. Clayton studied music at the Dick Grove School of Music in Los Angeles before switching to business at Moorpark College and California State University at Northridge. He lives in Thousand Oaks and is an avid gamer and off-road motorcycle rider in his spare time. Clayton can be reached at the Agoura Hills corporate office and data center atcweise@keyinfo.com or 818-737-3282.

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