Speaker Biographies

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With a career spanning 20 years, Patrick Behr has been working on IBM i (and its predecessors) for all of it. He's worked for large retail companies, such as Costco and Starbucks, and small shops as well. He has spent most of his time working with RPG and DB2, and has been helping to modernize RPG applications and RPG developers. He has also worked for Profound Logic, helping to modernize the user interface using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.

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Technical pre-sales specialist working with customer solutions on IBM i, AIX and Linux on POWER Systems in North America, Public Sector market segment, including, state and local government, public and private universities, life sciences and healthcare. 2018 brings 35 years with IBM in a range of customer facing assignments across a spectrum from assembler language programming to IT strategy consulting. Hands-on experience with the AS/400 began back in the late '80s integrating OS/2 with AS/400 MRP systems using LU 6.2 APPC programming, and then on to managing a team of AS/400 SEs (some of which show up at OCEAN meetings!) Happy 30th to the IBM i and thank you to the dedicated professionals that are part of OCEAN.

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With 27 years of experience on the IBM midrange platform, Floyd is Technology and DevOps Advocate for the ARCAD Software group. In his role at ARCAD Software, Floyd has been extensively involved in the management of DevOps and Enterprise Modernization projects on IBM i, from planning stages through to delivery. His expertise in hybrid application development makes him a trusted advisor for companies in project rollout, managed services and the introduction of agile methods. Floyd is a trusted global speaker on the subjects of DevOps, Release Management, Modernization and Version Control.

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Jim Denton is a senior DB2 for i consultant in IBM Systems Lab Services whose responsibilities include both teaching courses and "hands on" consulting. Jim specializes in SQL performance, data centric programming, and database modernization. Jim started his IBM career in 1981 and has had a variety of responsibilities including systems performance and five years designing and implementing enhancements to DB2 for i.

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With over 20 years working in the IBM i community previously at IBM and now with Rogue Wave Software I have worked with a number of technologies on the POWER platform including cloud (PowerVC), Dev/Ops solutions (Docker, Chef), Open Source technologies (Linux, MySQL/MariaDB, PHP). I have expertise in a variety of technologies including virtualization, storage, networking, and operating systems including AIX, IBM i, and Linux. I am a frequent speaker at various user groups and technical conferences and have authored numerous articles on Linux, PHP, virtualization, and systems management.

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Susan's career has spanned over 30 years in the field of application development. She began as a programmer developing applications for corporations in Atlanta, Georgia, working with a variety of hardware and software platforms. She joined IBM in 1985 and quickly developed a close association with the Rochester laboratory during the development of the AS/400 system.
Susan worked in Rochester, Minnesota for 5 years in the AS/400 Technical Support Center. She later moved to the IBM Toronto Software Laboratory to provide technical support for programming languages and AD tools on IBM i.

Susan left IBM in 1999 to devote more time to teaching and consulting.Her primary emphasis is on enabling customers to take advantage of the latest programming and database technologies on IBM i.
Susan is a regular speaker at user group and other technical conferences around the world and holds a number of Speaker Excellence medals from COMMON.
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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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Derek Henderson is an industry veteran with nearly a decade of experience in crafting high performance storage and back up solutions. He is passionate about getting clients a solution the not only completes their RPO and RTO objectives, but does so within their budget.

When he isn't working, he can be found with his wife and 4 kids, exploring the back country of Utah, whether on foot or on skis. He holds a B.A. in English from Weber State University, and multiple certifications from Microsoft, VMware, Cisco, and others. Prior to entering the I.T. sector, he enjoyed a 17 year career with the United States Army, where he served multiple combat tours to both Iraq and Afghanistan.

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Brian May
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Barbara Morris is the lead developer for the RPG compilers 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. The first enhancement she developed was the ENDIF/ENDDO opcodes for RPG/400 in V2R1. One of her most recent enhancements was nested data structures. A few of the other notable enhancements that she developed for RPG include subprocedures, qualified data structures, call-interaction with Java, Open Access: RPG Edition, and fully-free-form RPG.

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Eamon Musallam has specialized in IBM i modernization for over 23 years, helping hundreds of customers successfully leverage their legacy RPG and COBOL applications, taking full advantage of web, mobile and cloud technologies. Both proficient in technology and business value creation, Eamon helps guide IBM i customers so that they acquire the necessary funding and resources to ensure their modernization efforts provide maximum effectiveness to the underlying business. In addition to his role in Business Development at Fresche Solutions, Eamon currently serves as president of the OCEAN User Group, one of the largest IBM i user groups in the world. He has been a frequent speaker at COMMON, DevCon, OCEAN and other IBM i community events, and has authored articles in several IBM i publications on the subject of application modernization.

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Mike Pavlak has been working with IBM midrange solutions since 1992 and IBM Mainframes before that. After years of developing applications using RPG, CL and PHP he managed IT development and IT for power protection manufacturer Tripp Lite. Mike joined Zend as a Solutions Consultant in 2008 working with the sales team and spreading the news about Zend solutions in the IBM midrange arena. Mike lives in suburban Chicago with his wife, five kids, two dogs, three cats, a leopard spotted gecko, Russian tortoise, two rabbits, half a dozen fish and a fancy mouse.

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An award-winning speaker, Alan has been called "the performance guru of PHP on IBM i." Alan is a passionate advocate for open source. Among his many contributions to the PHP on IBM i community, Alan co-developed the PHP Toolkit with IBM, became one of the first Zend Framework certified engineers, was named a "must-read" writer of a "Top 10 IBM i Blog," consulted on IBM's manual PHP: Zend Core for i5/OS, and created the Club Seiden community to nurture young talent and IBM i open source. Contact him at Seiden Group, Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J., http://www.SeidenGroup.com | alan@SeidenGroup.com | @alanseiden | 201-447-2437. Alan's free monthly PHP on IBM i newsletter: http://SeidenGroup.com/tips

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