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April Meeting Preview

The Power Equation!

By Margaret Matthews

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM - Dinner and Networking
with your Peers

7:00 PM – The New and Exciting Power World!

This is exciting news and will affect you whether you're a developer, manager, or system administrator!

Come and hear about the new unified IBM Power System models -- using the POWER6 processor -- that were announced at a special Town Hall Meeting at COMMON. Dr. Frank Soltis alluded to this at the last OCEAN meeting – We can now talk about the details!

Brian Podrow, IBM Power Systems Product Manager, will be covering what you want to know, including:

The Power System Equation

"Unification" -- it's not a System i or a System p -- it's the same hardware for both! Both System i's and System p's upgrade into the new models.

IBM Organizational Changes -- the same person selling both p & i "now makes sense"...

New POWER6 - based products from Blades to the 595 -- a complete refresh of the product line, except for the Power6 570 announced last year -- but that also gets changes!

i5/OS running POWER6 2-way or 4-way blade.

V6R1 -- which became available March 21, 2008

New features/capabilities

i5/OS program conversion

New Name, New Opportunities...

Please visit www.ocean400.org to read Brian Podrow's biography.

Make your meeting reservation as soon as possible at www.ocean400.org

President's Message

Will You Be a Power Ranger?

By Bob Langieri

At COMMON last week, IBM has declared the new naming convention of the platform you and *i* love. As I said last month, change is inevitable in our industry and we must embrace it.

IBM has replaced System i and System p with a new line of unified servers now officially called the **IBM Power Systems**, and known as the **IBM Power platform**. The Power platform now will run i5/OS, AIX or Linux. The OS will now simply be called the IBM i 6.1. No more V6R1 nomenclature. But we are animals of habit, so can we change our vocabulary? Will we still call it AS400?

There has been a lot of criticism from developers and others about the name changes, although it is too late to change anything except our business cards, marketing material and Google search habits. But what about the new features and benefits of combining the i5, AIX and Linux servers? What about the new capabilities of the Power platform?

The new naming conventions might be just the right opportunity reveal the genie in the black box and get management and users and yourself to realize the tools that you should be taking advantage of. It is in part **your job to educate and advise your users** of the tools that are available for the Power platform if only you and they are willing to make the investment in time, money and innovative thinking. You have the opportunity to show your company how beat the competition with better and more reliable systems. If not you, then who? Don't sit by and let your company use technology that has been lapped by Windows. Speak out and make a difference. But you first need to be aware of the tools, learn about better methods. Learn from case studies and competitors. **Dare to be an influencer.**

OCEAN User Group, through our monthly meetings and our **Annual "Catch the Wave" Technical Conference on June 30, 2008**, are a start in the right direction to get the initial concepts, the direction to find more in-depth resources and the confidence to dabble and learn the new technologies that will benefit your career. You will also benefit by bringing a co-worker or friend to these events to help them and you can mentor each other.

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The OCEAN “Catch the Wave” Technical Conference is one of those rare opportunities to learn from and ask questions of some of the very best System i5 – iSeries experts in the world. Their influence and mentoring could change your career. **Mark the Date**, and make it a team effort and get your entire staff involved. Get your IT Management involved in the Conference. Recommend that your top **IT managers** attend our **Executive Briefing and Breakfast on June 30th featuring Jeff Howard and George Farr**. This will be a high-level management presentation on IT modernization and ROI. For more information, drop me a note at staff@OCEAN400.org with their name & contact information.

In Memorium

It is with great sadness that share with you the death of **Al Barsa**, aka **Mr400** (www.mr400.com/Al.html), one of the geniuses on Systems Management for the AS400 and System I platform. Al passed away in his room while at COMMON on Friday April 4, 2008. Al had been a highly sought after speaker at our OCEAN conferences as well as at COMMON and many other user groups around the country. He was a colorful and outspoken advocate for the System I professional. He will be sadly missed.

Upcoming Events

April 15, 2008 - The Power Equation – Brian Podrow, IBM Power Systems Product Manager – Monthly OCEAN Meeting at IBM Offices, 600 Anton Blvd., Costa Mesa, CA, 92626.

April 25, 2008 – IBM Roadshow – The Power Equation – David Black of IBM and Brian Podrow.

IBM West New Power Equation Roadshow - Costa Mesa, CA -April 25, 2008

IBM invites you to attend a special Roadshow - an announcement about the IBM Power servers that are rewriting the equation of business computing. Find out how IBM can bring new levels of performance, capacity and resilience to your UNIX, Linux® and IBM i5/OS® data center.

“Find out why the IBM Power platform continues to be the best investment in IT technology to keep your company data secure, reliable and generations ahead of any other enterprise platform. The OCEAN User Group is a great source to keep up on getting the most from your IBM Power System and System i investment” – Bob Langieri – President, OCEAN User Group

Join us for an overview of the latest in Power Systems and breakout sessions for our System p and System i customers. Paste this link or use the link in the attached PDF.

https://www.ibm.com/events/www/grp/grp017.nsf/agenda?openform&seminar=A946FZES&locale=en_US

Costa Mesa, CA - Friday April 25, 2008

Westin South Coast Plaza

686 Anton Boulevard - Lido Room

Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Agenda: 8:30 AM-Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM-Presentation Begins 11:30 AM - 12:00 Noon-Conclusion

Clients around the world have used systems based on IBM Power Architecture® to help them maximize the return of their IT investments. By delivering exceptional performance with high reliability and energy efficiency, these systems have helped companies react quickly and take advantage of new growth opportunities.

Taking a cue from the power equation in physics — where power equals the time rate of doing work - our clients have begun writing their own Power equations based on their experiences running IBM AIX®, IBM i (formerly i5/OS) and Linux® operating systems.

Power = i + p

IBM announces the first of a new generation of [Power™ Systems](#), a major new platform that provides a compelling new choice for companies of all sizes. IBM Power Systems unifies IBM's highly successful integrated platform, IBM System i™, with its fast growing UNIX® operating system platform, IBM System p™.

Now you can take advantage of a single, energy efficient and easy-to-deploy platform for all of your UNIX, Linux and i applications, of which there are over 15,000 available across all three operating platforms. The first of the new family begins with the new IBM Power™ 520 Express, the new IBM Power 550 Express and the new IBM BladeCenter® JS12, with industrial strength virtualization provided by PowerVM™ — all designed to help small and mid-sized clients focus on running their businesses instead of their computers.

In this announcement, IBM also emphasizes its commitment to System i clients by recognizing its IBM i operating system (formerly i5/OS) as a top-tier choice on the new Power Systems alongside AIX and Linux. In March 2008, IBM made available a major new version, IBM i 6.1, again demonstrating that it will continue to deliver and enhance the integrated operating system that AS/400™, iSeries and System i clients have valued for over two decades.

June 30, 2008 - 15th Annual OCEAN Technical Conference & Vendor Expo & Executive Breakfast

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Reminder:

The OCEAN User Group Annual Technical Conference

June 30th, 2008

at the Irvine Hyatt Regency.

This one-day Educational event will feature Six Tracks offering 30 training sessions from applications systems development, Web tools and critical Security and Infrastructure training topics.

[visit www.ocean400.org](http://www.ocean400.org) for details and Registration forms

Learn from the top industry experts

Jon Paris, Susan Gantner, Joe Pluta, George Farr,

Patrick Botz, Doug Mack, Larry Bolhuis,

Sharon Hoffman, Craig Pelkie,

Jorge Sanguinetti, Brad Ford

A Special Executive Breakfast & Briefing

featuring

Jeff Howard and George Farr

- ***Free Breakfast Keynote: “Application Modernization for a real R.O.I.”***
Executive Keynote is Free to Key Decision Makers – Pre-Registration Required
Limited seating – Free self Parking – Free admission to the Vendor Expo

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