



## Presidents Message

Hello everyone!

Time sure does fly. It feels like we just had a meeting last week. With companies cutting back we want to remind everyone that the best value for your company's money is US! Many of you know that if you have a problem you can contact one of the officers and we can help you solve the issue. You would be surprised how much talent we have in our group. I know that everyone is under pressure with their job, but the time you invest with KSSA pays you back in so much interest your boss will be impressed! If they are not, I will remind them the next time I see them and most of you who know me, know that I will do it!

If anyone will be going to COMMON, I want to remind you to let one of the officers know so we can get your name on the list so you can get the discount for your company. We have to make every penny (scream!) count. The officers would like for anyone that goes to another i-Series conference to let us know. Maybe we would be able to talk with the sponsors and get some other benefits for the user group.

See ya at the next meeting!

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KSSA Meeting: March 19, 2009 at 11:30 am

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## Guest Speaker is Mike Jurgensen, IBM

Topic: "Tips on keeping your system purring!"

Mike grew up in Louisville, graduated from St. X, spent a year at U of L then 4 years in the Air Force. When he got out of the Air Force in 1973, he started with IBM in Louisville and maintained a large territory for the next 16 years, working mainly on midrange 32, 34, 36, 38 & AS/400 and peripherals all over town. In 1989 he relocated to the Lexington branch where he's been ever since. He still manages hardware on the iSeries, but does a lot of software services too. Pretty much everything from simple CUME package installs to release upgrades and complex migrations, some tuning, LPARs and much more.



**Our Lunch Menu is:**

*Sandwiches*

**Directions to: Residence Inn Louisville East, 120 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222**

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Driving Directions: From Louisville International Airport Take 264 E to Exit 20A (Shelbyville Rd., Highway 60 Middletown). Go East on Shelbyville Rd. 2 miles to Hurstbourne Pkwy, go north (left) on Hurstbourne Pkwy one block. Hotel is on left. \*\*From I64: Exit Hurstbourne Parkway North, follow Hurstbourne Parkway North for 2 miles, cross Shelbyville Road (HW60), Hotel will be on your left.

## INDUSTRY REPORT

# Top 10 IT Problems We Don't Have with IBM i

By Chris Maxcer

*Amidst last year's OS name change and the System I convergence with System p into the Power Systems hardware line, IBM I 6.1-and all previous generations of the operating system-got a little bit of coverage from all the surface news. But anyone who takes a closer look will see the value proposition of IBM I come shining through-particularly when it's compared with the IT problems the operating system doesn't have.*

*In an online exercise last fall on SystemiNetwork.com, 30 readers of my Maxed Out blog contributed to a post on the IT problems that IBM I doesn't have, providing the heart of the following list. Are there other problems other IT pros have running other operation systems but that I-focused pros do not share? You bet. But these 10 IT problems we don't have with IBM I are a start.*

### **10. An Army of Worker Bees**

*The IBM I operating system is so simple that it doesn't need multiple system administrators just to keep it running. The same can be said of the integrated DB2 for I database that runs without constant tuning. Most IBM I-based organizations don't need a dedicated database administrator or even know what one does.*

### **9. Tacked-On Security**

*Not only is IBM I virus resistant, its object-based architecture provides integrated security built deep into the heart of the system. You don't need to apply a multitude of security patches-because security is not an afterthought with IBM i.*

### **8. A Dubious Total Cost of Ownership**

*With so many other systems requiring a pit crew of professionals that would make even the most flush NASCAR driver envious, the IBM I doesn't need to same attention and constant tuning, resulting in a industry-leading lowest total cost of ownership (TCO). Plus, with its integrate database and ability to run multiple applications on a single system, if not consolidate whole other operating systems and workloads, and IBM I system achieves even grater cost savings.*

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## **7. Rebooting as a “Solution”**

*When something goes wrong, which is mostly never with IBM I, the solution isn't to reboot the machine. Plus, if an application has a problem, it sends a polite message to QSYSOPR-or even fixes itself. Does IBM I bring a company to its knees while waiting for someone to shock the system out of cardiac arrest? No. IBM I is extraordinarily resilient. While we're at it, what's a corrupt file in the IBM I world? Is it rare or just nonexistent?*

## **6. Scaling Out**

*With IBM I you don't have to add a new server for each new workload-virtual or real-and you don't need dozens, if not hundreds, of power supply plug-ins to support your efforts to scale your environment. In addition, a Power System running IBM I can run at near maximum CPU utilization all day long-even on holidays-and nothing fails. Ninety percent CPU utilization, and is an IVM I pro freaking out? Nope. Still, if an IBM I customer needs more headroom, IBM I scales into mainframe territory with ease.*

## **5. Virtual Machine Sprawl**

*In an interesting twist, the so-called answer to x86 server sprawl has more recently been to virtualize the servers, which, because of their ease of implementation, has resulted in data centers littered with unseen virtualized servers, some of which even get misplaced. Because IBM I can handle such scalable workloads, in addition to multiple applications, VM sprawl isn't a problem.*

## **4. Rickety Integration**

*With other operating systems, you have to assemble the database, middleware, backup software, and language compilers, but with IBM I, it's all integrated from the ground up.*

## **3. Difficult, Painful, and Dangerous Upgrades**

*Because everything is integrated and well thought out, IBM I upgrades are a breeze. With other systems you often must have compatible releases for any middleware, backup software, and databases at the same time or before on OS upgrade. With IBM I, upgrading the OS also upgrades everything else. Oh, and one more thing: All your old applications will continue to work, now and for years to come. Introduce a new generation of processors? IBM I customers don't have to worry about application rewrites or recompiles. Backward compatibility is not a problem with IBM i.*

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## 2. Unplanned Downtime

Um, what's that?

### 1. Love/Hate (Mostly Hate) Customer Relationships

With IBM I, IBM can boast that it has some of the most intensely loyal customers in the world, spanning decades of repeat business in countries near and far. There's a reason this is so: IBM understands business, and with IBM I, business is the above nine problems IBM I doesn't have. ■

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Chris says. "However, even if you like the feel of print in your hands, there's an online version of this article [ID 62786] that accepts feedback posts from readers. If you've got an 11<sup>th</sup> problem we don't have, adding it to the online article will ensure that others see it too."



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**RPG World at Monte Carlo - May 7 to 9, 2009**

**Register at <http://www.rpgworld.com/>**

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