



Date: **Wednesday**, January 21, 2009

Time: 5:30 (Deli snack)  
6:00 (Meeting)

Location: IBM-Southfield  
18000 West Nine Mile Road  
Southfield, MI 48075 ([map](#))

Speaker: Larry Bolhuis

### **Top 10 "Gotchas" for Admins in Upgrading to V6R1**

IBM i 6.1 (dba I5/OS V6R1) brings many new things to our platform including its fourth ever name and its second numbering format. While the getting there isn't as difficult as some previous upgrades it's a couple ticks more difficult than recent upgrades in the i5/OS family. If you are one of the many still running V5R4 or even V5R4 of i5/OS come learn what you need to do to plan a smooth upgrade to 6.1. Avoid mistakes others have made and get comfortable with what you'll encounter along the way. Bring your questions and we'll do our best to answer those as well.

#### **About the Speaker:**

Larry Bolhuis is a partner at Arbor Solutions, Inc., an IBM business partner in Grand Rapids, MI. He began working on IBM midrange equipment with the S/34 and S/36 in 1984 and the AS/400 with its introduction in 1988. Larry currently holds more than 30 IBM AS/400 and iSeries Certifications, including IBM Certified Systems Expert in LPAR, Linux, Windows Integration, and Technical Solutions. Larry is a frequent speaker at technical education conferences including DevCon and Common.



## **From the President:**

Happy New Year Members:

We have a great meeting planned for January. Likely if you haven't already done so you will be looking into upgrading to V6R1. You don't want to miss January's meeting as Larry will be sharing invaluable information to help make the big upgrade much smoother.

Plans for MITEC 2009 are well under way. This year's one day conference event will be held on Tuesday June 2nd 2009. The event will again be held at the Henry Ford Event and Conference center located in Dearborn Michigan. We have a great line up of topics and presenters. Speakers will include: Paul Tuohy, Charlie Masaglia, Larry Bolhuis, Doug Mack, Robert Andrews, Paul Holm, Debbie Saugen, Kevin Forsyrthe and several others. We will again have a nice mix of topics to choose from including Web Query, V6R1, iSeries Access for Web, RPG, SQL, RSE DB2, Backup and Recovery and much, much more. The web site enhancements for 2009 are in progress and will soon be released. This is the 4th year for the annual one day event and prices have not changed making the event affordable and a great value for attendees.

SEMIUG continues to strive to bring members high caliber education. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming user group events.

Regards,

Laura  
President, South East Michigan iSeries User Group

## **Membership Renewals:**

It's time to send in your membership renewal for the 2009 year. As you know, the user group is the best education buy you can get. There is no other forum that provides 9 world-class sessions for as many employees as your company wants to send for only \$75 (and we even provide refreshments).

Please send in your renewal today. In December, we will update the "members" page on the web site to help you track your company's membership status.

Thank you to all that have supported the group over the years.

## **E-Mails and Monthly Newsletter Delivery**

We are changing the format and delivery system for our monthly meeting announcements.

Midrange.com – the home to popular email lists such as “midrange-L” and “RPG400-L” – has offered to host an “announcement list” for us. They have set up a separate, secure email lists for our own use in distributing meeting announcements and other general user group emails.

The emails will now be sent from [SEMIUG-Announce@midrange.com](mailto:SEMIUG-Announce@midrange.com) on behalf of the user group secretary ([paul.thieme@hutchinsonfts.com](mailto:paul.thieme@hutchinsonfts.com)).

This is a big improvement for the user group. Members can now maintain their own enrollment in the email list. As addresses and/or preferences change, individuals can add/change their entry in the list server at will.

The server is secure and all emails are sent to individual addresses. This should eliminate problems with spam filters due to the old method of sending the email to 200+ “BCC” addresses.

Unlike most list servers, this is set up for User Group announcements only. Only a select few users will be able to send emails to the list. Any other emails sent to the server for distribution, will end up in the dead letter box for review by the admin.

Again, the server is secure and the list is for the user group’s use only, please visit [www.midrange.com](http://www.midrange.com) and review their privacy policy for more information.



Southeast Michigan iSeries User Group  
P.O. Box 99284, Troy, Michigan 48099-9284  
Membership Renewal  
January - December  
**2009**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Web Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

(Voting Member)

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Other Contacts:	Name	Email
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The primary contact will have the responsibility for member voting as stipulated in the constitution. The primary contact name can be changed at will by the member company.

Paper copies of the newsletter are no longer being mailed. The newsletter will be distributed through email (usually in PDF format). Feel free to forward the email on to others.

**Annual dues per member company - \$75.00.** Memberships are for the calendar year, January through December. Dues are not prorated for a partial year. Please make check payable to: **Southeast Michigan iSeries User Group.**