



# Southeast Michigan iSeries User Group



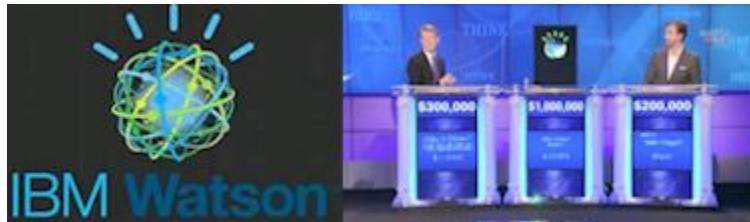
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## Watson student member game activity

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- Date:** March 19th
- Time:** 5:30 (Deli snack) - 6:00 (Meeting)
- Location:** AAA Life  
17900 N Laurel Park Dr  
Livonia, Michigan 48152  
Suite W150 ([map](#))  
Enter through the NORTH entrance to make things simple.  
Park in the "P" parking lot since it is right at the NORTH entrance.  
Everyone will be required to sign-in, but nothing special beyond that.
- Speaker:** Laura Ubelhor will lead reveal

### Overview:



Everyone has seen all of the publicity over IBM Watson, especially after Watson won against legendary jeopardy champions Ken Jennings and Brad Rutter in 2011 for first place prize of \$1 million. Since 2011 a lot has happened with Watson and many organizations are implementing and making use of Watson and AI (Artificial Intelligence) applications within their business operations. Have you wondered about WATSON and AI? How can it be used within your business and how does it work?

Are you interested in having IBM i community member organizations connect to students/colleges.

Do you enjoy having fun learning new and very useful technology?

If you answered yes to any of these questions SEMIUG is kicking off an activity during our February user group meeting that you'll want to participate in.

SEMIUG community members will team up with students to code a Watson application. We will begin the activity in February and teams will have until the March reveal user group meeting to finish and share an application (or more than one application). The user group iDevcloud box will be used for the activity. Once teams are signed up a GoToMeeting WebEx will be scheduled to share examples and information to get teams started. Finished examples will be available using RPG, PHP, node.js or other

technology that runs on IBM i and all using Watson cloud AI. Some of the examples include language translator, voice recognition, optical recognition and other applications. Teams may also create their own applications (we encourage doing so). There is no cost to participate. Teams can use the trial or member Watson cloud application. A weekly WebEx will be set up for open discussion including questions, discussing projects or whatever you like. The WebEx will be limited to 1 hour.

### **Rules:**

1. Teams can consist of one or many individuals including student(s) and IBM i community member(s)
2. Teams can simply finish the examples provided and/or combine, enhance applications. You're allowed to be as creative as you like provided you are using Watson API's
3. Teams can use example applications or extend examples or create their own applications
4. At least one team member must participate at the reveal March user group meeting either on site at AAA Life in Livonia or remotely via WebEx
5. Teams will be allowed a pre-designated time slot for the project reveal
6. Projects must be completed on the SEMIUG iDevcloud IBM i box
7. Teams may use the trial subscription or a paid subscription to Watson in the cloud
8. Team projects will be shared through SEMIUG with other IBM i colleagues
9. The project reveal will be recorded and shared
10. Teams are responsible for coordinating and organizing their own projects respectively
11. Prizes will be awarded based on placement per voting by the panel of judges



We will have a panel of judges vote on the finished projects during the reveal meeting. Winning teams will be awarded cash and other prizes..

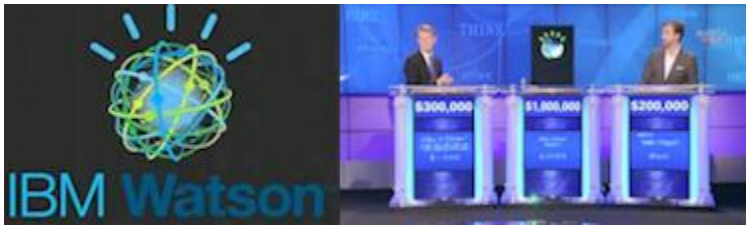
SEMIUG strives to connect students/schools with IBM i community members. It is a win for everyone. Students win by learning and making invaluable connections with IBM i community members, colleagues and potential future employers. Community members win by helping grow and encourage the next generation of resource on the platform. The Watson activity will not only be a wonderful connection activity but also you are sure to learn more about Watson and have fun with a team while doing so. It is amazing to see how Watson is being used and we can be assured understanding more about Watson and AI does an will have an impact on our futures. Let us join together, connect, learn, have lots of fun and walk away with something we can all put to use.

### **We Want You**

Please sign up by filling out and providing the [sign-up form](#) to or [Dave Cary](#).

## From the President:

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### Dear Members:

We excited to have the Watson user group activity completing in March. Join us onsite or remotely for the "Big Reveal". The meeting will be held on site at AAA Life in Livonia.



We have 3 teams that are working hard to share great projects at the March 19<sup>th</sup> user group meeting. Join us to see what has been accomplished after hours in a short period of time. Thanks to David Cary for all of his hard work in preparing and working with teams. David created 3 example applications and documentation to get everyone started and has been involved in weekly team meetings. You'll benefit with a glimpse of what you can do with Watson on the 19<sup>th</sup>. AI is taking off rapidly and we're beginning to see it put into use within most all industries. You are also welcome to learn Watson using the iDevcloud box. Thanks to those that stepped forward. We're excited to see the finished projects and will vote on the winner(s).

# MICHIGAN IBM POWER SYSTEMS TECHNICAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

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WHEN

June 24 & 25, 2019

Starting at 7:30 am



WHERE

Livonia, MI

VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft  
College

MITEC plans are well under way. We have an all star line up of presenters and topics for the event. MITEC will be held at the Shcoolcraft College Vistatech Center conveniently located in Livonia Michigan. Steve Will from IBM will be kicking the day off with an opening session. The event will again feature students and a great opportunity for community members to connect with students/colleges. The event will be held on Monday June 24<sup>th</sup> (Workshops) and Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup> (Conference). Stay tuned with updates by visiting the conference site [www.gomitec.com](http://www.gomitec.com). Note updates are in process. The agenda features current topics including: Open Source, Watson, PHP, RPG, Operations and Administration, Modernization, Web Development, Power 9 updates and much more. Mark your calendar. Go MITEC!



Please take note of the recent email and web site posting for membership. SEMIUG strives to continue to bring local community members value through world class presentations and opportunity to connect with other community members.



Please also take note of the CAAC information. CAAC is looking for volunteers. It doesn't take much time and is extremely important and worthwhile. Step up and make a difference by volunteering.

## CAAC

The COMMON Americas Advisory Council (CAAC) is looking for new members.

The CAAC is a select group of individuals who represent the diverse membership of the COMMON community. As the name states, the CAAC acts as an advisory group to IBM. Members of CAAC review product enhancement requests, providing IBM with important user feedback to help prioritize these requests. IBM also reviews and discusses IBM's strategies and plans with CAAC, requesting input and advice.

Members of CAAC participate in monthly calls, as well as two face-to-face meetings per year. This is a unique opportunity to help shape the direction of the IBM i Portfolio of products and IBM Power Servers.

For further information, please go to the COMMON website: [www.common.org/caac/](http://www.common.org/caac/)

Positions are currently available. For all those interested, please download the application form at [www.common.org/caac/#openings](http://www.common.org/caac/#openings)



Think Spring!

Regards,

Laura

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# **Southeast Michigan iSeries User Group**



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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

(Voting Member)

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

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

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. Membership voting rights are limited to one person employed by an organization regardless of holding an individual or organization membership.

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 - \$100.00; Individual memberships are available for \$50.00 (An individual is defined as a person not directly employed by an organization or a person employed by an organization paying membership dues from personal funds). 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.

Donations are appreciated: Donation: \_\_\_\_\_