



# Southeast Michigan iSeries User Group



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## Application & Software Modernization

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- Date:** Tuesday September 21st, 2021
- Time:** **6:00 PM EST**
- Location:** GoToMeeting Only
- Speaker:** Tom Huntington, Charles Guarino, Mike Pavlak and Laura Ubelhor

### Overview:

What do we mean by application and software modernization? Why is it important to get current on releases? How do application modernization projects on IBM Power impact hardware and infrastructure decisions and your ability to take advantage of cloud? During this session, our expert panel covers application modernization considerations, roadblocks to modernization, repercussions of not modernizing, and strategies for getting started today. You'll learn about open source and hybrid cloud, Internet of Things (IoT) and APIs, commercial vs. homegrown applications, technical debt and "resource debt", and tools to speed development. Presented as panel discussion. Recorded presentation.

### About the Presenter:

Tom Huntington Executive VP, Technical Solutions

Tom Huntington is Executive Vice President of Technical Solutions at HelpSystems, and has been with the company for nearly 30 years. He helps manage the worldwide HelpSystems software engineer team that works to integrate and promote our automation and security solutions to partners and customers around the globe. Tom often speaks on enterprise scheduling, security, automation topics, IBM i technology, and the HelpSystems products, and hosts technical presentations on a variety of automation topics. He is the author of the HelpSystems IBM i Marketplace Survey and has written articles on automated operations, security, cloud computing, and business intelligence for leading trade journals and newsletters. He was named an IBM Champion in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 for over three decades of advocacy and thought leadership on the IBM i platform. .





Laura Ubelhor Senior Consultant and Owner / Consultech Services, Inc.

Laura Ubelhor has been providing technical services to clients for over 30 years, specializing in IBM i application development and support. Laura owns and operates Consultech Services, Inc., a Michigan-based technical consulting organization established in 1992. Consultech has experience with a variety of business industries and programming languages and has experience on several platforms in addition to IBM i. Laura has a BBA and MSM degree from Walsh College. She has been President of the South East Michigan IBM i User Group for a number of years and also has actively volunteered at COMMON for many years, currently serving as Secretary of the Common Education Foundation. Laura frequently authors articles and has two published books through MC Press. Laura is an IBM community cheerleader and education advocate often connecting and providing opportunity for organizations, individuals, and students to connect and learn.



Charles Guarino President / Central Park Data Systems

Charles Guarino believes in the power of IBM Power Systems. His career reflects his interest in bringing the platform and its solutions to others. Charles started his professional journey as a department of one. Today, he is serving individuals on a worldwide basis through his consulting work and award-winning speaking engagements. Charles is a true people person and can often be found at conferences sharing his expertise in RDi and other IBM i topics.



Mike Pavlak Solution Engineer / Perforce Software

Mike Pavlak has been working with IBM midrange solutions since 1992 and IBM Mainframes before that. After years of developing applications using RPG and CL, he managed IT development and IT for power protection manufacturer Tripp Lite. Mike was instrumental in developing the adoption of PHP as the first open source language on IBM i and later joined Zend Technologies. Today, as a Solution Engineer with Perforce (Zend), Mike helps companies approach the challenges of modernization and open source technologies. In addition to several roles as a volunteer with COMMON, Mike also teaches PHP and Python classes part time at Moraine Valley Community College in suburban Chicago. Mike lives in suburban Chicago with his wife, five kids, a dog, a cat, two tortoises, and a half dozen fish.

## From the President:

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Dear Members:

We hope that you enjoyed the summer break. We have a very exciting 2021/2022 year planned. The SEMIUG board met over the summer break and

has put together an awesome plan for monthly meetings including opensource, Webquery, modernization, working remote, Power10, RPG updates, security and more. If there are specific topics that you'd like to see at upcoming meetings or events please reach out to any SEMIUG board member. Our meetings will be held in virtual format. We are hoping once it is safe to schedule an onsite meeting and activity.

We will be kicking off the 2021/2022 year with a modernization presentation. Led by Tom Huntington from Helpsystems, panel members Charles Guarino of Central Park Data, Mike Pavlak of Perforce and Laura Ubelhor of Consultech Services, Inc. share insights in a panel discussion format. Modernization is a very important and timely topic. The presentation explores areas that are important to modernization and will surely help you in your effort to modernize. To modernize is important and a must to thrive today.

We hope to hold MITEC onsite in June 2022. We have heard from many group members the desire to have onsite event and look forward to being able to do so. Much has been happening on the platform. There have been significant advancements on the platform and SEMIUG strives to bring current relevant world class presentations to our local community.



Thank you volunteers for stepping forward and volunteering. A special Thank you to our 2021/2022 board; Joy Chen, Charles Nalbandian, Amanda Smith, Jim Thompson, Ed Berryhill and Doug Rezanka.

We look forward to an awesome year and also look forward to seeing everyone at an upcoming virtual meeting and hopefully soon in a face to face activity.

Regards,

Laura



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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. 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.

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