MUG WNY
Midrange User's Group of Western New York

User Group Newsletter

April 2007

Meeting Reminder
Spring Meeting

MUGWNY User Group Meeting

Thursday April 26, 2007

Program

Old Red Mill Inn and Central Station
8326 Main Street
Williamsville, NY 14221
716-633-7878
www.redmillinn.com

MENU
Mini Roast Beef on Weck, Buffalo Style Chicken Wings,
Mineo & Sapio Sausage with Peppers and Onions,
Roasted Potatoes, Salad, Dinner Rolls,
Coffee, Tea, Dessert.
Open cash bar.

Cost: $20.00 Members
$30.00 Non-Members

5:00PM … Cocktails and Registration

6:00PM … Dinner

7:00PM … Presentation by: James Dulski from Account Executive Sirius Computer Solutions

Topic … The current IBM series-i platforms and offer some free resource information available through IBM, and others

********** IMPORTANT REMINDER **********
Register for the meeting ASAP at www.mugwny.org

If you register, please be sure to attend since we are charged for the dinners we order based on your reservations!

********** IMPORTANT NEWS **********
MUG is co-sponsoring an all day seminar with IBM on June 8, 2007. Please read the newsletter for more information.

Of Special Interest in this Month's Issue:

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Spring 2007

Spring is in the air!

The birds are singing the bees will be buzzing and the trees will be blooming. Our MUG calendar is winding down. We only have two more meetings and an end-of-the year party!

But wait I have some news: MUG is co-sponsoring an all day seminar with IBM:

Carole Miner of IBM will present: **A Deep Dive into System i Access for Web.**

When: **June 8th, 2007 from 8:30 AM to 4 PM**

Breakfast and Lunch will be provided.

Where: **Location to be announced.**

Before I forget I want to thank Tim Donaghue for bringing Darryl Johns to our February 22, 2007 meeting, at Chef's Restaurant. The presentation, overview of the new Voice Over IP solution for the AS/400 System i was outstanding.

Our April meeting will feature James Dulski who will deliver an overview of the current IBM series-i platforms and offer some free resource information available through IBM, and others.   Jim is an Account Executive with Sirius Computer Solutions. A Founding Member - Fibre

Channel Loop Association, SNIA and International Clustering Association. He is IBM eServer z9 Sales Certified, IBM eServer p5 Sales Certified, IBM eServer i5 & i5/OS V5R3 Sales Certified, and Network Appliance Sales Certified. We are certainly fortunate to have Jim as a speaker, volunteering his time to tap his knowledge base.

I hope to see you at our April 26, 2007 meeting.

Walt's Technical Corner   By Walter Kline

(Walter is a Certified IBM Technician with Hi-Tech Services).

In Decembers' tip section I indicated that I would continue with additional tips on copying DB2/400 data from/to the IFS. My associate, John Weider, thought that was a phenomenally stupid idea. So we decided on tackling automated FTP scripts this month. That's why the title says "Automated FTP Scripts".

Have you ever wanted to use FTP to transfer data from one machine to another, without operator prompts or intervention? Creating automated FTP scripts will do the job for you.

The first step is to create a source file to contain our FTP scripts using the CRTSRCPF command:

    CRTSRCPF FILE (QGPL/QFTPSRC)

Now that the file for the scripts has been created, we can add our FTP commands to the source file using SEU or WDSCi. Each script will be stored in its own source member.

For example, when ordering PTF's from IBM using Fixcentral, or its current variant, IBM creates ISO (CD format) images on their server. To get the ISO images from IBM we need to use FTP. As this can be a long running process, depending on your Internet connection speed, an automation script is an ideal way to accomplish the download.

Using the FTP commands recommended by IBM we would create a source member in our FTP source file (QFTPSRC), with a name of PTF.

We would edit the member and add the required FTP statements to the file. Here's an example:

    User userxx passwordyy
    namefmt 1
    lcd /ptf/fixes
    ascii
    cd /b5967209/20050211/c
    get ftpHipers.txt
    get ilstHipers.txt
    binary
    get Hipers_1.bin
    quit

To invoke the script we create a small CLP program to run the script. Here's an example of a program called PTF:

    PGM
            OVRDBF   FILE(INPUT) TOFILE(QGPL/QFTPSRC) MBR(PTF)
            OVRDBF   FILE(OUTPUT) TOFILE(QGPL/QFTPSRC) MBR(PTF$)
            FTP   RMTSYS(INETSD01.BOULDER.IBM.COM)
    ENDPGM

In the above example, the override database file command for file INPUT (standard input) points the FTP script to the member named PTF. The override to file OUTPUT (standard output) will contain a log of the FTP command results, in a member named PTF$. This member will also contain any error messages generated by the script.

The RMTSYS parameter on the FTP command creates an FTP connection to the system specified, in this case IBM's Boulder Colorado location.

After successfully compiling the Control language program, we would use the submit job (SBMJOB) command to run our script.

If you have any questions you'd like answered, you can e-mail your questions to: wkline@hitechservices.com.

See you at the next meeting!

2006-2007 MUG MEMBERSHIP UPDATE
By Steve Kait

With the group going back to the "old" meeting start time, I certainly hope and expect to see attendance numbers sky-rocket as we will be lining up some good topics for the remainder of the season.

Additional membership renewals include Erie County Water Authority of Cheektowaga, Graham Corporation of Batavia, Home Market Foods (Freezer Queen Foods) of Massachusetts, Luvata Buffalo (formerly Outokumpu American Brass) of Buffalo, McGard of Orchard Park, and Tzetzo Bros. of Buffalo. Thank you for your continued support of our association.

We hope to see you at the meeting at the Old Red Mill on April 26th…

Common News
By Jim McFarland

What is iSociety?
iSociety is everyone who believes in the System I and the way that System I makes business computing easier. iSociety is for the faithful that want to share their experiences with each other and with those who are still making business computing difficult.

Who and what is in the iSociety community?
You! ... that's right, you can be in the iSociety community. All you need to do is go to isociety.common.org. You can then fully participate in the iSociety online community and share your experiences with everyone.

You can register your Web site as part of iSociety. Web sites that promote the System i, either through applications, content, or products, can register as part of iSociety. When you register your Web site, you'll receive the navigation box that identifies your site as part of the community.

You'll also find a few key sites that form the pillars of iSociety – such as www.common.org, www.isociety.common.org, www.cafepress.com/isociety, www.systemicafe.com, www.midrange.com, www.angustheitchap.com and www.systemiportal.com. Through these initial sites and the navigation tool that all iSociety sites will display, you can find many more System I resources that make up the total community. The individual Web sites, chat rooms, and blogs and the organizations and businesses that believe passionately in System i all existed independently long before iSociety was formed; iSociety makes it easy to move freely among all of them. iSociety includes small and large user-group organizations, news organizations, forums, blogs, students at colleges and universities throughout the world, and many other groups.

You could say that iSociety really includes all the customers of System i5 and predecessor systems, and those consultants, analysts, and reporters who share their passion and knowledge as well as IBM Business Partners, Independent Software Vendors and IBM employees who share that same passion and knowledge. Don't forget; you can join iSociety by registering at isociety.common.org and you can proudly display your allegiance to it by adding the iSociety logo and navigation system to your Web site.

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If you have any suggestions in ways we can improve our website please let us know.

Thanks for your help in keeping the Midrange User Group of Western New York a quality organization.

For more information email the webmaster or contact Ralph Giambra at (716) 972-0330

Thank you in advance for your support.

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Treasurers Report by Sal Panzica

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July 06				156.29											
August 06		1635.00													
September 06		485.00		611.91			420.00				62.00		7.00		
October 06		425.00		71.72			120.00			45.24					
November 06				100.00						27.46				395.00	
December 06				598.88			460.00						6.00		
January 07															
February 07		85.00		456.67			380.00								
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May 07															
June 07															
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About Our Organization…

The Midrange Users Group of Western New York is a non-profit organization comprising professionals working in the Midrange Systems environment. The group was organized in 1984 and is based in, but nor limited to, the Buffalo area and now represents managers, analysts and programmers working together in the Information Systems field on midrange-class computers. We sponsor a monthly dinner meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month (except July and August and the third Thursday in November). Meetings will begin at 6:00 and conclude with a brief business meeting. Members are always welcome to contribute to the newsletter or any other committee of their choice. The boards of directors are elected during the May meeting and they begin their term in September.

Please notify us of any change in your e-mail address so there is no interruption in your receipt of our monthly newsletter.

Do you know someone who is not a MUGWNY member who might be interested in some information about the group? Send their name, company name, and e-mail address to Leigh Sworts at lsworts@homemarketfoods.com and I'll send them a complimentary electronic issue of our newsletter via e-mail.

Any suggestions for improvements to the newsletter?
    … Story ideas?
        … Volunteer to write an article? Contact Ralph Giambra at rgiambra@hitechservices.com.