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**The COMMON Spring 2006
IT Education Conference & Expo**

**March 26-30, 2006
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Minneapolis Convention Center**

**Conference
Preview**

The premier iSeries & AS/400 education event for system administrators, programmers, developers and IT managers



WEEK AT A GLANCE

The COMMON Spring 2006 Conference will be packed with educational sessions and labs, special networking events, and time to browse the Expo floor.

For the latest schedule information, visit www.common.org/sessions.html

Sunday, March 26

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Registration (Workshop attendees only)
8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Pre-Conference Workshops
Noon - 1:15 p.m.	Opening Session
1:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	COMMON Expo open
2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	First-Timers' Session
2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	First-Timers' Social and Meet a Mentor
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	IBM iSeries Town Meeting
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception in COMMON Expo
8:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m.	COMMON User Discussion Social (CUDS) "Ask the Experts"

Monday, March 27

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m. -12:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.	COMMON Expo open
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	Attendee Lunch in Expo
1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	First-Timers' Session
2:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	All Attendee Reception in COMMON Expo

Tuesday, March 28

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m. -12:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.	COMMON Expo open
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	Attendee Lunch in Expo
2:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	COMMON User Discussion Social (CUDS) IBM SOA Party

Wednesday, March 29

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration
7:30 a.m. - Noon	IBM Rochester Tour
8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
12:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	IBM Rochester Tour
5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Professional Development Roundup
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Professional Development Sessions
6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Meeting of the Members (MOM)
8:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m.	COMMON User Discussion Social (CUDS) Volunteer Recognition Reception & "Meet the Speakers"

Thursday, March 30

7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Closing Event

TOUR THE IBM ROCHESTER DEVELOPMENT LAB

Conference attendees can sign up for a behind-the-scenes look at the home of the iSeries—IBM's Rochester Development Laboratory. Two half-day tours will be offered on Wednesday, March 29 on a first-come, first-served basis. The price of the tour includes bus transportation from the Minneapolis Convention Center to the IBM Lab and a box breakfast/lunch. For details on pricing and tour times, visit www.common.org/preview.html

Reserve your hotel room now

Booking your Minneapolis hotel room is easy through COMMON's Housing Bureau. Complete your hotel and conference registration information online at www.common.org, or print out hard copy forms and fax them. Additional travel information is available on COMMON's Web site.

Register early and save!

Register by March 2, 2006 and save \$200 off the regular Conference Hotel Registration Rate. COMMON membership is required to register for the conference, and membership benefits are available throughout the year.

**FOR ADDITIONAL SPRING 2006
CONFERENCE INFORMATION AND TO
REGISTER, VISIT
WWW.COMMON.ORG/PREVIEW.HTML.**

**FOR CONFERENCE QUESTIONS,
MEMBERSHIP RELATED INQUIRIES, AND/OR
TO JOIN, CALL 800.777.6734.**

JOIN THE iSERIES COMMUNITY IN MINNEAPOLIS THIS MARCH

Meet Thousands of Your Peers from Across the Country and Around the World

In addition to the user-driven IT education available at COMMON conferences, you'll have plenty of

opportunities to exchange knowledge and insights with like-minded IT managers, programmers, system administrators and developers. Meet with members of

their developers to present and attend the conference.

Access World-Class Education for iSeries and AS/400 Users

COMMON conferences offer not only the most iSeries and AS/400 education available in one place, but they offer the best in sessions and hands-on labs, presented by leading industry experts, IBM developers and top-name consultants and speakers from every corner of the iSeries world.

At the Spring 2006 Conference & Expo, you can pack five days with learning about everything from modernizing applications to security, and from RPG to high availability. You'll find many brand new sessions and labs, with opportunities to learn the latest technologies.

your iSeries community to objectively discuss best practices, trends and the adaptation of new technologies. Participate in this community when you attend special "First-Timers" sessions, at the evening networking events each night of the conference, and by scheduling your own "Birds of a Feather Session" to discuss a specific issue. You'll find that the face-to-face interaction with other IT professionals alone is worth the price of the conference.

"I consider the COMMON conference to be the highest return, cost vs. benefit, of any conference or training I've taken."

**Rick Metzger,
DTR Industries, Inc.
Bluffton, Ohio**

Get In-Depth Education at a Pre-Conference Workshop, Sunday, March 26

Jump start your learning early with an all-day pre-conference workshop on Sunday, March 26, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Any of the four all NEW pre-conference workshops offered in Minneapolis will provide in-depth, technical information.

Meet the IBMers Who Work on the Technology You Use Every Day

Learning directly from IBM iSeries executives and developers is one of the unmatched networking opportunities available at a COMMON conference. Whether you sit in an IBM session, ask IBM's iSeries General Manager, Mark Shearer, a question during the IBM iSeries Town Meeting, or get advice directly from an IBM specialist at Sunday night's "Ask the Experts" roundtable, the COMMON Spring 2006 Conference includes many chances to go straight to the source. And since the IBM Rochester Lab is so close to Minneapolis, IBM will be sending many of

All workshops begin at 8 a.m. on Sunday and break for the Opening Session, then end in time for the IBM iSeries Town Meeting. Pre-registration is required, you can sign up when you register for the conference.





WORKSHOP #1: Beyond the Basics with SQL

Speaker: Skip Marchesani, Custom Systems Corp.
Fee: \$295

WORKSHOP #2 (LAB): Getting Started with SOA on IBM eServer iSeries

Speaker: Pat Fleming, IBM Corporation
Fee: \$395

WORKSHOP #3 (LAB): Liberating Your RPG

Speaker: Jon Paris, Susan Gantner, Partner400
Fee: \$395

WORKSHOP #4 (LAB): Everything You NEED TO KNOW About HMC!

Speaker: John Davenport, IBM Corporation
Fee: \$395

WORKSHOP SPACE IS LIMITED, FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION, AND TO REGISTER, GO TO WWW.COMMON.ORG/WORKSHOPS.HTML

Choose from a Wealth of IT Topics

Attend the COMMON Spring 2006 Conference to brush up your IT skills and learn new ones by choosing from hundreds of educational sessions and hands-on labs. A wide variety of topics are included in 20 general Courses of Study. Some Courses of Study include Focused Education Roadmaps, which consist of a series of related sessions on a specific topic. Attend all the sessions in a Roadmap, and you'll end up with complete mastery of the subject.

All sessions and labs at the conference will fall into the following Courses of Study:

- **Application Development**
- **Client Connectivity**
- **DB2 UDB for the iSeries**
- **High Availability Resilience**
- **IBM Workplace/Lotus**
- **IFS**
- **IT Optimization**
- **IT Professional Development**
- **IT Strategy**

- **Java Language**
- **Linux**
- **Managing Your iSeries Environment**
- **Networking**
- **Project Management**
- **RPG IV**
- **Security Management**
- **Web Applications: Administration**
- **Web Applications: Architecture and Development**
- **Web Applications: Business Decisions**
- **Web Applications: Development Tools**

**NEW EDUCATION IN 2006!
INTEGRATED SEMINARS**

Integrated Seminars provide in-depth education on a specific subject such as Domino, RPG IV, Java or ILE. They are part of the general conference, and include lecture and lab components. Signing up for an Integrated Seminar is a full day commitment at the conference. You'll want to be sure to stay for the entire seminar so you don't miss critical education!

Conference attendees must pre-register to attend these seminars, and can do so using COMMON's online Lab registration as soon as it becomes available. (There is no additional cost and seats are limited.) Go to the "Lab" tab on www.common.org/sessions.html to find and register for a Spring 2006 Integrated Seminar –

500156 - Domino Administration

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Speakers: Amy Hoerle - IBM,
Kim Greene - Kim Green Consulting,
Trevor Tallackson - IBM

500157 - Workplace Services Express

Thursday, March 30, 2006

8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Speakers: Mike Gordon - IBM,
Mac Guidera - s3 Consulting,
Marcella Adon - IBM

95% of COMMON Fall 2005 Conference attendees said they gained information from COMMON sessions that was of immediate value when they returned to work.

Fall 2005 Conference & Expo Evaluations

Focus on Service Oriented Architecture (SOA)

In addition to a wide range of technical topics, the Spring 2006 Conference includes a special educational focus on a cutting-edge technology that every midrange user should learn about: Service Oriented Architecture, or SOA.

Service Oriented Architecture is a concept that every major software company is endorsing as the architecture of the future. The idea behind SOA is that common business tasks, like performing a credit check, can be reduced down to single modular, reusable tasks called services. SOA takes this to the next step and looks at your entire business as linked services and the outcomes they bring. From here, tools that support this architecture (like an ESB - Enterprise Service Bus) can be used to consolidate and access these services the same way that a shopping mall does for retail shoppers. Business processes can be generated consuming these services allowing companies to be more reactive to business changes. Essentially, SOA will become the DNA behind an On Demand business.

CREATE YOUR OWN CONFERENCE SCHEDULE NOW!

The Spring 2006 Online Session Guide contains all the latest information on sessions, labs, speakers and schedules for the conference. Use the "My Grid" feature in the guide to build a schedule for the conference. You can update, add and delete sessions as the conference draws near. Go to www.common.org/sessions.html to get started.

browse the Expo floor and speak one-on-one with developers and other representatives from leading industry vendors. Enjoy complimentary lunch in the Expo on Monday and Tuesday, allowing you to use your lunch hour to see the latest technologies and other solutions. Visit www.common.org to review the COMMON Expo vendors and plan your visit to the Expo hall.

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"COMMON has always been the best opportunity to gain quality education about the iSeries in any number of areas. The best and most knowledgeable speakers in our industry conduct the sessions."

**Brian Kelly,
IT consultant for Wilkes-Barre**

Browse the World's Largest iSeries-Related Expo

With nearly 100 exhibitors, including IBM, the COMMON Expo is the perfect complement to the educational sessions you attend. Save time to





MEET OUR 2006 ELITE EXHIBITORS

COMMON would like to thank our ELITE Exhibitors at the Spring 2006 Conference & Expo. These companies have provided extra support to COMMON, and we hope you'll visit their booths in our Expo hall March 26-28!

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