



N E M U G

New England Midrange Users Group Meeting Announcement

Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2017
Time: Sign In 5:15 p.m.; Speaker 6:00-7:15 p.m., Dinner to Follow
Place: **New Location: Red Stone Grill, 120 Chestnut Street, North Attleboro, MA 02760**
Topic: **OPEN SESAME...uh...OPEN SASKATCHEWAN...uh...**
Speaker: **Christopher Burns**
Dinner: Chicken Parmesan – Fried chicken cutlet topped with our homemade marinara and mozzarella cheese served over penne

Steak Tips – Marinated steak tips cooked to your liking served with house rice and creamed spinach

Bourbon Maple Salmon – Salmon Fillet pan seared and glazed with a bourbon maple sauce accompanied by roasted garlic risotto and grilled asparagus

Vegan or Vegetarian – available on request

Cost: NEMUG Members \$30, Guests \$40, Students \$10. Make check payable to: NEMUG. Mail to: NEMUG, c/o Eileen Newell, 455 Smith Street, N. Attleboro, MA 02760 or register on the NEMUG web site, www.nemug.com, and pay at the door.

R.S.V.P. to Rasa Pizzi. Register on the web, www.nemug.com, or e-mail rpizzi@franklinsports.com.

We must receive your reply no later than Friday, October 13, 2017.

** No shows will be billed, unless cancellation is received by Tuesday, October 17, 2017. **

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“OPEN SESAME...uh...OPEN SASKATCHEWAN...uh...”

Open source software has been around for many years. We've all used products such as Open Office, FileZilla and GNUCash as an alternative to pricey commercial packages with strings attached.

Once upon a time, the wealth of 3rd party applications available on the AS/400 platform helped it grow and become a competitive player in the midrange market. It's no secret, though, that the stagnancy of these applications and their often-unfriendly licensing terms eventually constrained the platform and made it less competitive.

It's also no secret that today IBM views Power as an ideal host for open source solutions written on other platforms, and has empowered IBM i to host them accordingly. But what about solutions that were born and raised on IBM i? Don't they get a seat at the table? Yes, but it's going to be up to US to make it happen. That's why I recently made two of my trusty home grown efforts available on GitHub. One is just a simple niche utility, the other could be a data game changer with the right influx of ideas.

* The Report Mods Framework (a.k.a. RPTMOD) is a little "engine that could" which monitors output queues for spooled files and subsequently reroutes them, converts them or even alters their content (try doing THAT with duct tape). Not as robust as commercial offerings, but very effective in smaller shops where it quietly plugs away.

* Inuendo, which you've probably heard about by now, is a model for virtualizing data at its origin, along with an abstraction layer to allow your applications to be gracefully retrofit to interact with that data (and eventually retire your legacy data). Based on classes and properties, its definitions can be modified on the fly, even in a 24/7 installation. Did I mention it supports time travel...genuine time travel? And that it's powered entirely by RPG and SQL?

Getting this far was an adventure. Join me as I not only demonstrate these wares but also share some of the perils and pitfalls of prepping native IBM i solutions for the open source distribution model. If our beloved platform is to be taken seriously by the OSS community, we need to be producers as well as consumers.

Christopher Burns has been a senior consultant with GEMKO Information Group of Buffalo, NY since 1996. He specializes in application modernization and developer education. His highly-differentiated solutions for companies using both home grown and 3rd party software are unmatched in the industry. He speaks regularly about these solution concepts at user groups and conferences. Chris holds several IBM certifications and has been hosting and evolving the 21st Century Midrange Developer training series since 2003. He has also served on the IBM certification exam development team. More recently, Chris has been the driving force behind Inuendo – an open source project for data virtualization.

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Message from the President

Thank you to Jim Mason for discussing the pros and cons of NOSQL data bases and potential uses. Jim is a Sr. Product Architect for DMX Web Platform and we look forward to seeing his final product for the start-up company he is working for.

Joining us October 18th, is Christopher Burns from GEMKO Information Group (www.gemko.com). He is going to present to the group Open Source software. He will discuss RPTMOD which monitors output queues and re-routes them and perhaps alters them, and Inuendo which is a tool to retrofit and interact with data and eventually retire legacy data - this tool is powered by RPG and SQL. Join us to learn about these great tools that can be used on the i-series.

Dawn Dawson, President NEMUG

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