# The Omni User

# September Dinner Meeting Features Kent Milligan

## V6R1: DB2 for i5/OS: Hot Off the Grill

Tuesday September 16, 2008

Embassy Suites Hotel

707 E. Butterfield Rd

Lombard, IL

This month the Omni User is proud to present a really "HOT" topic that impacts EVERY IBM i, i5 and iSeries shop: V6R1 DB2 for i5/OS Hot Off the Grill. Kent Milligan joins us from the IBM Rochester labs to share all the new and exciting features plugged into DB2 in the latest release of the IBM i Operating System. This session will be loaded with goodies like the self learning capabilities of the new Query Optimizer, DB2 "On-Demand" performance analyzer in System i Navigator and much more! Kent has been the voice of DB2 on the IBM midrange for several years and has been a very popular Omni User speaker at dinner meetings and our annual conferences. Please stop by and shake hands with the man who's got it all when it comes to DB2 on IBM i and learn a little about the latest changes to our favorite integrated database, DB2 for IBM i.

Come and find out how the V6R1 DB2 for i5/ OS features can help your i5/ OS databases and applications take a giant leap forward. You will learn how these new DB2 for i5/ OS features such as advancements in the RPG SQL precompiler, Super Groups, Hidden Timestamp columns, and Extended Indicator Variables can be used to improve your applications and to reduce your application development time.

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You will also not want to miss learning about the self-learning capabilities of the SQL Query Engine and the productivity gains delivered by the enhancements to the DB2 OnDemand Performance tools in System i Navigator. These are just a few of the exciting new DB2 for i5/ OS capabilities to be discussed.

Kent Milligan is a senior DB2 for i consultant in IBM ISV Business Strategy and Solutions Enablement for the IBM i platform. After graduating from the University of Iowa in 1989, Kent spent the first eight years of his IBM career as a member of the DB2 development team in Rochester. He writes and speaks around the world regularly on various DB2 for i relational database topics.

5:00 Registration and User Discussions
6:00 Dinner and Break
6:45 Business Meeting, Presentation, Q & A

Dinner Menu Options
Soup du Jour
Meat - Chicken Wellington
Fish - Grilled Swordfish
Veggie - Vegetable Kabobs
Dessert - Key Lime Pie

Please make your reservations by Thursday, September 11, 2008.
Register via the Web at www.omniuser.org by filling out the form and clicking one of the buttons. Or, call (630) 953-6312, and leave your company name, names of those attending, and the type of meal desired (meat, fish or vegetarian.)

# Annual Day of Education Announced

On Tuesday October 21, 2008 OMNI will once again present its annual Day of Education. This event brings IBM and other professional speakers to the beautiful IBM Oakbrook offices for a day filled with IBM i information and education. This year we have assembled a top notch group of speakers and topics including Linda Hirsch (iSeries Access) and "Mr. RPG", Bob Cozzi! More information will be available at the Omni website in the next few days as we finalize speakers and arrangements. Please make plans to attend this all-day event and check back at www.omniuser.org for more details.

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# Golf – A Game That Can't Be Won, Only Played

OMNI held its annual Golf outing on July 17. Here's what may or may not have happened....

# Breaking News:

Power Tech will be conducting a System i Security Workshop, Sept 23-25 in the Chicago area hosted by John Earl, PowerTech Chief Technology Officer, a leading expert in System i security. We're still working out the details, but they're planning on offering a special promotion to OMNI members. More information should be available at the September dinner meeting. For workshop details please visit:
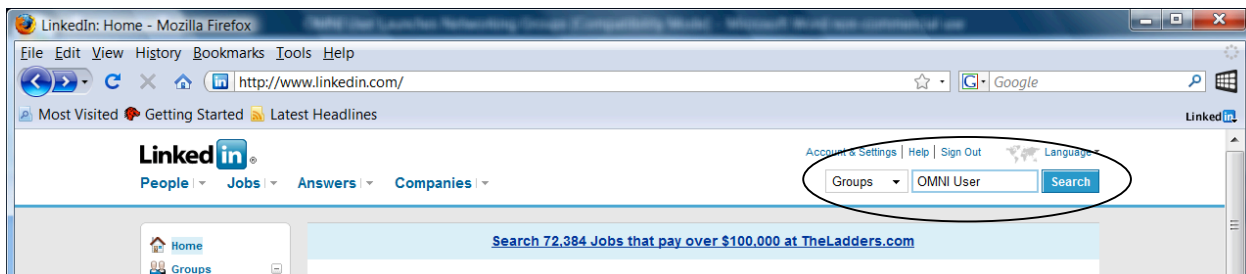http://www.powertech.com/powertech/workshop_register.asp





# OMNI User Launches Networking Groups

Are you up on facebook and LinkedIn yet? So is The OMNI User. We've recently created groups at both of these networking sites, and we invite all OMNI members to join up and, well, start networking. Discover all sorts of interesting things, like what Tom Duncan really looks like...

While in your LinkedIn profile, select Groups in the search panel at the upper right-hand corner, enter OMNI User and click *Search*.



When OMNI User is displayed in the search results, click on *Join This Group*.

Do the same thing in facebook and join our group there as well.

For an interesting article about LinkedIn and converging technologies, see the Comnputerworld article here **Elgan: When LinkedIn knows where you are**

# More System i Events

## Common Focus, Burlingame, CA, October 5-8, 2008

COMMON Focus 2008 is an annual workshop conference event, featuring three days of intense, focused education. It will be a smaller, more intimate event than a traditional COMMON conference with a limited number of attendees - giving them more opportunities for one-on-one interaction with the speakers and each other.

It will offer in-depth, all-day educational workshops - both in lab and lecture-style formats - in a wide range of topic areas. Attendees can attend only one workshop per day, providing attendees the opportunity to focus their educational needs on a specific topic each day.

COMMON Focus 2008 will also feature a tabletop-style exhibition area, featuring a limited number of exhibitors. Attendees will be able to view and get hands-on demonstration on the latest IBM i-related solutions available to them.
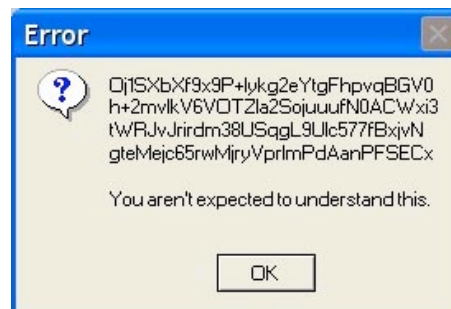
Information and registration at http://www.common.org/conferences/2008/focus/index.html

## RPG & DB2 Summit

Want to power up your programming skills? Then get ready for a new, highly interactive conference experience devoted exclusively to the needs of RPG & DB2 developers. Come to Las Vegas on October 20-22, 2008 to see for yourself why people are so enthusiastic about this refreshingly different educational event.

Learn from the industry's premier experts - Susan Gantner, Skip Marchesani, Jon Paris, and Paul Tuohy - as well as prominent guest instructors such as Scott Klement, George Farr, Barbara Morris, Mike Cain, Kent Milligan and more.

More at http://www.systemideveloper.com/conferences.html

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# Our Neighbor To The North

No, not Canada. Just north of the Cheddar Curtain, the System i community is fortunate to have a prominent and accomplished professional and educator. Known to many OMNI members, Jim Buck has held a career in IT for more than 25 years, primarily in the manufacturing and healthcare industries. He is a programmer/analyst instructor at Gateway Technical College in Kenosha, Wisconsin; president of the Wisconsin Midrange Computer Professional Association (WMCPA); and the recipient of the 2007 IBM System i Innovation Education Excellence Award from COMMON and IBM.

OMNI members in the northern suburbs in search of System i technical education might consider Gateway – Kenosha is relatively convenient. I spend my weekends there, and the drive from the O'Hare area is just over an hour. In fact, I first met Jim, not as a System i guy, but as my daughter's sailing instructor. In addition to being a first-class geek, Jim teaches sailing at the Kenosha Yacht Club, and captains his own Rainbow. I wanted to take this opportunity to (belatedly) congratulate Jim on behalf of Omni, and thank him for his technical and nautical educational endeavors.



With Award        Jim Buck (left) aboard the Rainbow

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