



WMCPA Newsletter

News and Update



At WMCPA we are very excited our conference is coming together quickly and we have received a ton of sessions. Thank you to everyone who sent in sessions! You will hear from us soon.

Speaking of our conference, **the super early bird special is going to end on the 27th of November** so act quickly if you want the cheapest rates for one of the best conferences in the Midwest!

As November turns colder and the holidays are fast approaching, we are very thankful for the IBM i community. We have had some great sessions thus far and we are very excited to have students attending our dinner meetings. The students are our lifeline to the future of this platform and we believe that they are going to be great additions to the community and are very excited to see them grow.

In November we had two wonderful sessions by Scott Klement and Yvonne Enselman. Thank you both for your great sessions!



Meet the Team!
Michelle Lyons



Michelle has held many roles within WMCPA and is currently our speaker coordinator. Our organization would look very different without Michelle and we are very lucky to have her.

Tell us a little bit about yourself?

I am the co-owner of [imPower Technologies](#). When I am not working I enjoy spending time with my family and my dogs.

What is something that you love about the IBM i platform?

I love that you can do virtually everything you want on this box. I also love the community and all the friends I have met because of it.

What is something you wish the IBM i platform had?

I have not come across anything I couldn't do that I needed to on this platform. I may have had to do a lot of researching to do it but ultimately it could be done.

What is one piece of advice you could give to someone just starting out?

My advice to someone starting out would be to learn all you can and get involved in the community.



2024 Conference!

We will be back at Lake Lawn for our 2024 Spring Conference. Save the date and come out and see us March 12th to the 14th!

Membership running out? Not a member of WMCPA? Do you want to take advantage of the discounted rates as a member? Renew your membership today!

Registration is open but you must hurry and register if you want the best rates! Super Early Bird runs now until November 27th.

[Conference Registration](#)



November 2023 Dinner Meeting Speakers!

We have a double header for you in December! We are very lucky to have Scott Fortsie and Tim Rowe from IBM. They will be presenting two great sessions! We are looking forward to seeing you there or virtually online!

Register

Scott Fortsie

IBM

Db2 for i Architect
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Scott Forstie is a Senior Technical Staff Member within IBM i development and spends most of his time working as the Db2 for i Architect. He has worked on IBM operating system development since joining IBM in 1989.

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Tim Rowe

IBM

Business Architect Application
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IBM i

Tim Rowe is the Business Architect responsible for Application Development and Systems Management for the IBM i operating system. His responsibilities include helping to make sure that the IBM i has what is needed to be successful both today and into the future. He spends much of his time also helping customers understand what is possible on our platform when it comes to modernization.

Scott Fortsie



Tim Rowe



Session info:

Db2 for IBM i tools in VS Code

IBM is excited to share that we're working on database functionality inside of Visual Studio Code. At this session, we'll demonstrate and explain the new Database extension found within Code for IBM i. You will see the speed and simplicity of working with Db2 for i, alongside developing modern applications, all in one space.

Come to this session to meet your new best buddy... the Code for IBM i Database Extension!

<https://github.com/codefori>

<https://github.com/codefori/vscode-db2i>

Navigator – As you've never seen it before

In this new session, Scott & Tim will explore Navigator features and demonstrate how this feature rich GUI is built upon the shoulders of SQL.

We'll cover some of the most recent enhancements!

We'll explain some of the better and best practices!

Finally, Scott will show how users can start with Navigator, but finish with ACS, for those situations not handled by Navigator.

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