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Open Source i; Latest 7.3 announcements & New year Reception

Venue: Brewery Het Anker (Guido Gezellelaan 49, 2800 Mechelen)
Registration: http://www.common.be/Registration_Open_Source_14_March

Speakers, bios and abstracts
(in order of presentations)

Philippe Vanden Bussche	*** Welcome from COMMON Belgium President** *** Philippe Vanden Bussche, IT Strategy Advisor, e-5 Mode, Belgium.** **Bio:** **Philippe, currently an IT Strategy Advisor at e-5 Mode, has over 30 years of experience at the same company, e-5 mode, where he started as S38 programmer / System Manager. He has worked with almost all flavors of IBM midrange servers.** **Philippe is President of COMMON Belgium and also sits on the COMMON Europe Advisory Council, an IBM and End User Experts strategy think tank for the IBM i.** **Session abstract:** **Coming soon.**
Eddy Nijs	*** Keynote IBM BeLux Executive – State of the Business** *** Eddy Nijs, IBM Server Systems Manager, BeLux.** **Bio:** **Coming soon.** **Session abstract:** **Coming soon.**
Franz Bourlet	*** Current status of Open Source and Linux on IBM Power Systems and IBM I** **What about the new languages on Power Systems : GIT, Orion, Python and to get started with –** *** Franz Bourlet, IBM Systems Linux technical sales** **Bio:** Franz is a Client Technical Sales Specialist for IBM POWER Systems in Belgium. He holds a master degree in German philology and one in business management. He joined IBM in 1988 and immediately specialized in POWER systems (then called AS/400), in various roles. After an experience in storage solutions, Franz came back to his roots in 2013, this time with a stronger focus on Linux and open source solutions on POWER. Franz has over 20 years of practical experience with Linux and open source, on POWER, x86 and ARM architectures. He is both a Certified Linux Administrator and a certified POWER specialist.

Session abstract:

Once a "me too" model, open source has now become the main source of innovation in the IT world. Every hype of the moment (cloud, noSQL databases, big data, cognitive, HPC, Blockchain,...) is led by open source solutions that pervade everywhere, from small businesses to large corporations. IBM i has been an early adopter of open source technologies (think of PHP, Apache and MySQL) but the last two years have seen a dramatic acceleration of this adoption, with the arrival of multiple open source tools and solutions on our favorite OS.

In this session, Franz will explain how POWER has become the most open server architecture in the industry, and how new open source tools like Ruby, Node.JS and others have been integrated into IBM i, RPG and DB2 to deliver the next generation of business applications.

Fabian Michel

* IBM i and i7.3 in 2017: what can you expect? –

* Fabian Michel, Client Technical Architect & Consulting IT Specialist IBM.

Bio:

Fabian is an Expert Level Certified Consulting IT Specialist. He is acting as a Client Technical Architect for IBM Systems in Belgium. He holds a Masters' degree in sciences of industrial engineering (M.Sc. Engineering) in electronics. His areas of expertise cover infrastructure solutions design, performance, virtualization, storage, and high availability. He has over 22 years of experience in the computing fields of Power Systems, IBM i, Linux, Open-Source solutions, and storage.

Fabian wrote the very first paper about Flash Systems & IBM i and he also developed the FLiP tool to predict Flash Storage impact on IBM i workloads. Both of them earned him worldwide recognition. Often sought by clients as a recognized Technology and Performance advisor, he is also a frequent speaker at customer events.

Session abstract:

Fabian will cover the recent Power Systems and IBM i announcements from February 2017. With the IBM i 7.3 Technology Refresh 2, announced on February 14, IBM introduced four key enhancements:

- A new model of the IBM Power System S812 designed for smaller organizations that do not need system virtualization.
- An Enhanced JSON environment and new built-in functions to improve ease-of-use for SQL programmers.
- A new Open Source portfolio expansion including a "zero-configuration" database and new tools such as wget, curl, rsync and sqlite.
- And last but not least, lots of IBM i Access Client Solutions new functions like filtering of spool files, SQL Scripts and CL prompter to improve flexibility and speed of development.

Shrirang "Ranga" Deshpande

* COMMON Europe Congress, Brussels, 18-21 June 2017

* Shrirang "Ranga" Deshpande, President, COMMON Europe.

Bio:

Ranga, a consecutive third time IBM Champion, and Lifetime Achievement Award winner, is Senior Advisor at the IT Executive Circle, a premier CIO think tank in Belgium. He is actively engaged in the community as Strategy Advisor to IT and Honorary ICT Director at the Institut Jules Bordet, the Comprehensive Cancer Centre of the University of Brussels, Belgium. Ranga sits on the Common Europe Advisory Council (CEAC) since its launch in 1991 helping IBM shape the future of IBM i.

A very active volunteer, Ranga is President of COMMON Europe and Vice-President and Events Organizer of COMMON Belgium.

Constant improvement of people's quality of life through the informatics ecosystem is his passion.

Session abstract:

With over 80 sessions from IBM and industry expert speakers from around the world, the COMMON Europe Congress this June is the unique IBM Power and IBM education and networking. See the details at http://congress.comeur.org/ and register by 23 April for special Benelux early bird prices.

Pay your COMMON Belgium 2017 membership dues before 31st March and win a free registration to this "can't miss" annual experience.

* From legacy AS400 applications to renewed IBM i applications with new functions and possibilities: a practical approach with live examples BM i and mobility: what can we do today? –

* Koen Decorte, CEO, CD Invest, Belgium.

* Philippe Vanden Bussche, IT Strategy Advisor, e-5 Mode, Belgium.

Bio Koen:

Koen Decorte is CEO of CD Invest, a Belgian ISV specializing in modernizing IBM i applications. Koen started his career in computer linguistics and in 1994 changed his focus to the internet. He developed a web-based application for real estate agencies on AS/400 back in 1996. He donated his own POP3 client written in RPG to the open source EASY400 community (www.easy400.net). Today CD Invest is proud of its state of the art real estate and accountancy application. Koen and his team recently developed a web based 3D furniture configurator on IBM i for JORI, a high-end furniture manufacturer.

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Koen Decorte

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Philippe Vanden Bussche

Session abstract:

How open source tools ranging from RPG backend tools to javascript frontend tools, pase tools, and even Linux applications can help you modernize your applications.
Get new ideas of the possibilities of IBM i.

Agenda:
Tuesday 14 March 2017, 13:30 to 20:00 hours
Location - Het Anker (Guido Gezellelaan 49, 2800 Mechelen)

- 13:30 Welcome coffee
- 14.00: Event opening - Philippe Vanden Bussche, President COMMON Belgium
- 14.00: State of the Business - Eddy Nijs, IBM Server Systems Manager Belux
- 14.20: Current status of Open Source and Linux on IBM Power Systems and IBM i
        What about the new languages on Power Systems : GIT , Orion, Python,
        and to get started with - Franz Bourlet, IBM Belgium
- 15.05: IBM i and i7.3 in 2017: what can you expect ? - Fabian Michel, IBM Belgium
- 15.50 Coffee break
- 16.05: COMMON Europe Congress, Brussels, 18-21 June 2017 - Ranga Deshpande, President
        COMMON Europe
- 16.15: From legacy AS400 applications to renewed IBM i applications with new functions and
        possibilities: a practical approach with live examples - Koen Decorte, CD Invest and
        Philippe Vanden Bussche, e5 mode.

Het Anker visit
- 17:15 Guided visit
- 18:15 Beer tasting
- 18:45 Dinner

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