

September Meeting
Platform Lab
—> **Wednesday** <—
October 18, 2006

Platform Lab
1275 Kinnear Road

Agenda/Menu:

Presentation and Dinner 6:00 - 7:30
Pizza and Beverages provided.
There is no cost for the meeting this month.

Location:

Platform Lab
1275 Kinnear Road
Columbus, OH 43212
Phone: 614-675-3711

Reservations:

The cost of the dinner is free. Reserve your place by calling 294-6078 (6:30 am to 12 midnight). **You can also email your reservations. Send your reservation request to ASU via email at reservations@ASU-columbus.org.** Please place your reservation by 3 pm, of the Friday before the meeting. Cancellations will be accepted until 12:00 noon of the Monday before the meeting. Reservations made, but not attended, will result in monies owed.

Remember to
drive safely
during this
ghost and
goblin season!



ASU Visits Platform Lab

ASU travels to Platform Lab in October to learn what this non-profit test facility can provide to your business. Feature Speaker will be Steve Gruetter, Director of Platform Lab discussing 'How to leverage Ohio's non-profit IT resources for Success'. Topics will include Ohio Supercomputer Center, the Third Frontier Network, the Ohio IT Alliance, TechColumbus and Platform Lab.

Platform Lab is a unique non-profit information technology test facility created to directly serve the technology needs of growing businesses in Ohio and across the nation. Platform Lab offers cost-effective, on demand availability of technology resources that can be custom tailored to suit companies ranging in size from small start-ups to international enterprises.

From disaster recovery drills to server load testing, our labs are flexible enough to serve a diverse range of testing needs across a variety of hardware and software platforms.

By offering flexible, scalable services, Platform Lab is able to effectively serve a diverse clientele that ranges from small businesses to international enterprises. Companies both large and small find that Platform Lab offers a practical, low-cost opportunity to expedite the delivery and improve the quality of technology offerings for high-yield growth that might otherwise prove to be inefficient, cost-prohibitive or unavailable.

Platform Lab is also known for being highly responsive to clients' needs. Platform Labs has the ability to add requested software and mainframe capabilities for even the most complex setups and works to provide services that allow clients to control spending without compromising project time, equipment, software, or security.

Some of the most popular uses for the lab are:

- Disaster Recovery Validation
- Vendor Evaluation
- Proof-of-Concept Testing
- Load and Stress Testing
- Training and Seminars

The Platform Lab is stocked with computer hardware and software from Microsoft, Sun, IBM, Hewlett-Packard, Oracle, and Dell. It also includes data storage devices, database software and Web application software to allow businesses to recreate their IT infrastructures. Additional Platform Lab facilities are located in Toledo and Cleveland.



President's Note...

Hello All...

Here we are in October with the season changing to cooler days and nights. But at ASU, we continue to have very great programs planned for October. This month our meeting will be at Platform Lab on the evening of Wednesday October 18th from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Please see details within this newsletter for the October meeting.

Our September meeting was held at Huntington Bank at the Easton location. We had an excellent tour and overview of the present technology at Huntington. I specifically would like to thank John Mengas for coordinating the efforts at Huntington Bank.

I continue to encourage you to invite your colleagues, peers, and friends to these very important meetings. We are focusing on many technologies within the many industries and not just the iSeries. If you have a specific topic or technology you would like to learn more about, simply email any Officer or Board Member. We will do what we can to continue to bring the very best to ASU and its membership.

See you at ASU!

Thanks

John

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Checkout these offerings from System iNetwork. (www.systeminetwork.com)

Introduction to Java for System i Developers

This course teaches you basic Java programming concepts and syntax, how to access System i resources from Java programs, how to set up a Java development environment, how to write a Java program that displays information from a System i database, and more.

Course begins October 18.

http://www.systeminetwork.com/edu/e-learning/index.cfm?fuseaction=CourseInfo§ion_id=1221

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<http://www.systeminetwork.com/edu/e-learning/>

What's an RPGer to do? Changes and Choices in the World of System i

Just when many people thought they had written it off, IBM is once again talking about RPG. New XML processing features have been added to the language and there's even talk of new User Interface options appearing in the future. So what's a long-time RPGer to think? Is there life in the old dog yet?

Webcast October 17, 11 a.m.

<http://www.systeminetwork.com/content/f3/index.cfm?fuseaction=webcast.enrollEnhancedWebcast&webcastID=429&issueID=5059&articleID=53279>

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