

## The CUA March 2006 Newsletter

Welcome to the March 2006 CUA Newsletter. The CUA Council hope that all readers have managed to get through the long cold winter and are now looking forward to a milder spring with the warming up of both temperature and CUA event programme. This edition of the Newsletter includes an overview of a number of exciting upcoming events which we hope to see you at in the coming weeks.

### ***System i5 – Full Circle – Common UK Spring Workshop 2006***

2006 brings with it yet another name change for the product range that encompasses the iSeries as just one of the systems. Do we now get our users to refer to the system as the iSeries, the i5, the System i5, or as its generic product name, the System i? Whatever your answer, with this name change, the System i5 brings with it some great innovations in addition to those that have been available for some time. The System i5 still leads in its ability to host multiple operating systems, its partitioning capabilities are second to none, making its suitability as a business system, central to a company's customer/user interaction, class leading.

We don't need to sell the system to you as, in all likelihood, you have one of these systems installed at your company today (and of course, Common UK isn't a product selling organisation!). We would, however, like to draw your attention to Common UK's one day, in-depth, educational event happening in April 2006.

This one day workshop will cover a number of the new i5 OS Version 5 Release 4 developments, not least of which are the updates enabling XML document data access, free format SQL enhancements, together with error checking within the RPG language. In addition the day will look at the enhanced Workplace offering and IBM's statement of direction to introduce iSCSI attached xSeries servers to the i5 later in the year.

Single sign-on will be covered along with a technical overview of High Availability and the same from a customer's point of view. Tuning the i5 is more of a requirement now than ever before as more and more i5 systems are web facing and SQL is more prevalent. We will take a detailed look at tuning the i5 in an integrated environment. As a programmer, are you still using green screen for management of the environment or would you like a fresh view of the i5 Navigator? We have a great session on this often overlooked free and available application. You can expect all this detail to be delivered by industry leading specialists from IBM and other key businesses within our industry. This is an educational event and the best value for your training money to be had in the first half of 2006.

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### ***Spring Workshop (continued)***

The Common UK Spring Workshop will be a full, one day event to be held at the Royal Court Hotel in Coventry on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2006. We have however secured a number of rooms at the hotel at a preferential rate for the night before and will be offering an optional dinner and overnight stay in order to provide an excellent networking opportunity for attendees.

So join us on the evening of the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2006 for a pre-Workshop dinner and then a night in the hotel fresh for an intense day's education on the Wednesday. Common UK will be hosting this dinner along with IBM representatives. Please contact the CUA office on 020 8518 5110 for further information or visit our website at <http://www.ibm-cua.org.uk/April2006/symposium.htm>.

### ***IBM Workplace – The Independent View***

You've probably heard a lot recently about IBM's new Workplace product set, and how it will provide with a great, integrated collaborative environment and YES, it even does email too.

But did you realise that IBM Workplace is also one of the best environments in the world for application development, or that you that can use it for eLearning? Did you know that you can use the products to help build and record your business strategy or write and drop your processes into a dynamic workflow environment without the IT department?

If your answer to any of the above is NO, then you need to come along to the most exciting Workplace event of the year to find out just what the products can do for your organisation. This is the CUA event on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2006 at IBM Bedfont Lakes and we look forward to meeting you there.

We will be giving you a "low down" and independent view on what IBM Workplace is all about, aiming to give you a day packed with information about what Workplace is and how it can "make your business fly". Can you afford to miss this opportunity?

A full agenda and booking details will soon be available at [www.ibm-cua.org.uk/briefings](http://www.ibm-cua.org.uk/briefings), however if you would register your interest now, we can send you the details by email or post. Just send us an email headed IBM Workplace Event to [marketing@ibm-cua.org.uk](mailto:marketing@ibm-cua.org.uk) or call 020 8518 5110 and we will ensure you get the information as soon as it is available.

***Deni Wilson – Event Chairman***

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### ***Free Membership for a Year***

Have you or your company bought a new iSeries product or upgraded in the last 12 months? If the answer is "yes", do you have "proof of purchase" and are not currently a member of the CUA? If the answer is "yes" again, we will give your company free membership to the CUA for a year. The CUA not only offer our members informative and entertaining events held by top industry speakers, but also excellent networking opportunities, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

This really is an opportunity for your company to be involved in our ever growing community. For more information please contact Chloe Burt on 020 8518 5110 or email her on [office@ibm-cua.org.uk](mailto:office@ibm-cua.org.uk).

### ***Call for Volunteers***

The CUA is continuing to look for any members interested in becoming Council Members, assisting in the running of events, and influencing the management and growth of the organisation. There is always plenty to do, especially as we are currently looking to construct a new development and marketing strategy.

As well as assisting with the CUA, being a Council Member will help your development of contacts within and outside of the IBM arena, and there is tremendous satisfaction when your efforts are rewarded with a successful event, or ideas for developing the CUA are accepted. In addition, after each Council Meeting we make time for a trip to the local pub in the best tradition of technology groups.

If anyone is interested but would like to learn more or meet us all first, you are welcome to join us for a drink at the end of the next Council Meeting. Please contact the CUA office on 020 8518 5110 for more details, or email [margaret@ibm-cua.org.uk](mailto:margaret@ibm-cua.org.uk).

### ***It is Your Newsletter***

The CUA is always looking to understand and represent the views of our membership, so remember this is your Newsletter and each member is welcome to contribute to the content. If you have a burning issue or opinion that you would like to share with other members please contact the CUA office on [marketing@ibm-cua.org.uk](mailto:marketing@ibm-cua.org.uk) with an overview of the topic, or a completed article. We offer a £10 gift voucher for any articles published.

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***It is Your Newsletter (continued)***

If you feel that you would like to respond to any of the views expressed in an article published in this newsletter, another publication, or discussed at one of our events, then submit your comments via the above email address. We will give a £5 gift voucher for any comments that we print.

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