Overview

The IBM i community badge program is meant to recognize community members who contribute regularly to the success and vitality of the community and everyone within it. Badge earners contribute regularly to the community and are passionate about helping peers and IBM i users improve their skills and knowledge. Badges are available to any non-IBMer who actively contributes their skills and knowledge to the community.

Badges

– IBM i Community Contributor
– IBM i Community Influencer
– IBM i Community Advocate

IBM i Community Contributor

The IBM i Community Contributor badge earner has begun to add value to the community by contributing content or effort in one or more areas. They are passionate and knowledgeable about IBM i and Power. You can expect them to be skilled on IBM i and Power and to answer questions, share knowledge, and engage with the IBM i community.

To earn this badge, a community member must achieve at least three of the following activities within a year:

– Present at least one session on IBM i at a user group or industry event such as POWERUp, IBM Systems TechU, Common Europe Congress, etc.
– Display sustained contribution as a member of the board or leadership committee of a user group such as COMMON, OCEAN, OMNI, etc. for at least a year.
– Create or contribute to at least one piece of content—such as a demo video, customer story, or podcast—or contribute a blog post or article to an industry publication such as TechChannel, COMMON Connect, etc.
– Serve as a member of an advisory council such as CAAC, CEAC, LUG, etc. for at least a year, displaying sustained contribution to that council.
– Contribute code to at least one IBM i open source project on GitHub, Bitbucket, GitLab, etc.

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IBM i Community Influencer

The IBM i Community Influencer badge earner has actively and significantly contributed to the IBM i community through ongoing content and effort over multiple years. This individual has expert skills in IBM i and Power and can be expected to regularly contribute technical knowledge to the community.

To earn this badge, a community member must achieve at least three of the following activities within two years, plus have already earned the Community Contributor Badge:

– Present at least two sessions on IBM i at a user group or industry event such as POWERUp, IBM Systems TechU, Common Europe Congress, etc.
– Display sustained contribution as a member of the board or leadership committee of a user group such as COMMON, OCEAN, OMNI, etc. for at least two years.
– Create or contribute to at least two pieces of content—such as a demo video, customer story, podcast—or contribute at least two blog posts or articles to an industry publication such as TechChannel, COMMON Connect, etc.
– Serve as a member of an advisory council such as CAAC, CEAC, LUG, etc. for at least two years, displaying sustained contribution to that council.
– Contribute code to at least two IBM i open source projects on GitHub, Bitbucket, GitLab, etc.

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IBM i Community Advocate

The IBM i Community Advocate badge earner is an active and passionate member of the IBM i and Power community over multiple years. They are a technical expert who is also viewed as a thought leader. You can expect them to provide expert guidance and support both technically and for the overall community.

To earn this badge, a community member must achieve at least three of the following activities within three years, plus have already earned both the Community Contributor Badge and Community Influencer Badge:

– Present at least three sessions on IBM i at a user group or industry event such as POWERUp, IBM Systems TechU, Common Europe Congress, etc.
– Display sustained contribution as a member of the board or leadership committee of a user group such as COMMON, OCEAN, OMNI, etc. for at least three years.
– Create or contribute to at least three pieces of content—such as a demo video, customer story, podcast—or contribute at least three blog posts or articles to an industry publication such as TechChannel, COMMON Connect, etc.
– Serve as a member of an advisory council such as CAAC, CEAC, LUG, etc. for at least three years, displaying sustained contribution to that council.
– Contribute code to at least three IBM i open source projects on GitHub, Bitbucket, GitLab, etc.

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1. **Download the form** and fill it out with evidence of your advocacy activities.

2. Send the completed form to **Brandon Pederson (bwpeders@us.ibm.com)** for review.

3. Your application will be reviewed within a week.

4. If approved, a badge will be issued to you and you will receive an invitation from Acclaim with instructions for claiming the badge.