

# Greater Chicago Area IBM z/OS User Group Kickoff

*You are cordially invited to join us for the kickoff of the Greater Chicago z/OS User Group!*

## Introduction

The purpose of this group is to encourage and foster the exchange of ideas, insights and experiences within the IBM® z/OS® community. Discussion topics for all meetings are always selected by you as a z/OS user.

For this kickoff meeting, we are honored to have IBM distinguished z/OS subject advisor Glenn Anderson speaking to us about the innovations in IBM z13™ hardware and z/OS performance topics. In the afternoon, Al Grega, IBM z Systems Software Global Executive, will discuss z/OS Connect and how this new solution can empower your mainframe applications to participate in the mobile and cloud world. We will also give brief news and updates for the z subsystems, followed by the user forum and planning for next meetings. Please join us, and let's make this z/OS user group successful for 2016 and beyond!

## Agenda

- 8:30 AM** Registration and Breakfast
- 9:00 AM** Welcome and Introduction
- 9:15 AM** z13 Under the Covers  
Glenn Anderson, IBM z/OS Technical Advisor
- 10:30 AM** Coffee Break
- 10:45 AM** z/OS V2.2 Performance Management  
Glenn Anderson, IBM z/OS Technical Advisor
- 12:00 PM** Lunch and Networking (IBM provided)
- 12:30 PM** z/OS Connect Overview  
Al Grega, Global Sales Executive for z Systems Software
- 1:30 PM** Coffee break
- 1:45 PM** z Subsystem Updates (IBM CICS®, IBM IMS™, IBM DB2®, IBM MQ, and Tools)
- 2:15 PM** User forum, Next Meeting Planning, Wrap-up

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## Location

For z/OS customers in the Greater Chicago areas (Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan)

**Date:** Thursday, March 24, 2016

**Time:** 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

**Location:** IBM Corporation  
10 N Martingale Rd.  
Schaumburg, IL 60194

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## Presentation abstracts

### **z13 under the covers: HiperDispatch, zIIPs and SMT, CPU MF, and more!**

Explore the current world of PR/SM, processor cores and dispatching with z/OS on the z13 processor in this fast-paced session. HiperDispatch, warning track, zIIP specialty engines and the new simultaneous multithreading (SMT) support will all be covered. Numerous RMF reports related to CPs and dispatching work will be examined and explained. We will also delve into data collected using CPU MF to feed the LPAR Design Tool and the new WLM Topology Report.

### **z/OS V2.2 Performance Management: Let's investigate the intersection of WLM, RMF and CAMSS**

What does z/OS look like in the digital age, and how do we approach it as performance management professionals? Let's get up to speed on how to tackle all the new technologies, middleware and workloads that are fast upon us! We will dive into the new world of mobile workloads and z/OS Connect. Let's understand the IDAA, crypto, new SMF records and WLM management of I/O. Hold on tight - your world is changing!

### **z/OS Connect Enterprise Edition V2 overview**

Let's face it: we live in an API economy. Applications like Cars.com, Zillow, Trivago, and Kayak, to name few, are prime examples of where application development—or should we say application assembly—is going. This session will focus on z/OS Connect Enterprise Edition, a new IBM solution that allows you to access core system of record transaction servers like CICS, IMS, WAS and soon DB2 and MQ, exposing applications as RESTful services. Now, any development team will be able to access z Systems applications and data as easily as their distributed counterparts. Plus, all the services created can be easily imported into other industry-compliant tools like IBM API Management and StrongLoop®.

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## Guest speakers

**Glenn Anderson** is currently a Managing Consultant with IBM Systems Lab Services and Training. Glenn is an instructor/developer in the z/OS training curriculum, and also is the Content Manager for Worldwide z Systems Technical Conferences. In addition to delivering classes on a number of z/OS performance management topics, Glenn is a popular technical, personal development and keynote speaker at IT conferences throughout the world. During his 40 years with IBM, Glenn has held positions in sales, technical support and management. He holds a B.S. in Computer Science from the Missouri University of Science and Technology. In his private life, Glenn is active in Chicago area theater as a member of an improvisational acting troupe, and is a graduate of the Player's Workshop of Second City. He also performs original stand-up comedy, both in local clubs and occasionally in the classroom.

**Al Grega** is currently responsible for the worldwide sales of Global Sales Executive for z Systems Software. Most recently he owned worldwide sales for WebSphere on System z, and prior to that Rational Enterprise Modernization and Compilers, and product planning for the WebSphere portfolio on IBM Power Systems. He has over 30 years of experience ranging from operating systems development to services, marketing and product management. Al has also taught at the State University of New York at Farmingdale.

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