

# MID-RANGE MICHIANA USER'S GROUP

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**Thursday May 15, 2014**

Meeting begins at **12:00 noon EST** (South Bend Time). Lunch will provided.

## Topic – Internal vs. External Storage for IBM i

Get an update on the latest options for external disk on IBM Power Systems (including IBM i) and how they stack up against internal disk!

Power Systems running IBM i have always supported high-performance internal disk drives, but there are good reasons to explore external disk storage connected via fiber-channel adapters too. These reasons include additional availability functions like FlashCopy and enhanced PowerHA capabilities and sharing with other server architectures.

**Our speaker is Craig Nelson from Ciber, Inc.**

Craig Nelson is a Senior Solutions Architect in Ciber's Technical Solutions Group. He is IBM Certified Technical Specialist in Power Systems and has 25 years of experience in designing and implementing IBM hardware solutions for the IBM i and Power Systems platform.

**Lunch will be provided**

Please [register](#) for the meeting before noon on Wednesday May 14, 2014.

## Heads Up for June!

Our annual MRMUG golf outing will be held on Friday June 20, 2014 at Sprig-O-Mint golf course in Bremen Indiana.

This is an 18 hole scramble and the price includes lunch, cart (1 per foursome), and 18 holes of golf (scramble).

Please register for the golf outing by phone at 574-296-1404 or by e-mail to [jamanuszak@hotmail.com](mailto:jamanuszak@hotmail.com).

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## Still running on V5R4? READ THIS!

If you are still running on IBM i version 5.4, you need to strongly consider upgrading to V7R1!

As we discussed at the March 21, 2013 MRMUG meeting, support for V5R4 ended on September 30, 2013.

### V5R4 was Announced

April 10, 2007

### Marketing withdrawn:

May 27, 2011

### Service Discontinued:

September 30, 2013

If you are still running on V5R4, you can purchase Service Extension for V5R4 for basic usage and problem rediscovery support. Software Maintenance is a REQUIRED pre-requisite for Service Extension.

Service Extension for V5R4 ends September 30, 2016.

Here's a link to the March 21, 2013 MRMUG presentation "[IBM i V7R1, What's the value? What do I get? and... what is it going to cost me not to leave V5R4?](#)". For more information, contact your IBM Business Partner.

### From the Board of Directors

We are looking for board members. If you are interested in participating on the MRMUG Board of Directors, please contact Craig Nelson ([cnelson@ciber.com](mailto:cnelson@ciber.com))

## Meeting Location

**CIBER Innovation and Technology Center**  
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## Please register for the meeting

(Please register by noon on the day before the meeting) at <http://www.mrmug.org>  
or  
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**Please register on the MRMUG website (<http://www.MRMUG.org>), make your reservations BEFORE noon on Wednesday April 16, 2014**

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