

Spectrum Scale (GPFS) Users Group SC 15

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User Group Structure

- Open to all using, interested in using or integrating GPFS
 - No sign up required, helpful if you join the mailing list
 - <http://www.gpfsug.org/join/>
 - Wide range of industries and sectors represented.
- Community Consists of:
 - Online community (website and mailing list)
 - In-person Events held 2-4 times/year
 - Committee in UK:
 - Chair, secretary, co-chair and 1 media industry representative
 - Committee in USA (USA Chapter):
 - Principal and Co-principal (need sector representatives!)

GPFS User Group Goals:

- Empower the GPFS community to use the product to its fullest potential
- Raise awareness of GPFS as a capable data management platform
- Provide a “localized” community for support and knowledge sharing
 - This will be more difficult geographically for the US chapter, open to ideas from the community on this front
 - Try to schedule meetings across the US
 - First: NYC
 - Second: Austin/SC15
 - Third: Midwest??
- Provide a centralized mechanism for development feedback
 - In person: “Meet the Devs”
 - Online: One mailing list for both UK and US

Upcoming Meetings

GPFS User Group main UK meeting

- 17th, 18th May 2016, IBM Southbank, London, UK (Registration not yet open)
- Next US Event TBD, likely spring
 - Let's chat about ideas at the reception or send ideas in via email

Focus on Users, not Sales

- The GPFS Users Group is not to be used as a sales and marketing platform:
 - it is about the community 1st and
 - the technology 2nd, regardless of the supplier

IBM Involvement

- Whilst it is not an officially IBM-endorsed group, support is received to hold meetings and through provision of speakers from IBM
 - Special thanks to Doris Conti, Doug O’flaherty, Pallavi Galgali and lots of other IBMers for their participation and support
 - Looking forward to continuing this relationship

Increasing Participation – Some Ideas

Sector Representatives

- To promote the group in your specific sector and bringing user requirements into the group for us to raise with IBM and champion, e.g. Media, Financials.
 - Contact Kristy or Bob if you are interested

How to avoid long periods of silence?

- Email List:
 - Right now, primarily a forum for asking questions.
 - How about a forum for discussing tools and ideas as well?
- Maybe we post a topic each month for open reply?
 - e.g. what tools do you use for monitoring GPFS?
- GPFS Toolkit Web Page – Links to all known forums, pages, Nagios checks, etc.?
- Posting your site's setup on a ?private? web site
 - e.g. hardware, interconnect, GPFS version, protocols, pros of install, cons/challenges of install
- *Proposed* Quarterly Webinars: IBM Developer Lead Reports, Site Reports, Need your ideas for topics
- Poll to user group members?

Your Users Group

- Should be driven by participant requests for topics
- Value in learning from what other sites have done
- Your contributions are important and valued
- Group is what you make of it
- Based on your contributions

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