

## IBM Z Community Contributor (Level 1)

The IBM Z Community Contributor badge earner is an external community member who is passionate about IBM Z and LinuxONE and wants to make a positive difference. This individual has expressed interest in contributing to the community in their own unique way.

To earn this badge, a community member must be a member of the [Fans of IBM Z Hub](#) on IBM Z and LinuxONE community and achieve at least **two** of the following tasks in 2021:

- Share your voice - Create at least one blog post on IBM Z and LinuxONE
- Empower at least one additional colleague/friend as a member of the Fans of IBM Z Hub so they can share their voice too!
- Create at least one blog post or article on online forums such as IBM Developer, Medium, LinkedIn, etc.
- Translate at least one technical content piece from English to regional languages or vice versa.
- Mentor at least one New to Z community member and have them join the [New to Z user group](#) on the IBM Z and LinuxONE community.
- Mentor at least one student and have them join the [IBM Z Global Student hub](#) on the IBM Z and LinuxONE community.

## IBM Z Community Advocate (Level 2)

The IBM Z Community Advocate badge earner has actively contributed to the IBM Z and LinuxONE community and has expressed interest in continuing to do so. This individual is in good standing with their IBM Z and LinuxONE peers and is passionate about taking their advocacy to the next level. The badge earner has expert skills in IBM Z and LinuxONE and can be expected to regularly contribute technical knowledge to the community.

To earn this badge, a community member must achieve the IBM Z Community Contributor badge and at least **three** of the following tasks in 2021:

- Create at least one or more blog posts or articles on online forums such as IBM Z and LinuxONE Community, IBM Developer, Medium, LinkedIn, etc.
- Present at least one or more sessions on IBM Z or LinuxONE at a user groups, webinars, podcasts or industry events such as IBM Systems TechU, SHARE, THINK, etc.
- Host or facilitate at least one or more IBM Z or LinuxONE related face to face events or virtual events such as webinars, meetups, etc.
- Moderate discussions / respond to questions for at least one or more months on forums such as IBM Z and LinuxONE Community, Stack Overflow, Reddit, etc.
- Mentor at least one or more New to Z community members and / or students and have them join the IBM Z and LinuxONE community
- Translate at least one or more technical content piece from English to regional languages or vice versa.

- Create and/or teach one or more IBM Z or LinuxONE related course.
- Contribute code to at least one or more IBM Z or LinuxONE open-source project such as Open Mainframe Project.
- Empower at least three additional colleagues/friends as members on the [Fans of IBM Z Hub](#) on IBM Z and LinuxONE community to share their voice!

### **IBM Z Community Influencer (Level 3)**

The IBM Z Community Influencer badge earner is an active and passionate member of the IBM Z and LinuxONE community. They're a thought leader and viewed as a technical expert by their peers. This individual contributes to the community regularly.

To earn this badge, a community member must achieve the IBM Z Community Contributor badge, IBM Z Community Advocate badge and at least **four** of the following tasks in 2021:

- Create at least one or more blog posts or articles on online forums such as IBM Z and LinuxONE Community, IBM Developer, Medium, LinkedIn, etc.
- Present at least one or more sessions on IBM Z or LinuxONE at a user groups, webinars, podcasts or industry events such as IBM Systems TechU, SHARE, THINK, etc.
- Host or facilitate at least one or more IBM Z or LinuxONE related face to face events or virtual events such as webinars, meetups, etc.
- Moderate discussions / respond to questions for at least one or more months on forums such as IBM Z and LinuxONE Community, Stack Overflow, Reddit, etc.
- Mentor at least one or more New to Z community members and / or students and have them join the IBM Z and LinuxONE community
- Translate at least one or more technical content piece from English to regional languages or vice versa
- Create and/or teach at least one or more IBM Z or LinuxONE related course.
- Contribute code to at least one or more IBM Z or LinuxONE open-source project such as Open Mainframe Project.
- Enable, engage and energize at least three additional Fans of IBM Z by co-creating content, co-presenting at events, etc.