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GENERAL

Q: What is Fans of IBM zSystems Hub?

A: Fans of IBM zSystems Hub is the home for passionate fans of IBM zSystems to share their knowledge and expertise, engage with the community and earn industry recognized badges.

Q: How do I join?

A: Go to ibm.biz/FansofIBMzSystems and click on 'Login or Register' using your IBMid. Don't have an IBMid? You can create one when registering for an account – it's free and easy to create!

Q: What are the benefits of joining Fans of IBM zSystems Hub?

A: Some of the benefits include:

- Get information and resources about advocating for IBM zSystems
- Apply for advocacy digital badges
- Read and contribute content, including blogs and discussions
- Find out about the latest events, including members only webinars and exclusive events
- Get help with your advocacy activities
- Engage with the IBM zSystems community
- Find mentorship opportunities – coming soon!

Q: How do I get featured in the Spotlight section?

A: Great question! We love to feature passionate fans who have extensively contributed their expertise and actively advocate for IBM zSystems. In the near future, you will be able to nominate yourself or someone else to be featured on the spotlight soon – watch out for it!

Q: I need some help with my advocacy efforts. Where can I go?

A: If you have an upcoming event or activity, or need help in identifying a mentor / mentee, simply fill out this [form](#) and help will be on the way.

ADVOCACY BADGES

Q: What are Advocacy Badges?

A: They are digital badges that recognize the amazing and inspirational efforts put in by fans, in sharing their knowledge and expertise about IBM zSystems with the community. To get a badge, you will need to contribute acts of advocacy – some examples are mentoring student, writing a blog, speaking at an event. There are three levels of advocacy badges: Contributor, Advocate, Influencer. You can level up with more acts of advocacy and get all three badges.

Q: How do I apply for Advocacy Badges?

A: Learn all about the [advocacy badge process here](#).

Q: Can I get Advocacy Badges next year if I already have them this year?

A: Yes, you can! Advocacy Badges are renewed annually, based on the calendar year. Be sure to apply for your badges every year.

Q: How often are Advocacy Badges issued?

A: They are issued monthly through IBM’s digital badge partner, Credly.

Q: What can I do with the digital badges?

A: Add them on your LinkedIn profile to build your personal eminence and showcase your expertise in IBM zSystems.

Q: I have more questions about Advocacy Badges, where do I go?

A: Find out more [here](#).

EVENTS

Q: How can I get an event I’m organizing or speaking at featured on Fans of IBM zSystems Hub?

A: You have to join or be a member of Fans of IBM zSystems Hub to get your IBM zSystems related event featured. Fill out this [form](#) to request to add your event to our calendar.

Q: Where do I go get help for an IBM zSystems event or activity that I'm hosting?

A: Give us more details of your activity or event [here](#)!

CONTENT CONTRIBUTION

Q: Who can write a blog post or start a discussion on Fans of IBM zSystems Hub?

A: Anyone can do so, as long as you're a member of the Hub!

Q: How do I contribute content?

A: Read this 'how to' guide which shows a step-by-step process for you to contribute blogs or start/join a discussion.

OTHER

Q: Who do I contact if I have more questions?

A: Please reach out to "Chief Fan of IBM zSystems" Sudharsana Srinivasan at sudharsana.srinivasan@ibm.com