

Badge Program



Overview

The AIX® Community badge program is meant to recognize AIX users who contribute regularly to the success and vitality of the community and everyone within it. Badge earners are passionate about helping peers and other AIX users improve their skills and knowledge. We have 3 badge levels available to any individual; *you don't need to work for IBM.*

Level 1: [AIX Community Contributor](#)

The AIX® Community Contributor badge earner is a new community member who has just started contributing. They are passionate about AIX® and IBM® Power® and want to make a positive difference. This individual has expressed interest in uniquely contributing to the community. To earn this badge, a community member must achieve at least three of the following tasks in 12 months:

- Present at least one session on AIX at a user group or industry event such as IBM TechXchange or THINK.
- Contribute at least one blog post or article to an industry publication such as IBM Magazine or LinkedIn.
- Contribute code to at least one AIX open-source project on GitHub, Bitbucket, GitLab, etc.
- Contribute continually as a member of the board or leadership committee of an IBM Power user group such as AIX Forum for at least one year.
- Create or contribute to at least one piece of content such as a demo video, customer story, or podcast for AIX.
- Contribute continually as a member of an IBM Power customer advisory council such as TCC for at least one year.

Level 2: [AIX Community Influencer](#)

The AIX® Community Influencer badge earner has actively contributed to the AIX® Community and has expressed interest in continuing to do so. This individual is in good standing with their AIX peers and is passionate about taking their advocacy to the next level. The badge earner has expert skills in AIX® and IBM® Power® and can be expected to regularly contribute technical knowledge to the community. To earn this badge, a community member must achieve the AIX® Community Contributor badge and at least three of the following six tasks in 12 months:

- Present at least two sessions on AIX® at a user group or industry event such as IBM TechXchange or Think.
- Contribute at least two blog posts or articles to an industry publication such as TechChannel or LinkedIn.
- Contribute code to at least two AIX® open-source projects on GitHub, Bitbucket, GitLab, etc.
- Contribute continually as a member of the board or leadership committee of an IBM® Power® user group such as AIX® Forum for at least two years

- Create or contribute to at least two pieces of content such as a demo video, customer story or podcast for AIX.
- Contribute continually as a member of an IBM® Power® customer advisory council such as TCC for at least two years.

Level 3: AIX Community Advocate

The AIX® Community Advocate badge earner is an active and passionate member of the AIX® and IBM® Power® 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 AIX Community Contributor badge, the AIX® Community Advocate badge, and at least three of the following six tasks in 12 months:

- Present at least three sessions on AIX at a user group or industry event such as IBM TechXchange or Think.
- Contribute at least three blog posts or articles to an industry publication such as TechChannel or LinkedIn.
- Contribute continually to at least three AIX open-source projects on GitHub, Bitbucket, GitLab, etc.
- Contribute continually as a member of the board or leadership committee of an IBM Power user group such as AIX Forum for at least three years.
- Create or contribute to at least three pieces of AIX content such as a demo video, customer story, or podcast.
- Contribute continually as a member of an IBM Power customer advisory council such as TCC for at least three years.

Steps to apply for your badge (s):

1. [Download this form](#), and fill it out with evidence of your advocacy activities.
2. Send the completed form to Azucena Castro (Azucastro@ibm.com) for review (*or her backup, in case she is out of the office*).
3. Your application will be reviewed within a week.
4. If approved, a badge will be issued to you, and you will receive an invitation from Credly with instructions for claiming the badge.

NOTICE: IBM leverages the services of Credly, a 3rd party data processor authorized by IBM and located in the United States, to assist in the administration of the IBM Digital Badge program. In order to issue you an IBM Digital Badge, your personal information (name, email address, and badge earned) will be shared with Credly. You will receive an email notification from Credly with instructions for claiming the badge. Your personal information is used to issue your badge and for program reporting and operational purposes. IBM may share the personal information collected with IBM subsidiaries and third parties globally. It will be handled in a manner consistent with IBM privacy practices. The IBM Privacy Statement can be viewed here: <https://www.ibm.com/privacy/us/en/>. IBM employees can view the IBM Internal Privacy Statement here: <https://w3.ibm.com/w3publisher/w3-privacy-notice>.

