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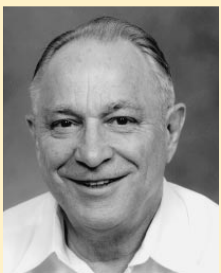
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In the market for AIX application software, it is almost axiomatic that the winner is the first one there. Because the demand for AIX program products is so strong, customers generally buy quality new products quickly, leaving little volume for those late to the party. DevCon can help *you* be the winner.

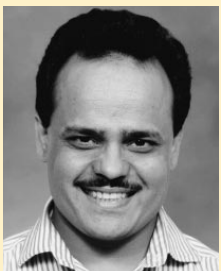
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The IBM Developer Connection for AIX (called DevCon) is a subscription program designed to enable developers to bring quality products to the marketplace in a timely manner by providing them with leading-edge IBM tools, technology, and know-how.

DevCon is a 12-month subscription with up to four issues during the subscription period. Each issue includes updates and additions to previous issues. The subscriber receives hypertext AIX documentation, prerelease products, development kits, development tools, papers and books, sample code, demonstration versions of programs, magazines, newsletters, and trial programs.



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Packaging and Content

Although some printed matter (especially the latest issue of the newsletter) is distributed with each issue, the primary content is distributed on two or more CD-ROMs. One containing hypertext libraries is usually distributed only once per subscription. Other information is distributed on additional CD-ROMs, which are part of every

issue. For example, the second issue (Volume 2, Issue 1) contained the following:

- ◆ Hard copy of the newsletter
- ◆ Hypertext CD-ROM for subscribers
- ◆ DevCon CD-ROM containing the following:
 - Copies of newsletters
 - White papers about the POWER2 and PowerPC microprocessors
 - OpenDoc and architectural papers dealing with fixed- and floating-point arithmetic, performance, migration, and compatibility
 - Various books, including several on Distributed Computing Environment (DCE) and Encina®, as well as the *AIX 4.1 Porting Guide*
 - Issues of *AIXpert*
 - Tools such as AIX MOSIAC, the Mathematical Accelerator Subsystem (MASS), the AIX Desktop Graphical User Interface (GUI) Builder, and the AIX Font Selection Tool
 - System administration and productivity tools
 - Sample device drivers for PCMCIA, ISA, and Micro Channel®
 - Prerelease versions of REXX, Common Desktop Environment (CDE), and Program Visualization
 - Demo programs, such as the suite of AIX windows programs and the Performance Toolbox

System Requirements

The system units must support AIX Version 4.1 or higher. Although a minimum of 16 MB of memory are required, 32 MB are recommended. A CD-ROM drive supported by AIX is required. The disk space requirements vary, depending on the software installed and the user data. Other requirements may be dictated by the specific program being executed.

Prices

The IBM Developer Connection for AIX subscription is \$495 (U.S.) per year. Qualified developers can receive a discounted price of \$250 (U.S.) per subscription under the RISC System/6000 Developer's program or under the Power Personal Developer's toolbox. These prices may change without notice.

Developer discounts are also available to students and faculty of certain educational institutions.

Advantages of the DevCon Solution

The DevCon solution streamlines access to cutting-edge IBM development information and technology. This helps developers to shorten the development process in the following areas:

- ◆ Using the best tools and technology available to develop or port program products
- ◆ Devoting fewer resources to writing placeholder or contingency code
- ◆ Reviewing the technology, information, and tools delivered at their doorstep

How to Become a Qualified Developer

To obtain a qualification kit, developers in the U.S. should call 1-800-627-8363, ext. 25, or fax a written request to 404-835-9444.

Developers in other countries should contact their local IBM marketing representative to determine the developer discount structure and qualification criteria in their respective countries.

How to Subscribe

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English	45-48101500
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Mexico	91-800-00639
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Figure 1. Numbers to call to subscribe to DevCon

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Support for Developers

Currently, the following forms of support are available to DevCon subscribers:

- ◆ For technical support or questions, send a note via E-mail to devconAIX@austin.ibm.com
- ◆ To obtain Program Temporary Fixes (PTFs), use the following Internet address:
<ftp://software.watson.ibm.com>



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