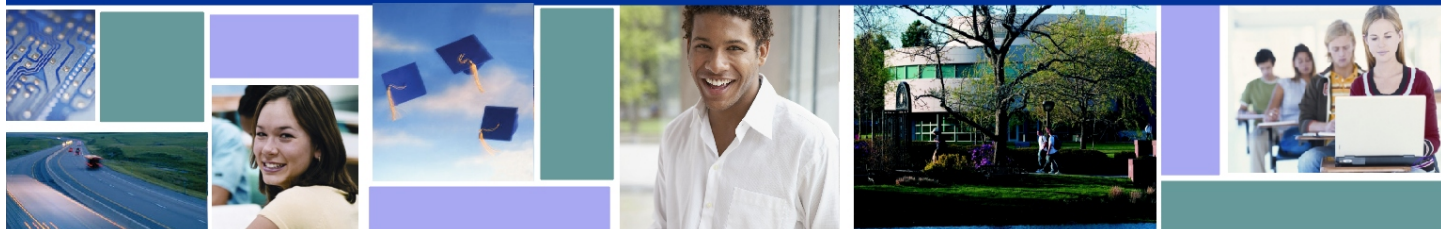


Teaching IBM Power™ Systems to a New Generation

IBM Academic Initiative for Power Systems



Why Teach Power Systems?

IT skills are in demand and the need is growing. As technologies advance and businesses strive to simply and reduce energy and costs, IT and business skills requirements are rapidly changing. Many CIO's worldwide rely on the innovative Power Systems platform which provides world class performance, flexibility, continuous application availability and energy efficiency. As firms strive to consolidate their server farms and reduce costs in their enterprise, many are finding that Power Systems, with its multi-operating system environment, provides them the virtualization and open systems capabilities they require. Many of these same firms are facing a skills shortage as a massive number of baby-boomers retire, while at the same time they are experiencing continued expansion in technology skill requirements. Our IBM clients and business partners are building their pipeline of talent for the 21st century, and want to partner with educators worldwide who are willing to enhance their curricula to help students develop skills in IBM Power Systems.

What is the IBM Academic Initiative program and what are the benefits of joining?

The IBM Academic Initiative Power Systems program is an innovative and flexible program designed to assist colleges and universities in the education of students in Power Systems technologies and concepts. The program provides members with access to IBM software, hardware, faculty education, courseware, and many other valuable resources.

The goals of the program are to assist and enable educators to teach the fundamentals of Power Systems, use real world examples through lab exercises and practical application, connect educators and students with IBM's clients and business partners, and assist in establishing relationships with the Power Systems business community.

Who can join the program and what does it cost?

Educators at accredited educational institutions across the globe can join the program. Membership is on an individual basis and there is no limit on the number of members from an institution that can join. Faculty members from colleges and universities as well as high schools are welcome to join – there is no cost to join.

How do I join?

Go to ibm.com/academicinitiative and click "Join Now". The registration process will take about 10 minutes and be sure to select "Power" in response to questions on which products you are or will be using in your teaching.

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What educational resources are provided?

Expand your classroom with a variety of resources available to members:

- Education for faculty such as workshops, seminars, conferences, webcasts and podcasts
- Courses, instructor guides, student kits, classroom material, hands-on lab exercises and tests
- Online course repository complete with modules that can be taught as is or modified to meet your requirements
- Assistance with guest lectures from IBM and the Power Systems community
- Certification exams for faculty and students
- Opportunities for collaboration with industry



How Can Faculty and Students Gain Access to Power Systems ?

A significant benefit for members of the IBM Academic Initiative Power Systems program is access to systems. There are two primary methods for gaining access to our technology:

- Remote access to our Power Systems Center is available to educators and students to explore and learn about our operating systems AIX, IBM i and Linux as well as middleware products. After enrolling in the Academic Initiative, educators can request access to our Center by sending a request to powerskills@us.ibm.com
- Many schools prefer to have their own Power System server, and members can take advantage of our significant educational discounts for lease or purchase options of our hardware*. Most software is available at no cost to members, either installed with a lease or purchase, or downloaded from the thousands of software products available with membership. For more information on our current offerings visit our website at ibm.com/university/power or send a note to powerskills@us.ibm.com.

How Can You Connect with Power System clients and business partners?

If you are currently teaching courses that contain Power Systems related topics, list your school on the "Participating Schools" tab on our website

- ibm.com/university/power/aix
- ibm.com/university/power/i

Send an email to powerskills@us.ibm.com with the name of your school, educator's contact name and email address, and the related classes taught at your school. Power Systems clients and partners view this site as they look to recruit students with Power Systems knowledge for internships, jobs and other opportunities.

If you are not currently teaching IBM Power Systems concepts and want to learn more about the demand for these skills, send a note to powerskills@us.ibm.com. Our team will work to connect you with the business community, with the goals of ensuring your graduates are prepared with the skills and knowledge they will need.

What resources are available for students?

The Academic Initiative provides resources for students through the Student Portal at ibm.com/education/students. The Student Portal provides many resources including the latest in research and technology, news about upcoming contests and events, and more. Resources include:

- Access to software downloads
- IBM Student Opportunity System, a student resume database which customers and business partners can access for potential job candidates
- Information about IBM contests
- Access to student roadmaps, articles, tutorials, webcasts

Questions or Comments?

To talk with someone on the Academic Initiative – Power Systems team about our program send an email to powerskills@us.ibm.com and a member of our team will contact you.

Websites

For much more information on the Power Systems program check out the following sites:

- IBM Academic Initiative membership
 - ibm.com/academicinitiative (Click "Join Now")
- IBM Academic Initiative Power Systems
 - ibm.com/university/power
- IBM Power Systems Participating schools:
 - ibm.com/systems/power/i
 - ibm.com/systems/power/aix
- IBM Academic Initiative Student Portal
 - ibm.com/education/students
- IBM Academic Initiative Student Opportunity System
 - ibm.com/university/sos

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