

The ALL400s Website - Its Purpose

The main goal of this website is to create an independent, centralized location where information about every version of the platform - AS400, iSeries, i5 (System i), and IBM I (Power Systems) - can be shared with anyone who might find it useful. All of the information that's made available was either obtained from public sources (job boards, case studies, testimonials, news articles, city budgets, etc...) or provided by people who have received the appropriate consent to share it. To the best of my knowledge neither IBM, nor anyone who works for IBM, is supporting this project. There are four specific target audiences for the site:

1. Programmers who need to find companies they might not have previously known about when job hunting. The Company List can be filtered by location and last confirmed year to increase their odds of finding active shops.

A Hiring Board has also been created so they can register at it and flag themselves as available for work. When a company or recruiter clicks on their name they'll be taken to a screen where people can provide more information about themselves and a copy of their resume can be requested. The Hiring Board is for anyone who has worked on any version of the platform in any capacity. It's a free tool for anyone who wants to use it.

2. IT departments at companies thinking of switching machines so they can use it to point out who's using the platform in their industry, negating the argument that the platform is dead. If you click on the Resources tab and then the Counter Point link you'll find a list of common myths and the arguments you can use to rebut them. (I've successfully done this twice myself.)
3. Companies looking for programmers so they can have access to resources they weren't aware of, dispelling the misconception that there are few, if any, RPG programmers left. They can either use the Hiring Board to do this or filter the Company List to the Fortune 500 companies using the platform to do it.
4. Software, disaster recovery, cloud hosting, and consulting companies who want to find potential leads so they can continue to thrive in this ecosystem and we can continue to find products that meet the needs of the user community.

An updated version of the Company List is uploaded to the web site at the end of each month. There are usually somewhere between 500 to 1,000 additions and updates on it.