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Alan Seiden, in New Orleans where he accepted a Speaker Excellence Award at COMMON in May. Photo by Daymon Gardner

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The next big thing for my business will be letting people know I'm no longer a one-man band.

My favorite IBM product is DB2* for IBM i.

If I weren't in IT, I'd want to spend more time teaching the Feldenkrais Method of somatic education.

My favorite musical artist is J. J. Johnson.

The best movie I've seen recently is "Love and Mercy."

My guilty pleasure is Laurel and Hardy.

My favorite or most impacting book is "How to Make Money With Your Home Computer."

The superpower I wish I had is to create more time in the day.

If money were no object, I'd probably become one of those anonymous benefactors you see on old TV shows.

The innovation that's made the biggest impact on my life is the telephone and internet, which have allowed me to work with great clients and the best technical experts, wherever they may live.

What's the geekiest thing you've ever done or owned? A "Space: 1999" lunch box.

If I were stuck on a desert island, the one item I'd want is fresh water.

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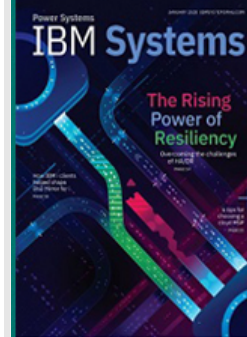
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The trends affecting my work are DevOps practices, which have been evolving for years.

We've recently started to teach them for IBM i.

The favorite part of my day is morning—it's full of possibility.

The business skill I'd most like to acquire or improve is learning to ask for help more readily and to delegate when appropriate.

I ended up in IT when I taught Commodore 64 "machine language" to a classmate in eighth grade.

My greatest mentor has been my grandfather.

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