BCI433 – Lab 1

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Objectives:

- To familiarize you with signing on to the system i and the system i keyboard.
- Library Lists
- System Values
- Introduction to the traditional system i development environment and source editor.
- Introduction to printing.
- Download required software

Requirements to pass the lab:

Demo the CL programs that are created in this lab Show the compiled listing from creating the CL program Answer the questions on this handout

You will be assigned an system i UserID and password by your instructor.

On the lab PC's desktop, double click the "system i" folder shortcut, then the "ZEUS" icon. You are now running the emulator program, CLIENT ACCESS

BEFORE you log in,	look at the Sign-on Screen.	What are the 3 identification values in the top r	ight
corner?			
System:	Subsystem:	Display:	

System is the name of the system i which identifies it on the network. *Subsystem* is the operating system's environment of resources dedicated to interactive processing. *Display* is the unique name assigned to your interactive session.

The basic system i interface is a block mode terminal. No, it is not GUI — we will see the GUI interface later. Note that a block mode terminal is *not* a dumb character mode green screen. The TAB key should be used to move from one input field to the next. Press Enter when you are ready to return the screen to the system for processing. It's conceptually similar to using web forms.

Input Error Correction

BEFORE you log in, let's get error correction out of the way. The screen will appear to be 'stuck' if you accidentally type someplace outside an input field. Now, remember this is not a Microsoft system. You do not have to click the "X" in the top right hand corner, or reboot, or reformat your hard drive.

Using an ARROW key, move the cursor outside a text input field which usually appears underlined. Type any letter. You will see the message, 'Cursor in protected area of display' at the bottom of your screen (it may be in really small text at the bottom of the window or may appear on the last line of the terminal display). As well, you should see an 'X' in the bottom left hand corner of the screen. This means the keyboard is "input inhibited". The terminal does not know how to process your input so it stops you from continuing. To clear the problem, press the ESC (Escape) Key. Then, use the TAB key to move the cursor position to the nearest input field.

The system allows you to move the cursor to a non-input capable area of the screen to support cursor sensitive help. You can get help at any time on any system i screen by putting the cursor on what you are interested in (use the Arrow keys or click the mouse) and pressing the F1 key.

That annoying Scroll Lock key

The arrow and paging keys will not work if Scroll Lock is on. (Scroll Lock is a kludge for dumb character green screens.) Demonstrate the problem: press the Scroll Lock key (upper right) so that the scroll lock light is on (far upper right). Now press one of the arrow keys. What happens? Turn off Scroll Lock by pressing the key again. Now try the arrow key once more. It should work now! Similarly the page up and page down keys will not work if the scroll lock is on when using screens with paged content.

For more information, see system i Terminal Keyboard Mapping

OK, let's sign on

Key in your user id (Dx433snn), press TAB, type the password, then press Enter to sign-on.

Note the 'X' on bottom of screen which indicates that your request is being processed. If you get stuck for some reason, press the Esc key, and use the Tab key to move to the text input fields. Press Enter only when you want the system to process the whole screen.

The first time you sign on, you will see a series of screens advising you of acceptable use policies and requesting your name, etc. to associate with your UserID ... please read the screens and enter the required information.

The next screen will be the Program Menu (the default starting point when you sign on next time). Look at the top left corner of the screen. What does it say?
(it's the name of the menu)

Run a program

Run a program to help familiarize you with the keyboard.

On the command line, enter the command **CALL BCI433LIB/INTROLAB** and press Enter. Follow the instructions on the screen. Practice with this program until you are comfortable with the various keys.

Change your password

On the command line at the bottom of the screen, key in GO MAIN and press Enter. This takes you to the top level menu used to navigate the operating system. Note the name of this menu in the top left corner.

On the command line, type the number of the menu option to select User Tasks and press Enter. On the next menu, select the option to change your password. (Once you get to know the command structure, you can run commands directly by name.)

The next part is a little tricky because you will be keying into non-displayed fields. Just watch where the cursor is.

Change Password

User profile
Password last changed
Type choices, press Enter.
Current password
New password
New password (to verify)
This can be frustrating if you don't read the following information.
the password is not case sensitive Passwords can not start with a number The password limit is 10 characters, so don't type in a long password
Type the current password, press the tab key and type the new password and press the tab key and retype the new password – then press enter.
Run an application
Run a program to demonstrate a simple user application.
On the command line, enter the command CALL BCI433LIB/EDITCODES and press Enter. At the prompt enter ten twos 2222222222 and press the plus sign on the numeric keypad to right justify your numbers.
Press Enter.
This screen informs us about edit codes. The information on this screen will be useful later in the subject. Don't worry about understanding how edit codes are used.
For now we are learning about the field exit key, the field negative key and the F3 key which are all commonly used in Green screen applications. You should be able to locate the following on your screen:
Enter value: 222222222 No edit code used: 002222222222
N 22,222,222.22
What function key is available to exit this running program? Do not press this key. Press enter instead to place you at the screen allowing you to enter a number.

bottom and a message should show sa	aying "Function key not allo	owed".
Press either the Ctrl or Esc key to rese	et your session.	
Try entering a "W" in the entry field.	What happened?	
How do you recover from this proble	m?	
Do it.		
•	•	ic keypad (field exit), the numbers where bers already in this rightmost position they
You would press it last and your num	nbers would be right justified 222222222 and press the fiel	negative key on the numeric keypad first. d (moved to the right) and a negative sign ld negative key. (the minus sign on the prompts showing on your screen
No edit code used:		
N		
A		
Press the F3 Key to exit this program		

Try Pressing F3. Since it is not enabled for this screen your screen should freeze with an "X" showing at the

Press the F3 Key to exit this program.

Press the F9 key to retrieve your previous command and add a "2" to the end. So it reads as:

"Call BCI433LIB/EditCodes2"

Run the command. This screen indicates you can stop the program by entering -99. Try it and if that doesn't work try using F3 on any of the two screen records made available to you.

This is a never ending program. The programmer is not supporting the entry of –99 properly. It is an innocuous problem program because system resources are not being chewed up while the program waits for a response to the screen record. A more troublesome program would be one that is in an infinite loop not allowing any user interaction. Both programs can be ended a number of ways. One simple way is to hold down the shift key and press the escape key. Your cursor goes from the entry prompt to a line at the bottom of the screen. You can enter a 2 at this time. What appears on the message line?

This technique does not always work with some never ending loops. The program you were running was in a loop but it was paused. Some programs are in a never ending loop and are not paused waiting for input.

For these programs, you need to sign in again.

At the top of your screen, you should see a plus sign below the File, Edit, View top horizontal menu. Click on that to start another session.

Sign in and run the WRKACTJOB command.

You will see that the user WS433A45 is running two interactive jobs. The one with the Function showing as PGM-EDITCODES2 is harmless. During this semester, you may see your running program using a high CPU percentage. To you it looks like the screen is frozen. The worst thing you can do is sign on again and rerun the program. What you have to do is use this technique and use option 4 to end the program. Then you need to look at your program code and determine why it is in an endless loop. Running the program in debug mode is one way to do this.

If you do not stop your runaway program, a system administrator may end your program and if you haven't stopped it or multiple versions are looping, they will disable your profile.

Finally, note that you do not use option 4 for your other sign on where the function shows as

CMD-WRKACTJOB.

Work with Active Jobs							\$10A04C2	
CPU :	% : . 0	Elapsed tir	ne: 00	0:00:00	Active		01/06/19 235	16:45:27
	Type options, press Enter.							
2=1	Change 3=Hold	l 4=End	5=Work	with	6=Release	7=Di	splay mes	sage
8=Work with spooled files 13=Disconnect								
		Current						
0pt	Subsystem/Job	User	Type	CPU %	Function		Status	
	QINTER	QSYS	SBS	. 0			DEQW	
	MON_YB5521	DCXPGMLIB	BCH	. 0	PGM-LANSA		DEQW	
	QPADEV0002	PANGBORN	INT	. 0	PGM-INTROL	_AB	DSPW	
_4	QPADEV0003	WS433A45	INT	. 0	PGM-EDITCO	DES2	DSPW	
	QPADEV0007	MC433D20	INT	. 0	MNU-PROGRA	MF	DSPW	
	QPADEV0008	WS433A45	INT	. 0	CMD-WRKAC	ГЈОВ	RUN	

Try this to end your program.

For many people new to the system i, all the screens look the same at first. This is because they employ common layout standards with similar navigation elements, e.g. F3 to stop working and exit this command or program. (Windows employs similar standards for title bars and menus.) Please give careful attention to the **title** of every screen when it is first displayed.

Library Lists

Library lists are critical to the system i. There are over 5000 libraries on Zeus. You don't want search each library everytime you want to execute a command or run a program. Library Lists are built when you signon and are deleted when you signoff and organize the most import libraries for you.

Let's try a CL command. Type DSPLIBL (display library list)
=> DSPLIBL

What libraries do you see?

1.______ 2._____ 3._____ 4.______

The order is important. These are the libraries that are checked for any object reference that does not include the library name. For example, if you wanted to refer to the PAYROLL program object you could say CALL PAYROLL. This command does not indicate where PAYROLL is located. The list of libraries is checked in the order you saw and wrote them. If PAYROLL is in the first library checked, then that will be the program that is invoked. If PAYROLL is in both the first library and the second library, then the first library's PAYROLL will be run and the second library's PAYROLL would be ignored. If PAYROLL is only in the 8th library, then libraries 1,2 .. 7 would be checked first and finally PAYROLL in library 8 would be located and executed.

Enter the command that refers to a program called PAYROLL at the command line.

=> CALL PAYROLL

What message appears on the message line?

If you want to run the payroll program you would need to know where it is located in order to make a qualified reference to it. You would type in a library name "/" and then the object name.

Enter the following qualified name for the payroll program:

==>CALL BCI433LIB/PAYROLL

BCI433LIB is our course library. It's not on your library list, so in order to call the payroll program inside it, we had to specify BCI433LIB.

The library list consists of system libraries, user libraries and your own current library. These are system wide settings for all users. If you want to see the system portion of the library list, you can see how a system administrator made this setting by displaying a system value setting.

Type DSPSYSVAL QSYSLIBL and run the command.	
=> DSPSYSVAL QSYSLIBL	
What are system libraries?	
1 2 3 4	
5	
Type DSPSYSVAL QUSRLIBL and run the command	
What are the user libraries?	
1 2	
Type the DSPLIBL command again ===> DSPLIBL	
What is the name of the other library that is included on your library list?	_
This is not a SYS library or a USR library, it is a library.	
Most command have parameters. Pressing enter after you've typed a command assumes that you're the default values for the parameters.	e using
Type DSPLIBL and press F4. What are/is the parameter(s) for this command?	
What are the default values for the parameter(s)?	
What does * mean? Instead of guessing, move the cursor to the * and press F1 for help!	
System Values	
System values are variables maintained by the operating system to set up our System i. Examples of value are language (you can run this machine in German!), system date and system time. The defa parts of our library list are also stored as system values. We are going to further explore the Displat Value command.	ults for
Type DSPSYSVAL and press F4.	
How many parameters are used with this command?	

Use the F1 key on each parameter.
Which parameter(s) are required?
Try pressing F4 on the System value parameter
System value
What is the system model number?
Writing CL programs
The last thing we want to do is to put all of this into an ILE CL program. Your program will review the commands you have just run and include a new library list command that allows you to determine libraries that you can add or remove from the user portion of your individual session's library list.
DSPLIBL EDTLIBL DSPLIBL DSPSYSVAL QSYSLIBL DSPSYSVAL QUSRLIBL DSPSYSVAL QMODEL
Before you start coding, run a program to ensure that your name shows at the bottom of your printouts.
=> CALL STRJOB
Since everybody at Seneca uses this program, what library would be a good place to store this program?
This program will make sure that all reports that you generate from this point on will have your name at the bottom of each page.
The program that we are about to write is called SYSVALPRG and the program type will be CLLE.
A. We need an object to store our source code for the program. Source code is stored in a source physical file and we will use the CRTSRCPF command (means create source physical file).
CRTSRCPF QCLLESRC (press F4)
On the prompted screen change the record length from 92 to 112 and then press enter.
B. Now lets work with that object.

WRKMBRPDM QCLLESRC (work with members using PDM)

Each source program is a member of a source physical file

C. This object called QCLLESRC should be empty the first time we look in it. What function key is associated with creating something? ______ (Look at the bottom of the screen.)

D. Press F6 to enter your first member into QCLLESRC with the appropriate program or source member name and the appropriate program or source type. (a screenshot shows on the next page)

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Start Source Entry Utility (STRSEU)
Type choices, press Enter.
Source file
                               . > QCLLESRC
                                                  Name, *PRV
                                                  Name, *LIBL, *CURLIB, *PRV
                                     DA233B40
                                   SYSVALPRG
                                                  Name, *PRV, *SELECT
Source member
Source type . . . . . . . . .
                                   CLLE
                                                  Name, *SAME, BAS, BASP...
                                   MY FIRST CL
                                               PROGRAM
Text 'description'
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E. Type in the code. A demonstration of how to enter code using the Source Entry Utility (SEU) was given by the instructor. How to use SEU help information is not supplied here because a more modern approach will be used to develop future programs. Your subsequent programs will be entered using RDi. It is possible to get lost when entering this code – so it is recommended that you do this in a lab when an instructor is available to help you.

The code that you are entering is:

ENDPGM

F. After you finish entering the above lines, press F3 to save your new member.

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Exit
Type choices, press Enter.
 Change/create member . . . . . .
                                                Y=Yes, N=No
                                    SYSVALPRG
                                                Name, F4 for list
   Member . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
                                                Name, F4 for list
   QCLLESRC
    Library . . . . . . . . . . . .
                                      DA233B40
                                               Name
   Text . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
                                    MY FIRST CL PROGRAM
                                                Y=Yes. N=No
   Resequence member . . . . . . .
                                    0001.00
                                                0000.01-9999.99
     Start . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
     Increment . . . . . . . . . . . . .
                                                00.01-99.99
                                    01.00
 Y=Yes, N=No
 Return to editing . . . . . . . .
                                                Y=Yes, N=No
 Go to member list . . . . . . . . .
                                                Y=Yes. N=No
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You have used Client Access and a product called PDM (Program Development Manager) to code your first programs. The modern way to develop code is done using a product called **IBM Rational Developer for System i.**

Note we are Changing/Creating a member and where it is being stored. Press enter to save the new member

G. Option 14 can be used to compile your first program.

Work with Members Using PDM	ODIN
File <u>OCLLESRC</u> Library <u>DA233B40</u> Position to	
Type options, press Enter. 2=Edit 3=Copy 4=Delete 5=Display 6=Print 7=Re 8=Display description 9=Save 13=Change text 14=Compile 15=Cr	ename reate module
Opt Member Type Text 14 SYSVALPRG <u>CLLE</u> <u>MY FIRST CL PROGRAM</u>	

The output of the compile processes are:

A message - type the command to display a message at the command line

==> DSPMSG

A compile listing - this is where you'll see compile errors. User the Work With Spooled File command to see it

==> WRKSPLF

Hopefully a *PGM object. Exit PDM and then use the Work With Objects using PDM command.

==> WRKOBJPDM

H. If you have no compile errors, you can run your program at the command line by typing in the following.

=>CALL SYSVALPRG.

Your instructor will ask you to see a run of this program along with a printout of the compiled listing.

The student that had a library called DB433A01 would not have to type in a qualified name (includes the library name) when invoking the SYSVALPRG because the successfully compiled program would be placed in their current library.

If they did require a library name, they would have typed the following:

=> CALL DB433A01/SYSVALPRG

Printing control

When you ask to print something on the system i, it doesn't go immediately to the printer. As on Windoze and Unix systems, the output first goes through a spooling system that intercepts the output and takes care of sending it to a printer while you do other things. What is different on the system i, is that you have control of this output after it is created but before the system generates a box of paper for the recycling bin.

The print output, known as a **spooled file**, goes to a holding area known as an **output queue** so you can look at it and decide if this is really what you wanted. It's a great way to save on paper! Each user on our system i has their own output queue so your output remains safe and secure.

On the command line, enter **WRKSPLF** (Work with Spooled Files). You should see your compiled listing. If you had an error to correct, you may see several listings.

What is the option that will allow you to view your compiled code? _____ Try it.

Make sure your name shows at the bottom of the page. A fast way to get to the bottom of your listing to view messages that indicate if your program was successfully created is to type a **B** in the Control field.

Control _____ (try typing a B here to read your messages and name at the **bottom** of the listing)

You can also type a T in the Control field to get to the top of your listing.

After checking the output, return to the Work With Spooled Files screen by pressing F3

What option will allow you to remove compiled code that does not require the use of paper?

Find and enter the option number to "change" the spooled file you wish to send to the printer. On the prompt screen, locate the Output queue and library fields. These are located near the bottom of the Change Spooled Attributes Screen.

Change Spooled File Attributes (CHGSPLFA)								
Type choices, press Enter.								
Spooled file						>	SYSVALPRG Name,	*SELECT
Job name						>	SYSVALPRG Name,	*
User						>	DA233B40 Name	
Number						>	408676 000000	-999999
Spooled file numb	er .					>	1 1-9999	99, *ONLY, *LAS
Job system name						>	S10AA67B Name,	*ONLY, *CURRENT
Spooled file crea	ted:							
Creation date						>	09042005 Date,	*ONLY, *LAST
Creation time						>	120656 Time,	*ONLY, *LAST
Printer							<u>*OUTQ</u> Name,	*SAME, *OUTQ
Print sequence .							*SAME *SAME,	≭NEXT
Form type							*STD Form t	ype, *SAME, *S1
Copies								*SAME
Restart printing							*STRPAGE Number	, *SAME, *STRPF
F3=Exit F4=Prom	pt	F5=F	Refi	es	sh		F10=Additional param	eters F12=Car
F13=How to use this display					F24=More keus			

What CL command did you invoke by using option 2 beside a spooled file on the work with spooled files screen?

We do not need to make any changes to this screen.

the More... means that there are more options available. Press Page down to see more!

Change Spooled File Attributes (CHGSPLFA)

Type choices, press Enter.

Additional Parameters

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Output queue . . . . . . . . . . <u>DA233B40</u> Name, *SAME, *DEV Library . . . . . . . . . . . . <u>DA233B40</u> Name, *LIBL, *CURLIB
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Change the Output queue from DB433snn to PRT01 and the library to QGPL. We are moving the spooled file from your personal output queue to an output queue that automatically has its spooled files printed out.

Press the Enter Key. Notice your display shows the spooled file status as changed.

Press the function key to refresh the display. Where did it go? It was moved from your output queue to the queue belonging to the actual printer.

The spooled file has been sent to the printer named PRT01. Pick up your printout in the open lab. You MUST show your student card and your sticky label to claim your printout.

Ensure that your student id shows in the header page and that your name shows at the bottom of the page.

Be prepared to show this printout when you run your program for your instructor.

Let us see if you can remember the steps to code a second CLLE program.

Write a program that will do the following:

- 1. Let you see all the objects in **your** library
- 2. Show messages from system related activities (like compiling)
- 3. Look at all your spooled files.

Be prepared to show both your programs to an instructor.

Sign off by entering **SIGNOFF** on any command line.

BCI433 – Lab 1 Summary

Client Access

Client Access is installed on a PC and used to interact with system menus, type in CLLE commands at the command line and run application programs on the IBM i system.

The basic system i interface is a block mode terminal

The Keyboard

When the screen will appears to be frozen, try pressing the reset key (mapped to the left control key). The esc key may also help you out here.

If you cannot use the arrow keys or page down key, you need to press the scroll lock key first to make these keys available.

The Tab key allows you to go to the next prompt.

The Field exit key (usually mapped to the plus key in the numeric keypad) allows you to remove any characters to the right of the cursor position on the current prompt and go to the next prompt. It also allows you to right justify a numeric entry in a numeric field.

Function Keys

- F1 is frequently used as a help key
- F3 is an exit key
- F4 is used for prompting a command presenting a screen that shows you how to use the command.
- F5 is a refresh key. If you do not see what you expect to see try the refresh option
- F9 can retrieve your previous command at the command line.
- F12 is used to cancel a command (similar to F3 sometimes).
- F13 F24 are accessible by pressing the shift key and the corresponding F1 F12 key.

Running programs

When your instructors ask you to run a program, be aware that the keyword is call.

CALL BCI433LIB/INTROLAB

Also be aware that you can run a program found in one of the libraries of your library list without having to refer to the library name. CALL INTROLAB.

Referring to both the library and the object name is using a QUALIFIED NAME.

Edit Codes

Edit Codes are used to provide extra meaningful punctuation for a number. The use of commas, a decimal point, a positive or negative sign, the suppression of leading zeroes are all possibilities when showing a number that uses an edit code.

Never Ending Programs.

There are two techniques to stop a never ending program.

- 1. Press Shift and Esc at the same time.
- 2. Type a "2" in the lower left line where your cursor is located
- 1. Press Shift and Esc at the same time.
- 2. Type a '1' in the lower left line where your cursor is located.
- 3. Sign in again.
- 4. Type WRKACTJOB and look for your id with the never ending program.
- 5. Use option 4 to stop the job. (Don't do this with the WRKACTJOB session)

Library Lists

Everybody sees the same library list when logging on to the system. To see what it is you can type DSPLIBL.

QALTSYS	SYS	
QSYS	SYS	System Library
QSYS2	SYS	System Library for CPI's
QHLPSYS	SYS	
QUSRSYS	SYS	System Library for Users
PANGBORN	CUR	
QGPL	USR	General Purpose Library
QTEMP	USR	

The library list can be changed after you log in.

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PANGBORN	CUR	
BCI433LIB	USR	BCI433 iSeries Business Computing course
QGPL	USR	General Purpose Library
QTEMP	USR	

Whenever you do not specify where something is to be found (use an unqualified name) the library list is searched to locate the object.

CALL NOTINLIST

An object that is not in any of the libraries in the library list will not be run because it will not be found.

CALL INLSTTWICE

An object that is in two of the libraries in the library list will be run from the library that is encountered first according to the way the list has been set up and how it displays with DSPLIBL

CALL BCI433LIB/INLSTTWICE

Although INLSTTWICE is in QSYS and BCI433LIB, since the qualified name is used, the version that is in BCI433LIB will be run.

System Values

QSYSLIBL is a system value that allows you to see the system libraries placed in everyone's library list

DSPSYSVAL allows you to see this.

CHGSYSVAL allows system administrators to adjust this.

When you sign in, running a program named STRJOB will insure that your name is printed on your printouts. It is shared with everyone at the college by being placed in a library on the user portion of everybody's library list. It is found in the General Purpose library called QGPL.

Writing programs in Client Access

=> CALL STRJOB

CRTSRCPF QCLLESRC Once the source physical file has been created, this step can be skipped

The source physical file name may vary

WRKMBRPDM QCLLESRC used to work with the program members that contain source code

Either press F6 to create a new member or use option 2 beside an existing member to edit it

If you are creating a new member, you need to supply a name and a source type. Source types for this semester are

CLLE – a command language program

RPGLE- an RPG program (usually a business application)

PF- a physical file (a table or data file)

LF- a logical file (a view or index to a data file or table)

CMD- a user created CLLE command

Enter or change your code and then exit (F3) and save it Compile it with option 14.

Check for errors

==> DSPMSG

A compile listing - this is where you'll see compile errors. User the Work With Spooled File command to see it

==> WRKSPLF

Hopefully a *PGM object. Exit PDM and then use the Work With Objects using PDM command.

==> WRKOBJPDM YOURLIBNAME (DA433A40 for me)

You should see a new program object with a successful compile

Run your program =>CALL PROGNAME

Printing control

WRKSPLF (Work with Spooled Files).

Option 5 will allow you to view your printout. You can confirm that your name is at the bottom of the printout.

type a **B** in the Control field to go to the bottom of your printout and then exit (F3)

Option 2 will allow you to change the spooled file attributes. CHGSPLFA

Output Queue PRT01 Library QGPL

Sign off by entering **SIGNOFF** on any command line.

If you want to install Access Client Solutions on your own PC:

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RDi V9.6 - Activation

