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30+ yr developer IBM i, Windows, Linux, Mac



Started RJS Software Systems in 1990



Created automated report distribution, doc management and app integration software



Sold business in 2014 when partner retired



Started MobiGoGo to build multi platform apps



Provides training and consulting services



Contributes open source to Github repositories



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- Integrate S/36 to DOS Turbo Pascal screen -HLLAPI (1988)
- Windows 3.1, Microsoft Visual C/C++, Visual Basic 3 (1993)
- APPC programming with PC Support to access RPG (1995)
- TCP/IP, Email, FTP from Windows to IBM i (1997)
- Sockets programming with VB and RPG (2002)
- Web development and web services (1997 –current)
- IBM i Access ODBC/OLEDB/ADO.Net (2000-current)
- JT400 java API converted to .Net with IKVM (2005-current)
- HTTP URL API –(AKA REST) (2004 –current)
- XMLSERVICE –universal open source IBM i DB access (2012-current)
- Editor/IDE choices: RDI, Eclipse, Visual Studio, Visual Studio Code, Notepad++, etc...
- (1984–today: Green screen to smart devices)
 The greatest computing era!!



Session Topics



Why consider using RPG and Open Source together?

How to utilize open-source applications from RPG and CL

Intro to QShell on i

Review logic flow

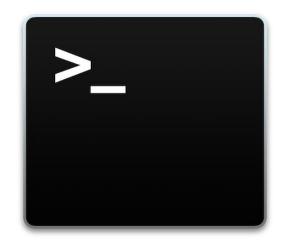
A few examples



How to use shells on the IBM



- Your command line for QShell, PASE and Bash
- A good intro to the various shells on IBM i
- Andy Youens FormaServe (UK)
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9rL9U8hfIHA
- We will use QShell, Pase and Bash



Why consider using RPG and Open Source together?

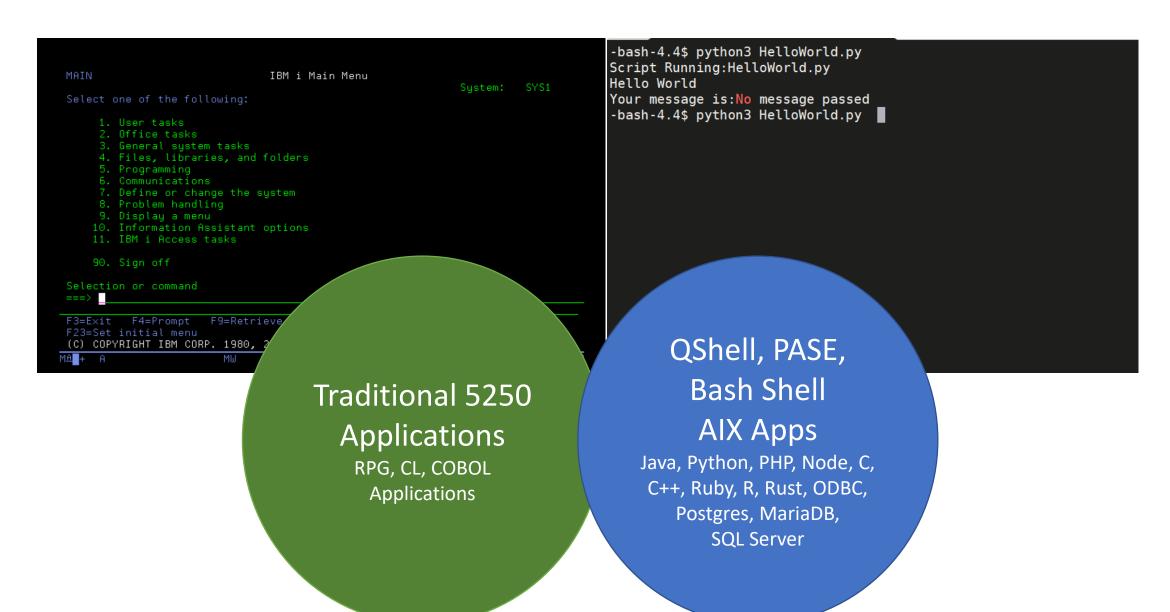
Functionality not easily available in CL or RPG by themselves Tons of Python and other language example code, libraries and tutorials Access web services Send and receive email Crawl IFS directories Become productive quickly Integrates or extends existing IBM i apps across process boundaries QShell on i can be used for all kinds of IBM i utility programs

Run any QShell or PASE code from traditional RPG/CL/COBOL programs







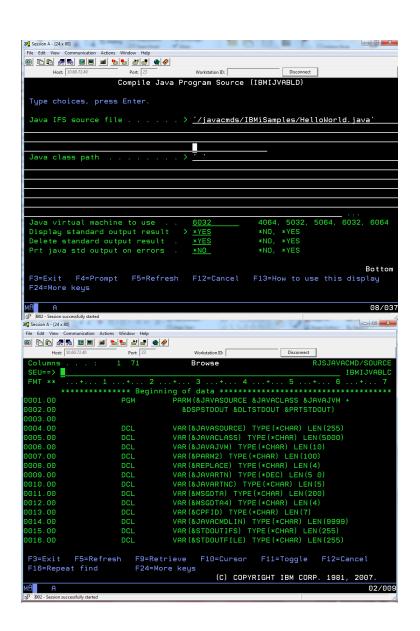




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Traditional IBM i Job Program Call Flow





Type CL Command or Embed in a CL Program

Run CL/RPG Processing Pgm
May pass parameters

Processing Program CL, RPG, COBOL



Parameters or Data Returned to Calling CL Program or to Command Line as CPF Messages

Log info written to job log, physical file or IFS file

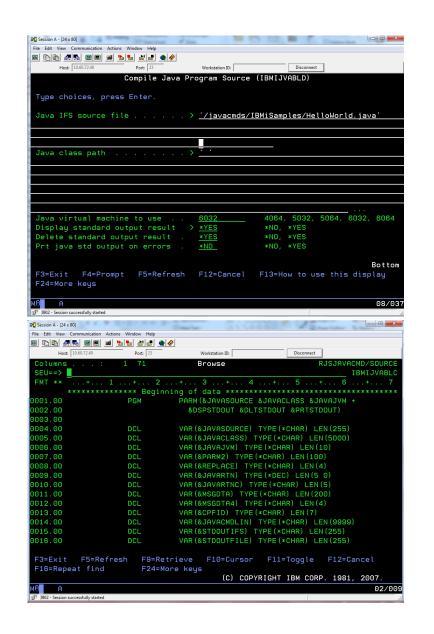
QTEMP Library



Work at the Speed of Mobility

Traditional Program Call Flow with QShell/PASE Apps





Type CL Command or Embed in a CL Program

Run CL/RPG Processing Pgm
May pass parameters

Processing Program CL, RPG, COBOL

Run QShell/PASE Program or Command



Parameters Returned in STDOUT IFS file from QShell/Pase call

Parameters or Data Returned to Calling CL Program or to Command Line as CPF Messages QTEMP Library

TMP Library



QShell/PASE app runs in a thread job

STDOUT log info can be

Processed by RPG

STDOUT log info written to job log, physical file, spool or IFS file



Integrate QShell/Pase Application via QShell on i



QSHEXEC, QSHBASH, QSHPYRUN CL command executed from CL, RPG or COBOL application with parameters

QSHEXEC, QSHBASH or QSHPYRUN CL command calls QShell or PASE command

New QShell/PASE process starts to run command or program

PASE Pgm/Cmd Runs until Completion – Console logs captured to /tmp IFS log and outfile in QTEMP

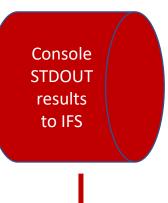
If QShell/PASE command succeeds, exit code = 0. If error, exit code will be <> 0.

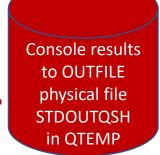
QShell/PASE process ends after call to run command or app

Control returned to QSHEXEC, QSHBASH or QSHPYRUN CL command which sends escape or completion message

Control returned to original CL, RPG or COBOL application

Original application reads and processes /tmp/qsh IFS log file or outfile – QTEMP/STDOUTQSH







What is Standard Output (STDOUT)?



STDOUT – Standard Output

- Console output from a PASE/QShell application
- Similar to IBM i joblog
- Allows PASE/QShell apps to pass back data and messages
- All QShell/PASE languages can generate STDOUT console messages
- STDOUT data can be used from CL/RPG/COBOL apps
- Great way to communicate between PASE/QShell and traditional IBM i apps such as CL/RPG/COBOL

```
-bash-4.4$ python3 HelloWorld.py
Script Running:HelloWorld.py
Hello World
Your message is:No message passed
-bash-4.4$ python3 HelloWorld.py
```



QShell on i – What is it?



- Easy to use wrapper around QShell and PASE commands
- Simplifies running QShell or PASE commands including bash
- Sets up multithreading environment
- Handles command output logging STDOUT capture
- Allows QShell/PASE commands to be submitted
- Don't need an SSH session or STRQSH to run QShell/PASE commands
- Can be called directly from RPG or CL



QShell on i – Use Cases



- Call QShell, Pase or Bash commands directly from RPG or CL
- Run any Python, PHP, Node, shell scripts, etc.
- Submit nginx, gunicorn or other background server/web service jobs
- Run interactively, submit or job schedule QShell/Pase commands
- Consume web services without HTTPGETCLOB/HTTPPOSTCLOB (Java)
- Compose, send and receive emails
- Talk to other databases (PostgreSQL, MariaDB, SQL Server, SQLite)



IBM i System Prerequisites – V7R2 and Above



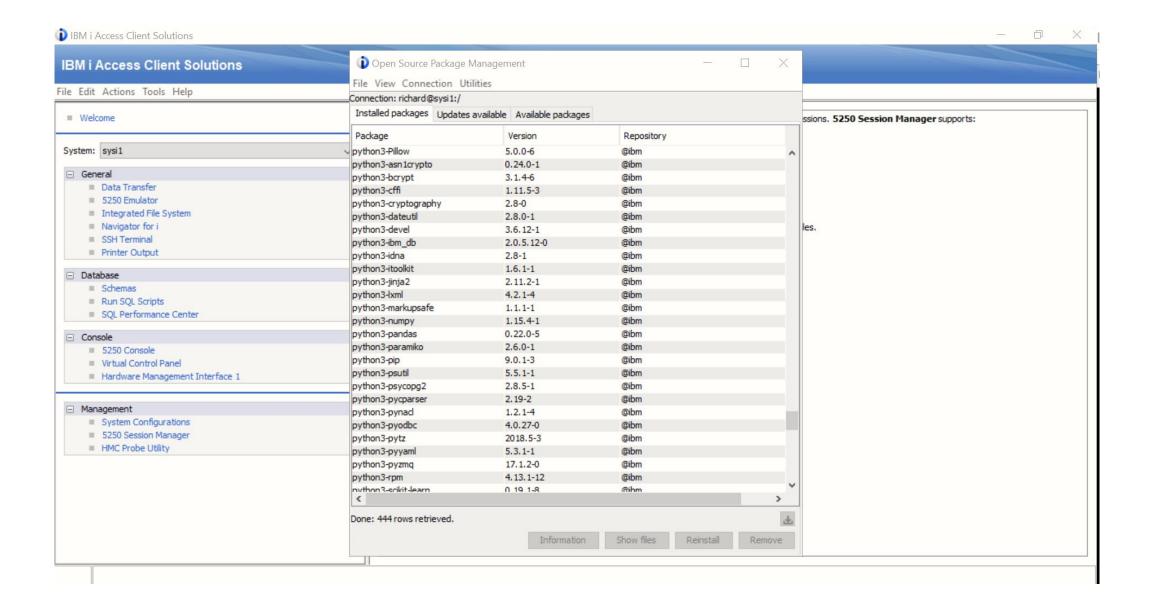
- IBM Open Source Package Management
- Install all Python 3 packages (if using Python)
- Install unixODBC and unixODBC-dev
- Install IBMi Access ODBC Driver
- Install freetds if you want to talk to SQL Server
- Install QShell on i (https://github.com/richardschoen/qshoni)
- Uninstall 5733OPS if you can. Yum packages rule



Work at the Speed of Mobility



Install All Python 3 Packages





Installing QShell on i



- Visit the Github site, download and build http://www.github.com/richardschoen/qshoni
- Command documentation in main readme.md page
- Library name: QSHONI
- Installing and Building QSHONI via getrepo-qshoni.sh
- Installing and Building QSHONI via Git Clone
- Installing QSHONI via Save File

QShell on i Commands

- QSHEXEC Run QShell Command Line
- QSHBASH Run Bash Command via QShell
- QSHPYRUN Run Python Script via QShell
- QSHLOGSCAN Scan QShell Log File for Values
- QSHPATH Set Open Source Package Path Environment Variable
- QSHQRYTMP SQL Query Data to Temp Table
- **QSHIFSCHK** Check for IFS file existence



QSHEXEC - Run QShell Command Line



- Easy to use wrapper around QShell and PASE commands
- Simplifies running QShell or PASE commands including bash
- Sets up multithreading environment
- Handles command output logging STDOUT
- Allows QShell/PASE commands to be submitted
- Don't need an SSH session or direct STRQSH call
- Can be called directly from RPG or CL



QSHBASH - Run Bash Command via QShell



- Simplifies bash script calls
- Convenience wrapper over bash calls
- No need to type: **bash** –**c** to run your bash command.
- Don't need an SSH session or call to STRQSH
- All the same benefits of QSHEXEC because it uses QSHEXEC
- Can be called directly from RPG or CL



QSHPYRUN - Run Python Script via QShell



- Convenience wrapper over Python calls
- Simplifies Python 2 or Python 3 script calls
- No need to type python2 or python3 command
- Script path and script name passed individually
- Up to 40 parameters can be passed to script
- All the same benefits of QSHEXEC because it uses QSHEXEC
- Can be called directly from RPG or CL



QSHLOGSCAN – Scan QShell Log for Value



- Scans the QTEMP/STDOUTQSH outfile for an anticipated value
- Great way to check your results file for information
- Scans line by line via RPG program
- Looks for a specific value or a partial match if desired
- Returns CPF9898 Escape message if no value found
- Completes normally if value was found



QSHQRYTMP – SQL Query Data to Temp Table



- Convenience command to run SQL queries to output table
- Can be used to select and sort data
- Wrapper over RUNSQL
- Use for SELECT queryies only
- Should work with IBM i DB2 Services
- Outputs to selected OUTFILE
- OUTFILE file results can be consumed from RPG/CL/COBOL



QSHIFSCHK – Check for IFS file existence



- Check if IFS file or directory exists
- Send CPF9898 escape message if no file/dir
- Send CPF9897 escape message if file/dir found
- You should monitor for both CPF9897 and CPF9898 when using



QSHPATH – Set Open-Source Package Path



- Adds /QOpenSys/pkgs/bin to PATH environment variable
- Used by QSHEXEC, QSHBASH and QSHPYRUN SETPKGPATH = *YES



QSHEXEC - Run QShell Command Line



```
QSHEXEC CMDLINE('ls /tmp')
```

SETPKGPATH(*YES)

DSPSTDOUT(*YES)

LOGSTDOUT(*NO)

PRTSTDOUT(*NO)

DLTSTDOUT(*YES)

IFSSTDOUT(*NO)

IFSFILE(' ')

IFSOPT(*REPLACE)

CCSID(*SAME)

PRTSPLF(QSHEXECLOG)

PRTUSRDTA(*NONE)

PRTTXT(*NONE)



QSHEXEC Command Temporary Objects



- /tmp/qsh (Temporary log file IFS location)
- Use ERASE '/tmp/qsh/*' CL command to clear IFS dir periodically
- QSHONITMP library
- Can use QSHONITMP library for temporary files or objects
- QSHONITMP auto-created by QSHell on i commands
- CLRLIB QSHONITMP periodically or after system IPL to keep clean



CMDLINE and **SETPKGPATH** parameters



- **CMDLINE** Takes any QShell or PASE command line
- SETPKGPTH adds /QOpenSys/pkgs/bin to search path
- Ensures IBM Open-Source Package Management Yum packages found



Logging Command Output



- Outfile QTEMP/STDOUTQSH is always created with STDOUT data
- There are several additional options for handling STDOUT logs



Displaying Standard Output - *YES



DSPSTDOUT - *YES - Display standard output result

- Set this setting to *YES if you want to display console results
- After running, the stdout log output from /tmp/qsh IFS file for job is always captured to outfile QTEMP/STDOUTQSH so it can be used.
- After running QShell/PASE program or command, the STDOUT log data is displayed interactively from the outfile.
- You would Only use this mode for testing and debugging when you need to see QShell/PASE console output logs.



Displaying Standard Output - *NO



DSPSTDOUT - *NO - DO NOT Display standard output result

- Set this setting to *NO if you don't want to display console results
- After running, the stdout log output from /tmp/qsh IFS file for job is always captured to outfile QTEMP/STDOUTQSH so it can be used.
- After running the command, the STDOUT log outfile can be used to selectively process log information returned from QShell/PASE program call via STDOUT.
- You would use this mode for production where you might want to selectively process only certain messages in the log file.
- We utilize this OUTFILE to write the STDOUT messages to joblog as well if that option is enabled.



Log Standard Output - *YES



LOGSTDOUT – Log standard output to job log

- Set this setting to *YES if you want to write STDOUT to the main job log
- After running the command, the STDOUT log data is written to the calling jobs job log.
- Each console message will have a CPF message id of: QSS9898
- Job log data can be used for debugging
- Job log data can be captured for use in subsequent job steps
- You would normally use this option in production perhaps when you want to capture QShell/PASE output to your job log.
- If you log LOTS of messages to STDOUT, you probably want to leave this setting to *NO or you could overload your joblog with messages.



Print Standard Output - *YES



PRTSTDOUT – Print standard output result

- Set this setting to *YES if you want to print your command log
- After running the command, the STDOUT log data is written to a spool file
- Spool file name, user data and print text can be specified
- You would normally use this option in production perhaps when you want to capture STDOUT log output to a spool file for auditing rather than an OUTFILE or the job log.



Delete Standard Output - *YES



DLTSTDOUT – Delete standard output result

- Set this setting to *YES to delete the IFS log file after processing
- After running, the stdout log output from /tmp/qsh IFS file for job is always captured to an outfile so it can be used.
- STDOUT data is optionally written to the joblog or printed to a spool
- Finally the temporary STDOUT log file in /tmp/qsh is deleted if this setting is set to *YES which is the default
- This parameter should normally ALWAYS be set to *YES unless you're debugging an unknown problem. Normally you always want to clean up these files since the data gets captured to an OUTFILE automatically before cleanup anyway



Copy STDOUT to IFS File - *YES



IFSSTDOUT – Copy standard output result to IFS file

- Set this setting to *YES to copy or append STDOUT to IFS file
- Allows /tmp/qsh temporary IFS log file to be copied or appended to IFS
- Finally the temporary STDOUT log file in /tmp/qsh is deleted if this setting is set to *YES which is the default
- Useful to aggregate log info to a single IFS log file.
- This parameter should normally ALWAYS be set to *NO unless you want to copy or aggregate STDOUT data to a single IFS file location or directory before deleting the temporary IFS stdout log.



Integrating QShell/PASE Calls with IBM i Jobs



- Use the QSHEXEC, QSHBASH or QSHPYRUN command in QSHONI lib
- Allows QShell/PASE calls to be embedded in CL, RPG and COBOL
- Called via standard QCMDEXC mechanism
- Pass complete commands with parameters in to QShell/Pase calls
- Receive return parameters from calls via Console/STDOUT log
- Pipeline STDOUT directly back to job so RPG/CL/COBOL can process any response information and check for errors in the logs.
- Send STDOUT to IFS file, outfile, job log or print file



Qshell on i Demo



Demo



Wrap Simple Qshell/Pase Commands



List files in IFS directory with Is command

QSHEXEC CMDLINE('cd /rpgopensource; ls -l') DSPSTDOUT(*YES)

Locate files starting with Send*

QSHEXEC CMDLINE('find /rpgopensource -name Send*')
DSPSTDOUT(*YES)

Call shell script to ping an IP address – PASE/Qshell has no PING cmd

QSHEXEC CMDLINE('cd /rpgopensource; pingi.sh "8.8.8.8"')
DSPSTDOUT(*YES)



Hello World Python Sample



- Simple Hello world example
- Illustrates the plumbing and how it works a couple ways
- Python script helloworld.py
- Calling via QSHEXEC or QSHPYRUN
- Calling via convenience wrapper command: HELLOWORLD



Use Python 3 Qsh/Pase/Bash Command Line



- Python 3 command line.
- Call from pase or bash command line or shell script

HelloWorld.py "This is a test"

python3 HelloWorld.py "This is a test"



Use QSHPYRUN Command



- Call Python via QSHPYRUN or QSHEXEC Command
- Call interactively from RPG/CL, schedule or submit to batch

QSHONI/QSHEXEC CMDLINE('python3 /rpgopensource/helloworld.py "This is a test from IBM i"') DSPSTDOUT(*YES)

QSHONI/QSHPYRUN SCRIPTDIR('/rpgopensource')
SCRIPTFILE(helloworld.py)
ARGS('This is a test from IBM i') DSPSTDOUT(*YES)



Use HELLOWORLD Wrapper Command



- Make calling Python more user friendly
- Provides context to the actual function being performed
- Call interactively from RPG/CL, schedule or submit to batch

HELLOWORLD MESSAGE('This is my Hello World Message')
DSPSTDOUT(*YES)



Send Authenticated Email via Office 365



- Company has moved mail from On-Prem Exchange to Office 365
- Need new way to send authenticated emails via O365
- Python script with O365 functionality SendO365.py
- QSHPYRUN to run Python script from standard job
- SNDMAIL365 command to wrap call to Python/QSHPYRUN
- Wrapper command makes the Python much more user-friendly



Use Python 3 Qsh/Pase/Bash Command Line



- Python 3 command line.
- Call from pase or bash command line or shell script

SendMail365.py "richard@richardschoen.net" "richard@richardschoen.net" "O365 Test from IBM i" "This is a test from IBM i" "/tmp/excel.xlsx" "richard@richardschoen.net" ""

python3 SendMail365.py "richard@richardschoen.net" "richard@richardschoen.net" "O365 Test from IBM i" "This is a test from IBM i" "/tmp/excel.xlsx" "richard@richardschoen.net" ""



Use QSHPYRUN Command



- Call Python via QSHPYRUN Command
- Call interactively from RPG/CL, schedule or submit to batch

```
QSHONI/QSHPYRUN SCRIPTDIR('/rpgopensource')
SCRIPTFILE(SendMail365.py)
ARGS('richard@richardschoen.net'
'richard@richardschoen.net'
'0365 Test from IBM i - QSHPYRUN'
'This is a test from IBM i'
'/rpgopensource/excel.xlsx'
'richard@richardschoen.net' ' ')
```



Use SNDMAIL365 Wrapper Command



- Make calling Python more user friendly
- Provides context to the actual function being performed
- Call interactively from RPG/CL, schedule or submit to batch

```
SNDMAIL365 FROMEMAIL('richard@richardschoen.net')

TOEMAIL('richard@richardschoen.net')

SUBJECT('O365 Test from IBM i - SNDMAILO365')

BODYTEXT('This is the body text')

ATTACHFILE('/rpgopensource/excel.xlsx')

O365USER(richard@richardschoen.net)

O365PASS(' ')

DSPSTDOUT(*YES)
```



Python Directory Crawler Example



- Crawl IFS Directory Tree (Including IFS files and Libraries)
- Capture output to a tilde delimited IFS text file
- CPYFRMIMPF of data from IFS text file to PF DIRCRAWL
- Use RPG program or SQL to read and process the PF



Python Directory Crawler Example



Copy contents of IFS text file to PF
 CPYFRMIMPF FROMSTMF('/tmp/dircrawl.txt')
 TOFILE(QSHONI/DIRCRAWL)
 MBROPT(*REPLACE)
 RCDDLM(*LF)
 FLDDLM('~')
 FROMRCD(2)







Create SQL Table for Directory Crawler Data

```
create table qshoni.dircrawl (IFSFULL VARCHAR(256), IFSFILE VARCHAR(256), IFSPREFIX VARCHAR(256), IFSEXT VARCHAR(10), IFSSIZE DECIMAL(15,2), IFSTYPE VARCHAR(5), IFSSYMLNK VARCHAR(5));
```



Use DIRCRAWL Wrapper Command



- Make calling Python more user friendly
- Provides context to the actual function being performed
- Call interactively from RPG/CL, schedule or submit to batch
- Creates OUTFILE in library TMP automatically

```
DIRCRAWL TOPDIR('/rpgopensource')

OUTPUTFILE('/tmp/dircrawl.txt')

REPLACE('True')

FOLLOWLNK('False')

DELIM(',') OFILE(DIRCRAWL) OLIB(TMP)
```



Python Read Web Page Example



- Read web page or web service URL
- Output to IFS file

```
QSHONI/QSHPYRUN SCRIPTDIR('/rpgopensource')
SCRIPTFILE(pyreadwebpage.py)
ARGS('/tmp/wegpageinfo.txt')
PYVERSION(3)
DSPSTDOUT(*YES)
```



Python Read Web Page RPG Example



- Put it all together
- Reads web page or web service URL via Python
- Output JSON to IFS file
- Consume JSON via YAJL functions from RPG program,
- Insert in to DB2 table RPGOPNSRC/

CALL RPGOPNSRC/JSONYAJL1



Python Sample Encrypt/Decrypt String



- Use to encrypt settings before storing passwords
- Passwords, API keys or other sensitive values
- Uses encryption key
- Our sample key:
 "7a8Ow8JdeOSY5XXk6IrxXU8IrqjO92mzHAS1bpDgUID="

python3 pyencryptstring.py "E" "This is a test" "7a8Ow8JdeOSY5XXk6IrxXU8IrqjO92mzHAS1bpDgUID="

python3 pyencryptstring.py "D"
"gAAAAABiM2CyjxoPx1XjEjWgNI5cGF6iKiB6wiFdUSHrIAVBtqfOtN3Ypv
qLwyFnkMKNv8LdOWYET7gFIDV1WQNhVT57qJnhwg=="
"7a8Ow8JdeOSY5XXk6IrxXU8IrqjO92mzHAS1bpDgUID="







- There are tons of free and paid learning resources
- Seiden Group offers paid Python, PHP and other training classes http://www.seidengroup.com
- Learn Python Full Course for Beginners [Tutorial]
 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rfscVS0vtbw
- Freecodecamp
 https://www.freecodecamp.org/news/search/?query=python
- Google
 https://www.google.com/search?q=python+free+training



Next Steps



- Install QShell on i Library
 https://github.com/richardschoen/Qshoni
- Start using it to call: python, bash, node, php and other scripts
- Try example Python scripts and IBM i RPG Samples <u>https://github.com/richardschoen/RpgOpenSource</u>
- Give me feedback or examples of how you are using this richard@richardschoen.net