



# zNextGen Project 5 Year Anniversary Celebration!

**SHARE Boston 2010** 

zNextGen

## zNextGen Project Overview

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- zNextGen is the Next Generation of Mainframe Professionals
- Mission
  - To serve as the gateway for newcomers, to leverage the experience of mainframe veterans and to expedite our members' professional development in this crucial segment of the IT workforce
- As a growing community, provide several opportunities for members to network while at SHARE and throughout the year
- As an evolving project, network and communicate with other projects, to find mentors and develop sessions that will help members develop technical and professional skills

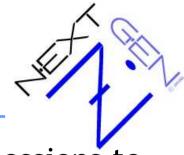


## zNextGen Project History

- Formed at SHARE in Boston in August 2005, through a small gathering at Dillon's
- First official SHARE as a Project: SHARE in Seattle, March 2006
- Baltimore 2006 marked the first zNextGen Certificate Track
- In Tampa and San Diego in 2007, we began building our own suite of sessions
- At SHARE in Orlando in 2008, we expanded our project to offer career-specific session tracks



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- In San Jose 2008, we greatly expanded our sessions to include presentations by our own zNG members
- By SHARE in Austin in 2009, we had found our niche in the wide-world of sessions and began offering our own technical sessions, presented by and geared for new mainframers
- Over the years, we have had many wonderful speakers and contributors to our sessions!

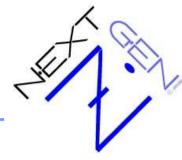


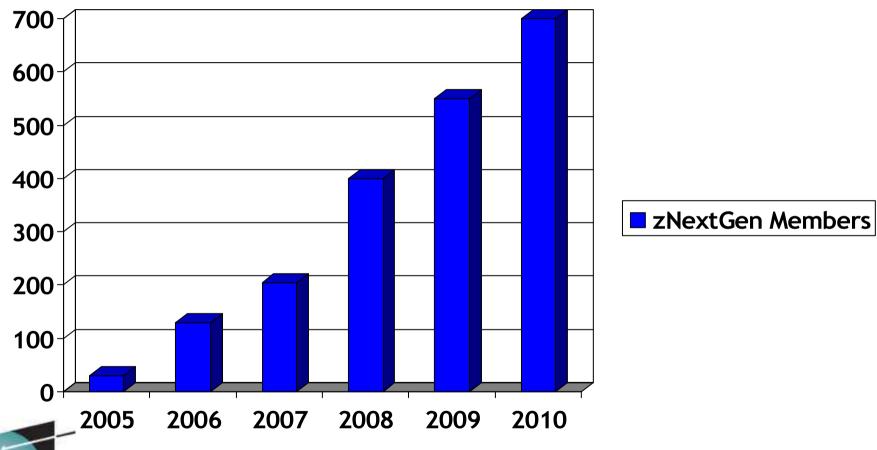
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- Over the years, we have worked closely with the MVS Program and with the SHARE Board to ensure new mainframers have a place and a presence at SHARE
- Collaboration with other projects has helped to breed new sessions aimed toward zNG members
- Communications forum and monthly calls have helped create a solid sense of community and networking within zNextGen
- Currently working with SHARE staff and the SHARE Board to help with online educational programs



## zNextGen Project Growth





## zNextGen Project Membership

We represent almost 200 enterprise IT companies and have members from all around the world, from over 24 different countries!

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India

South Africa

Indonesia

Spain

Ireland

Sweden

China

Israel

Mexico

Czech Republic

Italy

Romania

Denmark

Japan

Turkey

France

Kuwait

UK

Germany

Morocco

United States



Technology · Connections · Results

## zNextGen Project Past Team Members and Key Volunteers



- Bobie Chanthavong
- Glenn Cockwill
- Monique Conway
- Steve Conway
- Sandy Cureton
- Dave Danner
- Greg Daynes
- Micah D'Orazio
- Dr. Steve Guendert
  - Tom Harper



- Sam Knutson
- Chris Larson
- Kevin McKenzie
- Jim Michael
- Vaughn Page
- Kristin Petersen
- Brian Peterson
- Kathy Pfeiffer
- Lynette Pope
- Megan Price

Iris Rivera



- Bob Rogers
- Mary Beth Roman
- Marc Saracco
- Michael Stack
- Darren Surch
- Mike Todd
- Ken Tomiak
- Chris Westbrook
- Dave Whitney
- Tricia Wisnecki





## zNextGen Project Current Team

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#### Meet the zNextGen Team

- Kristine Harper, Project Manager
- Justin Bastin, Deputy Project Manager
- Reg Harbeck, Deputy Project Manager
- Deric Abel, Project Officer
- Vit Gottwald, Project Officer
- Linda Mooney, Project Officer
- Dustin Ratliff, Project Officer
- zNextGen mentors and volunteers!





## zNextGen Boston Highlights



Day	Time	Session	
Mon	6:00pm	Mastering System z – Entry Level Systems Programmer Certification	
Tue		The Fast and the Curious: Streamlining the Development of a New Mainframe Generation	
Tue	1:30pm	z/OS Basics: ABEND & RECOVERY – All You Need to Know to Write Your First ESTAE	
Tue	4:30pm	z/OS, z/OS UNIX & Linux Productivity Toolbag for Beginners	
Tue	6:00pm	The zNextGen Project 5 Year Anniversary Celebration!	
Tue	7:00pm	zNextGen Project Networking Event	
Wed	3:00pm	System z Hardware Peeled: z/OS Hardware From the Inside Out	
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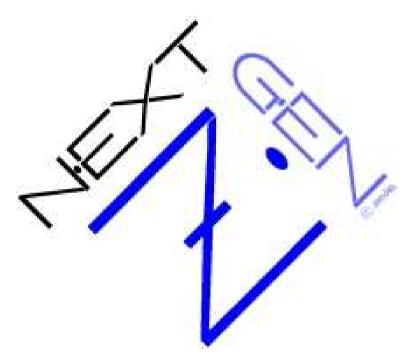


## zNextGen Project Opening Summary

- If you haven't already, sign-up to be a part of zNextGen!
- We are always looking for more volunteers
  - Sub-teams: leaders and members
- Be sure to check out Kristine's New Mainframers blog ©
  - http://www.neonesoft.com/blog/
- And check out Reg's blog too!
  - http://community.ca.com/blogs/execio







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