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				Db2 for z/OS Room "Infante"	Db2 for z/OS Room "Arrabida"	Db2 for LUW Room "Porto"	Db2 for LUW Room "D. Maria"	Themes I Room "D. Luis"	Themes II Room "Miragaia"
Sun, 27th Sep									
Workshops	09:00	- 13:00		A201(SESS-116) - Db2 z/OS Housekeeping Best Practices Toine Michielsel - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}{z/OS}	B201(SESS-96) - Hands-on Lab: zDBA - Infusing Db2 for z/OS with AI Jae Lee - {IBM}{IBM}{}{z/OS}	C201(SESS-228) - From Db2 First Responder to Emergency Technician - The problem determination master workshop Olaf Depper - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}		E201(SESS-200) - Building AI Applications with a Serverless Database Workshop Andrew Hilden - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	
Lunch	13:00	- 14:00		Lunch					
Hands-on Labs	14:00	- 18:00		A202(SESS-266) - Db2 for z/OS modernized: Visual Studio Code deep dive James Endler - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}{z/OS}	B202(SESS-55) - Next Chapter for Db2 for z/OS Administration and Development - Workshop Sueli Almeida - {IBM Silicon Valley Lab}{IBM}{}{z/OS}	C202(SESS-227) - Believe It. Try It. Master Db2 Pacemaker on Any Cloud in 4 Hours. Thomas Rech - {IBM Germany Research & Development GmbH}{IBM}{}{LUW}	D202(SESS-278) - IBM z Cyber Vault from a Db2 for z/OS Perspective Workshop Patric Becker - {Rocket Software}{Rocket Software}{}{z/OS}	E202(SESS-190) - SQL Correction Agent: Building a Self-Correcting AI Agent for Db2 Niraj Garudkar - {BMC Software}{BMC}{}{AI / ML}	
Mon, 28th Sep									
Opening & Keynote	08:45	- 10:00		AI Mythbusters and Db2 - Namik Hrle and Tracy Hutcheson (Broadcom)					
Coffee Break	10:00	- 10:20		Coffee Break					
Session 1	10:20	- 11:20		A1(SESS-104) - Spotlight: Db2 for z/OS Trends and Directions Haakon Roberts - {IBM}{IBM}{}{z/OS}		C1(SESS-213) - Db2 Spotlight Session / Latest News Satya Krishnaswamy - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}			
Break	11:20	- 11:30		Break					
Session 2	11:30	- 12:30		A2(SESS-232) - Hard Lessons Learned with High Performance DBATs for Db2 for z/OS John Campbell - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}{z/OS}	B2(SESS-32) - Assessing Your Db2 Security for z/OS Without Losing Your Mind (or Your Data) Jørn Thyssen - {Rocket Software}{Rocket Software}{}{z/OS}	C2(SESS-251) - Latest From the Lab David Kalmuk - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	D2(SESS-219) - Bridging Relational and Data Lake Architectures: Db2 Datalake Tables Olivier Bernin - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	E2(SESS-36) - Improved availability and modernization of legacy systems through the evolution of Universal Table Space (UTS) Haakon Roberts - {IBM}{IBM}{}{z/OS}	F2(SESS-85) - Experiences with CDC Qlik Replicate as Db2 DBA Michael Kühnel - {HUK-COBURG}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}
Expo Lunch	12:30	- 14:00		Expo Lunch					
Session 3	14:00	- 15:00		A3(SESS-139) - What's New in Db2 for z/OS Performance Akiko Hoshikawa - {IBM}{IBM}{}{z/OS}	B3(SESS-97) - My new besties: the Utilities tables Soledad Martínez - {Volkswagen Group Services}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}	C3(SESS-202) - Cloud Update: The latest on Db2 Fully Managed Services Venkatesh Gopal - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	D3(SESS-198) - Underrated ITC Tables in Db2 Aleksandr Veremev - {VereData}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}	E3(SESS-127) - Autonomous Auditing: High Score on Db2 Security Features Steen Rasmussen - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}{z/OS}	F3(SESS-189) - Connect, Visualise, Predict: Visualization Db2 Data on z/OS using Python libraries and Machine learning tools. Niraj Garudkar - {BMC Software}{BMC}{}{z/OS}
Coffee Break	15:00	- 15:20		Coffee Break					
Session 4	15:20	- 16:20		A4(SESS-124) - Supercharging Db2 with Generative AI: From Natural Language Queries to Autonomous Performance Optimization Chris Crone - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}{z/OS}	B4(SESS-59) - Z Data Integration Update Cuneyt Goksu - {IBM}{IBM}{}{Cross Platform}	C4(SESS-261) - Performance monitoring made simple Leo Pedron - {ASM Research, LLC}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}	D4(SESS-253) - What's New in V12.1 Security Greg Stager - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	E4(SESS-263) - Smarter Db2 REORGs : A Real-World User Story Shivam Pratap Singh - {Kyndryl CIC S.R.O., Brno}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}	F4(SESS-166) - Insights and experiences from GarantiBBVA's Fast Traverse Block index implementation in production Hakan Kabayel - {GarantiBBVA}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}
Break	16:20	- 16:30		Break					
Session 5	16:30	- 17:30		A5(SESS-148) - Starter's Guide to Db2 for z/OS Group Buffer Pool Monitoring and Tuning Bart Steegmans - {IBM}{IBM}{}{z/OS}	B5(SESS-250) - Beyond the Basics: Backup and Recovery for Resilient Db2 Environments Aysen Svoboda - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}{z/OS}	C5(SESS-172) - 400 TB of LOBs witin a single Table - Challenges during growth over 25 Years Norbert Menzel - {Volkswagen AG}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}	D5(SESS-181) - Db2 AI Query Rewrite Liam Finnie - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	E5(SESS-268) - Power-Up for Db2: A Guide to Modernizing Administration with Python and Ansible Norbert Munkel - {ITGAIN Consulting GmbH}{Vendor}{}{LUW}	F5(SESS-49) - When REORGs Go Wild: Managing Unexpected Partition Growth in DB2 PBG Tablespaces Zoe Andreopoulou - {Eurobank}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}
Expo	17:30	- 19:00		Expo					
Tue, 29th Sep									
Keynote	09:00	- 10:00		From Trusted Data to Trusted AI: Unlocking Enterprise Value with Db2 and IBM Data Integration - Priya Srinivasan and Haakon Roberts, IBM					
Coffee Break	10:00	- 10:20		Coffee Break					
Session 6	10:20	- 11:20		A6(SESS-118) - Strategic Efficiency: Maximizing Db2 Utilities Denis Tronin - {Broadcom Mainframe Software}{Broadcom}{}{z/OS}	B6(SESS-141) - From Complexity to Operational Intelligence: Modernizing Database Administration with AI on IBM Z Akiko Hoshikawa - {IBM}{IBM}{}{AI / ML}	C6(SESS-159) - Zero Downtime Dreams: A Newcomer's Guide to Db2 Resilience Damir Wilder - {Triton Consulting Ltd}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}	D6(SESS-254) - Permitting, masking and trusting, a deep dive into 3 new Db2 12.1 security features Greg Stager - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	E6(SESS-260) - High Availability Q-replication in a heterogeneous Db2 HA environment Sven Heidorn - {CSN}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}	F6(SESS-48) - Explain EXPLAIN Roland Schock - {tasdevil Consulting}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}
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Session 7	11:30	- 12:30		A7(SESS-161) - Db2 for z/OS Utilities Best Practices Haakon Roberts - {IBM}{IBM}{}{z/OS}	B7(SESS-47) - Revisiting Query Parallelism: Targeted Use of zIIP Processors for Db2 Queries Thomas Baumann - {Swiss Mobiliar}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}	C7(SESS-215) - Db2 AI Query Optimizer: Smarter Plans, Less Tuning Liam Finnie - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	D7(SESS-135) - Near zero downtime migration to Db2 12.1 Christiane Beyer - {Arvato Systems GmbH}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}	E7(SESS-270) - Why this query runs so slow? Step-by-step SQL troubleshooting with MON_GET interfaces and event monitors Kamil Kuduk - {IBM Poland}{IBM}{}{LUW}	F7(SESS-108) - The Anatomy of Universal Tablespaces Emil Kotrc - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}{z/OS}
Expo Lunch	12:30	- 14:00		Expo Lunch					
Session 8	14:00	- 15:00		A8(SESS-16) - BMC AMI Db2 Utilities - What's New Roberto Cason - {BMC Software}{BMC}{}{z/OS}	B8(SESS-117) - Get Cozy with WLM: Why Every Db2 DBA Needs to Understand Workload Management Denis Tronin - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}{z/OS}	C8(SESS-211) - Db2 Meets Generative AI: Agentic AI, Vector Search, and Beyond. Jillian Quiller - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	D8(SESS-137) - SQL in Action: One Statement to Rule Them All - MERGE and integrated SQL operations Michael Tiefenbacher - {mip GmbH}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}	E8(SESS-68) - "No pain - no gain - story of optimizing DELETE purge processing" Tereza Binarova - {kyndryl}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}	F8(SESS-7) - Ready Player One? Db2 vNext Migration (Made Easy) Roy Boxwell - {Software Engineering GmbH}{Vendor}{}{z/OS}
Coffee Break	15:00	- 15:20		Coffee Break					
PSP	15:20	- 16:20		Your GenAI Journey Takes CenterStage (Broadcom)	Runtime Insights: Turning Operational Data into Smarter Decisions (BMC)	Infusing Db2 with Agentic AI, Cloud Scale, and Quantum Resilience (IBM)			
Break	16:20	- 16:30		Break					
Session 9	16:30	- 17:30		A9(SESS-187) - Db2 zOS Utility Internals — and How to Get the Most Out of Them Preetham Kannan - {Rocket Software}{Rocket Software}{}{z/OS}	B9(SESS-46) - Buffer Pool tuning process with a reverse application analysis Pawel Hryb - {Ensono}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}	C9(SESS-184) - Mining db2mon Ken Shaffer - {Aerodata Inc.}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}	D9(SESS-193) - More SQL tricks with Db2 Andreas Weininger - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	E9(SESS-54) - Seamless SNA/VTAM migration (preconditioning for next version of Db2) Derek Tempongko - {IBM Silicon Valley Lab}{IBM}{}{z/OS}	F9(SESS-267) - Fun with SQL 2026 Brian Laube - {Manulife Financial}{User/Consultant}{}{Cross Platform}
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Wed, 30th Sep									
Keynote	09:00	-	10:00	Women in Technology (WIT): TEAMship – The Human Side of High Performance - Ann Wauters					
Coffee Break	10:00	-	10:20	Coffee Break					
Session 10	10:20	-	11:20	A10(SESS-243) - Linuxification of Db2 for z/OS - a journey from ISPF and JCL to Shell and Playbooks Marketa Muzikova - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}{z/OS}	B10(SESS-138) - Db2 13 latest real customer experiences - new functions, best practices and some more... Ute Kleyensteuber - {Commerzbank AG}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}	C10(SESS-53) - Experiences with the AI Query Optimiser Mark Gillis - {Triton Consulting}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}	D10(SESS-102) - Make you data comparable by VECTORizing Martin Heitkämper - {Arvato Systems GmbH}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}	E10(SESS-89) - “Stabilize your Dynamic SQL and don’t let it remain Unpredictable” Colin Oakhill - {Insoft Infotel Software GmbH}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}	F10(SESS-34) - AI Agents Meet Mainframe: Building MCP Servers on Replicated Db2 z/OS Data Mateo Tošić - {IBM}{IBM}{}{Cross Platform}
Break	11:20	-	11:30	Break					
Session 11	11:30	-	12:30	A11(SESS-120) - From Pay Slips to P1 Incidents: Db2 for z/OS in a Payroll Company Tim Vermeulen - {SD Worx}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}	B11(SESS-15) - Bringing Mainframe into the Future: OpenTelemetry for Db2 for z/OS Christoph Theisen - {Rocket Software}{Rocket Software}{}{z/OS}	C11(SESS-212) - Advanced Performance Diagnostics for SQL David Kalmuk - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	D11(SESS-210) - Db2 LUW’s Always On Architecture Marcin Marczewski - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	E11(SESS-6) - Exploring Db2 explain facility for the next Gen of Db2 DBAs and using AI to bridge the skills gap. Phill Baker - {BMC}{BMC}{}{z/OS}	F11(SESS-9) - SQL Oldies but Goodies and the Power of the SQL Rewrite Tony Andrews - {P&T Solutions, Inc.}{User/Consultant}{}{Cross Platform}
Expo Lunch	12:30	-	14:00	Expo Lunch					
Session 12	14:00	-	15:00	A12(SESS-177) - Db2 13 for z/OS – DDF Connection Security controls Gayathiri Chandran - {IBM}{IBM}{}{z/OS}	B12(SESS-52) - Db2 critical events monitoring Roberto Cason - {BMC Software}{BMC}{}{z/OS}	C12(SESS-207) - DB2 Backup and Recovery - back to the basics Dale McInnis - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	D12(SESS-194) - Meta-Programming the Migration: Automating Zero-Disk Loads from Oracle RDS to Db2 OpenShift via Federation and Python Robert Proffitt - {DBA Topgun}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}	E12(SESS-239) - SQL Injection on SterAids: Is Your Db2 Ready for AI-Assisted Attackers? Petr Plavjanik - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}{Cross Platform}	F12(SESS-136) - Hidden in Plain Sight: Unlocking Db2 for z/OS Recovery Capabilities at NatWest Dhiren Chaudhary - {NatWest Group}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}
Coffee Break	15:00	-	15:20	Coffee Break					
PSP	15:20	-	16:20	Z Data and Application integration for Analytics and AI (IBM)	I Know Why I’m Seeing Red: Db2 Performance Dashboards (Broadcom)	Smart Db2 Administration (z/LUW) (IBM)	Your AI Is Only as Good as the Intelligence Behind It (BMC)		
Break	16:20	-	16:30	Break					
Session 13	16:30	-	17:30	expert panel z/OS	B13(SESS-71) - Introduction to SQL-PL Les King - {Les King Learning, Seneca College}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}	C13(SESS-271) - A brief history of a query: from the PreparedStatement to the ResultSet - how queries gets executed in Db2 database? Kamil Kuduk - {IBM Poland}{IBM}{}{LUW}	D13(SESS-145) - Db2 LUW Table Partition Management David Lynch - {Mastercard}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}	E13(SESS-179) - Efficient Scans on Columnar Tables Andreas Weininger - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	F13(SESS-206) - Do you think you know pureScale? Come test your knowledge Christian Garcia-Arellano - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}
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Session 14	17:40	-	18:40	A14(SESS-44) - DDF Best Practice Derek Tempongko - {IBM Silicon Valley Lab}{IBM}{}{z/OS}	B14(SESS-107) - The Db2z Game: From 90% to "The 1% Club" Julia Carter - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}{z/OS}	expert panel LUW	D14(SESS-91) - Db2 for z/OS Tuning Techniques: Practical Strategies for Maximum Performance Devanand Karunakaran - {BMC}{BMC}{}{z/OS}	E14(SESS-174) - Detect, analyze and reduce IX Splits using RTS History. Laurent Kuperberg - {SQLK}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}	F14(SESS-92) - Beyond COPY: Modern Recovery Strategies in Db2 for z/OS—Balancing Speed, Resilience, and Automation Martin Crippa - {Nexi Payments}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}
Thu, 01th Oct									
Session 15	09:00	-	10:00	A15(SESS-8) - JC Greatest Hits, War Stories and Best Practice 2026 John Campbell - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}{z/OS}	B15(SESS-57) - Db2 Analytics Accelerator: V8, Migration experiences, future and customer updates Cuneyt Goksu - {IBM}{IBM}{}{z/OS}	C15(SESS-226) - A Modern Approach to Db2 Backup & Recovery: Snapshot Technology with Cloud Integration Thomas Rech - {IBM Germany Research & Development GmbH}{IBM}{}{LUW}	D15(SESS-163) - Db2 Upgrade Lessons the Manuals Don’t Teach You Damir Wilder - {Triton Consulting Ltd}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}	E15(SESS-201) - Vibe Coding with a Serverless Database Jillian Quiller - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	F15(SESS-165) - Db2 Load – Strategies to speed up loading very large tables Rob Gould - {Triton Consulting Ltd}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}
Coffee Break	10:00	-	10:20	Coffee Break					
Session 16	10:20	-	11:20	A16(SESS-257) - Get ready for Db2 version 13+1 Martin Ålund - {Handelsbanken}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}	B16(SESS-81) - From Lilliput to Brobdingnag. Compression flavors in Db2 for z/OS Ivan Losada - {BMC Software}{BMC}{}{z/OS}	C16(SESS-220) - Fine-Tuning Db2 Datalake Tables Performance Olivier Bernin - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	D16(SESS-12) - Db2 as Containerized Deployment Venkatesh Gopal - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	E16(SESS-157) - Getting Started with OpenTelemetry for Db2: Metrics, Traces, and What They Really Mean Rabah Beggar - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}{z/OS}	F16(SESS-14) - Db2 Connect – New Challenges and New Opportunities Christoph Theisen - {Rocket Software}{Rocket Software}{}{z/OS}
Break	11:20	-	11:30	Break					
Session 17	11:30	-	12:30	A17(SESS-149) - DB2 for z/OS Workfile Deep Dive - How to Survive and Thrive Adrian Collett - {Expertise4IT}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}	B17(SESS-60) - Leave the dark side – Turn on the lights in Db2 performance management Gerald Pfeiffer - {SVA GmbH}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}	C17(SESS-205) - Accelerating AI Workloads in Db2 v12.1.5.0: Introducing High-Performance Vector Indexes Dale McInnis - {IBM}{IBM}{}{AppDev}	D17(SESS-191) - Using Db2 for more than just relational data Andreas Weininger - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	E17(SESS-175) - Db2 13 for z/OS – Security updates Gayathiri Chandran - {IBM}{IBM}{}{z/OS}	F17(SESS-128) - Architecting the Perfect Restore: Mastering Db2 Copies, and Compliance Ahmed Hamed - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}{z/OS}
Break	12:30	-	12:40	Break					
Keynote & Closing	12:40	-	13:45	Computer and data ethics - what it is and why it matters to data professionals - Dr. Henrik Loeser, IBM					
Break	13:45	-	14:30	Break					
Workshops	14:30	-	18:30	A203(SESS-2) - From Problem SQL to Proven Gains: Tuning Performance on Db2 for z/OS Carlos Davis - {Rocket Software}{Rocket Software}{}{z/OS}	B203(SESS-95) - Hands-on Lab: Performing AI Queries with SQL Data Insights Pro Jae Lee - {IBM}{IBM}{}{z/OS}	C203(SESS-204) - Amazon RDS for Db2 Workshop Hafsa Ali - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}			