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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 Michielse - {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 Thomas Rech - {IBM Germany Research & Development GmbH}{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 Derek Tempongko - {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 Martinez - {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}	
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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	I Know Why I’m Seeing Red: Db2 Performance Dashboards (Broadcom)	Runtime Insights: Turning Operational Data into Smarter Decisions (BMC)	Infusing Db2 with Agentic AI, Cloud Scale, and Quantum Resilience (IBM)	Accelerating Mainframe Understanding and Modernization with AI Agents from Infotel	Psp	Psp	
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 Dale McInnis - {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}
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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)	Your GenAI Journey Takes CenterStage (Broadcom)	Smart Db2 Administration (z/LUW) (IBM)	Your AI Is Only as Good as the Intelligence Behind It (BMC)	Psp	Psp
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 Dale McInnis - {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 David Kalmuk - {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 Tom Crocker - {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 Bryan Tang - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}			