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			Db2 for z/OS Room A	Db2 for z/OS Room B	Db2 for LUW Room C	Db2 for LUW Room D	Themes I Room E	Themes II Room F	
Sun, 27th Sep									
Workshops	09:00	-	13:00	A201(SESS-116) - Db2 z/OS Housekeeping Best Practices Toine Michiels - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}z/OS	B201(SESS-96) - Hands-on Lab: Project Aura - 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	D201(SESS-17) - Db2&You – Getting to, and using, Db2 13 for z/OS Paul Bartak - {Rocket Software}{Rocket Software}{}z/OS	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-17) - Db2&You – Getting to, and using, Db2 13 for z/OS - Second Part Paul Bartak - {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	Keynote					
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 David Kalmuk - {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 Mike Springgay - {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) Frances Villafuerte - {IBM}{IBM}{}z/OS	F2(SESS-85) - Experiences with CDC Qlik Replicate as Db2 DBA Michael Kühnel - {HUK-COBURG}{User/Consultant}{}LUW
Lunch	12:30	-	14:00	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 Ayşenur Başoğlu - {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 Calisto Zuzarte - {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	Keynote					
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-259) - Scripting Db2 for z/OS Philip Nelson - {Lloyds Banking Group / ScotDB Limited}{User/Consultant}{}z/OS
Break	11:20	-	11:30	Break					
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 Mobilair}{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 Michael Cotignola - {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. Mike Springgay - {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	Psp	Psp	Psp	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	Keynote					
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-207) - DB2 Backup and Recovery - back to the basics Dale McInnis - {IBM}{IBM}{}LUW	D11(SESS-144) - Data Lake Architecture for Scale: Patterns, Pitfalls, and Best Practices based on BaFin's first data lake Olaf Stephan - {Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht Federal Financial Supervisory Authority BaFin}{User/Consultant}{}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-212) - Advanced Performance Diagnostics for SQL David Kalmuk - {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	Psp	Psp	Psp	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 Christian Garcia-Arellano - {IBM}{IBM}{}LUW
Break	17:30 - 17:40	Break					
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-158) - Handling "Binary Large Objects" of DB2 in a new matter Egmund Boucsein - {Finanz Informatik}{User/Consultant}{}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 Andrew Hilden - {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 Ramon Menendez - {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 Vijaya Katikireddy - {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 Christian Garcia-Arellano - {IBM}{IBM}{}AppDev	D17(SESS-223) - Secure your data across the Db2 & Enterprise Stack Pirabu Pathmasenan - {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					
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			