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Monday, 26th October 2026					z/OS LUW					
Opening & Keynote	8:45	-	10:00	75						
Coffee Break	10:00	-	10:20	20	Coffee Break					
Session 1	10:20	-	11:20	60	A1(SESS-52) - Spotlight: Db2 for z/OS Trends and Directions Haakon Roberts - {IBM}{z/OS}{IBM}	B1(SESS-235) - Db2 LUW Spotlight Session Satya Krishaswamy - {IBM}{LUW}{IBM}	C1(SESS-29) - Growing the Next Generation of Db2 Professionals: Frameworks for the Future Mark Bylok - {IBM}{z/OS}{IBM}			
Break	11:20	-	11:30	10	Break					
Session 2	11:30	-	12:30	60	A2(SESS-139) - What’s New in Db2 for z/OS Performance Akiko Hoshikawa - {IBM}{z/OS}{IBM}	B2(SESS-197) - Db2 LUW - Latests from the Lab Mike Springgay - {IBM}{LUW}{IBM}	C2(SESS-11) - A 50 Cent tour of DB2 Mark McNary - {umb bank n.a.uu}{z/OS}{User/Consultant}	D2(SESS-51) - Db2 Practically Speaking: 40 Years in the Trenches Craig Mullins - {Mullins Consulting, Inc.}{z/OS}{User/Consultant}	E2(SESS-190) - [TXC] Conversations with IBM Bob On Database Modernisation Philip Nelson - {Lloyds Banking Group / ScotDB Limited}{Cross Platform}{User/Consultant}	F2(SESS-24) - Introduction to SQL-PL Les King - {Les King Learning, Seneca College}{LUW}{User/Consultant}
Lunch	12:30	-	14:00	90	Lunch Break					
Session 3	14:00	-	15:00	60	A3(SESS-127) - Db2 for z/OS Utilities - What's New? Haakon Roberts - {IBM}{z/OS}{IBM}	B3(SESS-241) - Db2 LUW V12: New Security Features and Changes Greg Stager - {IBM}{LUW}{IBM}	C3(SESS-136) - Challenges for the Successful Db2 13 Lock Structure Async Duplex Implementation at Itaú Unibanco Paulo Rogerio Petrachini - {Banco Itaú Unibanco S.A.}{z/OS}{User/Consultant}	D3(SESS-236) - SQL for the 21st Century David Simpson - {Huntington Bank}{Cross Platform}{User/Consultant}	E3(SESS-204) - [TXC] Amazon RDS for Db2 Service Deep Dive: Architecture, Operations, and Best Practices Javeed Mohammed - {Amazon Web Services}{LUW}{User/Consultant}	F3(SESS-121) - Debugging SQL PL - Without a Debugger Chris Crone - {Broadcom}{z/OS}{Broadcom}
Coffee Break	15:00	-	15:20	20	Coffee Break					
Session 4	15:20	-	16:20	60	A4(SESS-59) - JC Greatest Hits, War Stories and Best Practice 2026 John Campbell - {Broadcom}{z/OS}{Broadcom}	B4(SESS-240) - Accelerating AI Workloads in Db2 v12.1.5.0: Introducing High-Performance Vector Indexes Christian Garcia-Arellano - {IBM}{LUW}{IBM}	C4(SESS-56) - Enabling Mainframe Data for Next-Gen Innovation Jim Wankowski - {Rocket Software}{z/OS}{Rocket Software}	D4(SESS-194) - [TXC] DB2 Cloud for All: Scalable Learning in Developing Nations Jeremias Esperanza - {New Era University}{LUW}{User/Consultant}	E4(SESS-129) - Accelerating AI Adoption on Db2 with Industry Starter Kits Jae Lee - {IBM}{z/OS}{IBM}	F4(SESS-184) - SQL Oldies but Goodies and the Power of the SQL Rewrite Tony Andrews - {P&T Solutions, Inc.}{Cross Platform}{User/Consultant}
Break	16:20	-	16:30	10	Break					
Session 5	16:30	-	17:30	60	A5(SESS-9) - Ready Player One? Db2 vNext Migration (Made Easy) Roy Boxwell - {Software Engineering GmbH}{z/OS}{Vendor}	B5(SESS-249) - Introducing Db2 Serverless - the database service for the AI Era Andrew Hilden - {IBM}{LUW}{IBM}	C5(SESS-178) - Common made performance mistakes, when coding SQL Kurt Struyf - {lone-star}{AppDev}{User/Consultant}	D5(SESS-133) - DBA 2.0 - Making Change the DBA's Advantage Marcus Davage - {BMC}{z/OS}{BMC Software Ltd}	E5(SESS-244) - Db2 is Your AI Platform: Five Proven AI Use Cases to Build Right Now Shaikh Quader - {IBM}{LUW}{IBM}	F5(SESS-44) - You should concentrate (your literals) - Dynamic SQL performance tips Shay Miller - {MATAF}{z/OS}{User/Consultant}
Expo	17:30	-	19:00	90	Solution Center Opening					
Tuesday, 27th October 2026										
Keynote	9:00	-	10:00	60						
Coffee Break	10:00	-	10:20	20	Coffee Break					
Session 6	10:20	-	11:20	60	A6(SESS-15) - Z Data Integration Update Cuneyt Goksu - {IBM}{Cross Platform}{IBM}	B6(SESS-239) - Db2 SQL Extensions: AI Models, Vectors, Lakehouse and more Mike Springgay - {IBM}{LUW}{IBM}	C6(SESS-174) - Mining db2mon Ken Shaffer - {Aerodata, Inc.}{LUW}{User/Consultant}	D6(SESS-80) - Db2 z/OS Index Strategy: Architecture, Usage, and Recovery Ahmed Hamed - {Broadcom}{z/OS}{Broadcom}	E6(SESS-156) - Is It the End of DBAs for Db2 for z/OS? Chad Reiber - {BMC}{z/OS}{BMC }	F6(SESS-3) - Modern React Backend Testing: Replacing Fragile Mocks with SQLite for Db2-Backed APIs David Morris - {Leidos}{AppDev}{User/Consultant}
Break	11:20	-	11:30	10	Break					
Session 7	11:30	-	12:30	60	A7(SESS-181) - Real-word value: Db2 for z/OS Customer Experiences Anthony Ciabattoni - {IBM}{z/OS}{IBM}	B7(SESS-195) - Db2 LUW Back to Basics - Backup and recovery Dale McInnis - {IBM}{LUW}{IBM}	C7(SESS-134) - The Breach You Didn't See Coming: Why DAM is Your Early Warning System Tim Tait - {Pellera Technologies}{Cross Platform}{User/Consultant}	D7(SESS-125) - Why UTS Conversion Can't Wait Anymore Rahul Bajaj - {Broadcom}{z/OS}{Broadcom}	E7(SESS-32) - Modernizing Db2 HADR Automation: Migrating from TSA to Pacemaker with Ansible DevOps Mohan Saraswatipura - {DBA Automation}{LUW}{User/Consultant}	F7(SESS-18) - Bob meets Db2 for z/OS Paul Bartak - {Rocket Software}{z/OS}{Rocket Software}
Expo Lunch	12:30	-	14:00	90	Lunch Break					
Session 8	14:00	-	15:00	60	A8(SESS-41) - Db2 for z/OS Modernization Update & Strategy Sueli Almeida - {IBM}{z/OS}{IBM Silicon Valley Lab}	B8(SESS-237) - Advanced Performance Diagnostics for SQL David Kalmuk - {IBM}{LUW}{IBM}	C8(SESS-254) - Db2 as Containerized Deployment Mohammed Rahman - {IBM}{LUW}{IBM}	D8(SESS-31) - Making Better Connections - A Db2 Client Primer Philip Nelson - {Lloyds Banking Group / ScotDB Limited}{Cross Platform}{User/Consultant}	E8(SESS-37) - Real-World Db2 Performance Insights: Native ISPF Panels and SQL on z/OS Steven Loesch - {Navy Federal Credit Union }{z/OS}{User/Consultant}	F8(SESS-88) - The Db2 Fantastic Four: How Optimization, Performance, Cost, and AI Come Together in the Modern Database Experience Chris Crone, Jyotsna Chatradhi - {Broadcom}{Cross Platform}{Broadcom}
Coffee Break	15:00	-	15:20	20	Coffee Break					
PSP	15:20	-	16:20	60						
Break	16:20	-	16:30	10	Break					
Session 9	16:30	-	17:30	60	A9(SESS-152) - DB2 z/OS ZPARMs: Overview, Best Practices, and Recommendations Michal Bialecki - {Broadcom}{z/OS}{Broadcom}	B9(SESS-199) - [TXC] Db2: Explain EXPLAIN Roland Schock - {tasdevil Consulting}{LUW}{User/Consultant}	C9(SESS-226) - All you need to know about Pacemaker and Db2 HADR for any Cloud Deployment Thomas Rech - {IBM}{LUW}{User/Consultant}	D9(SESS-62) - Db2 DDF and DBATs and Connections re-explained from a user perspective Brian Laube - {Manulife Financial}{z/OS}{User/Consultant}	E9(SESS-28) - Basic Automation, Or, How To Make The Database Do Your Job For You Mark McNary - {umb bank n.a.uu}{z/OS}{User/Consultant}	F9(SESS-166) - Data curation as strategic advantage Anne Hoelscher - {BMC }{z/OS}{BMC }
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Wednesday, 28th October 2026										
Keynote	9:00	-	10:00	60						
Coffee Break	10:00	-	10:20	20	Coffee Break					
Session 10	10:20	-	11:20	60	A10(SESS-22) - Revisiting Parallelism: Targeted Use of zIIP Processors for Db2 Queries Thomas Baumann - {Swiss Mobiliar}{z/OS}{User/Consultant}	B10(SESS-58) - Hard Lessons Learned with High Performance DBATs for Db2 for z/OS John Campbell - {Broadcom}{z/OS}{Broadcom}	C10(SESS-33) - “Stabilize your Dynamic SQL and don’t let it remain Unpredictable” Colin Oakhill - {Insoft Infotel Software GmbH}{z/OS}{Vendor}	D10(SESS-255) - Optimizing Db2 BLU Performance: Defragmentation, Data Clustering, and Reduced Logging at Scale Ron Liu, Ron Liu - {IBM}{LUW}{IBM}	E10(SESS-243) - Permitting, masking and trusting, a deep dive into 3 new Db2 12.1 security features Greg Stager - {IBM}{LUW}{IBM}	F10(SESS-40) - AI as a partner for the Db2 Professional Claire Connor - {Geniez AI}{AI / ML}{User/Consultant}
Break	11:20	-	11:30	10	Break					
Session 11	11:30	-	12:30	60	A11(SESS-165) - RTS-/Utility History and preparations for Vnext Ute Kleyensteuber - {Commerzbank AG}{z/OS}{User/Consultant}	B11(SESS-159) - Let Me Make This as Clear as Robert: Explaining Often-Misunderstood Db2 for z/OS Buffer Pool & Group Buffer Pool Concepts Anna McKee, Mark Rader - {IBM}{z/OS}{IBM}		D11(SESS-21) - BMC Db2 High Speed Utilities - What's new !! Michael Cotignola - {BMC}{z/OS}{BMC }	E11(SESS-73) - Navigating Digital Certificates: Unlocking a Seamless Experience Denis Tronin, Jan Prihoda - {Broadcom}{z/OS}{Broadcom}	F11(SESS-86) - A day in the life of an MFA-enabled Db2 for z/OS DBA Jørn Thyssen - {Rocket Software}{z/OS}{Rocket Software}
Expo Lunch	12:30	-	14:00	90	Lunch Break					
Session 12	14:00	-	15:00	60	A12(SESS-141) - From Complexity to Operational Intelligence: Modernizing Database Administration with AI on IBM Z Akiko Hoshikawa - {IBM}{AI / ML}{IBM}	B12(SESS-49) - Supercharge Your Db2 Databases: Moving to Amazon RDS and Integrating AWS AI/ML Andrew Hilden, Javeed Mohammed - {Amazon Web Services}{LUW}{User/Consultant}	C12(SESS-206) - Efficiently Finding and Fixing High Resource Consuming SQL Sheryl Larsen - {Sheryl M Larsen LLC}{z/OS}{User/Consultant}	D12(SESS-151) - Db2 13 GA to 507 - My 5 favourite things Tom Crocker - {Rocket Software}{z/OS}{Rocket Software}	E12(SESS-71) - Autonomous Auditing of Native Db2 Security Features Steen Rasmussen - {Broadcom}{z/OS}{Broadcom}	F12(SESS-142) - Cost Optimization Strategies for Db2 in Public Cloud Mohan Saraswatipura - {DBA Automation}{LUW}{User/Consultant}
Coffee Break	15:00	-	15:20	20	Coffee Break					
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Break	16:20	-	16:30	10	Break					
Session 13	16:30	-	17:30	60	A13(SESS-214) - Your AI Toolbox in Db2: Picking the Right Model When Everyone's Telling You to Use an LLM Shaikh Quader - {IBM}{LUW}{IBM}	B13(SESS-23) - Wrapping up Db2 11.5 Les King - {Les King Learning, Seneca College}{LUW}{User/Consultant}		D13(SESS-66) - Beyond the Comfort Zone: Managing, Tuning, and Cross-Platform Migration of Highly Active, Mission Critical Db2 Environments Nemi Agrawal - {Anvaya Minds Inc}{LUW}{User/Consultant}	E13(SESS-247) - Db2 HADR Performance Tuning Dale McInnis - {IBM}{LUW}{IBM}	F13(SESS-183) - Under the Hood: A DB2 Survivor’s Logbook (2026) Kevin Hong - {Global Payments}{LUW}{User/Consultant}
Thursday, 29th October 2026										
Session 14	9:00	-	10:00	60	A14(SESS-154) - Why Fast Db2 for z/OS Copies Get Harder: The Impact of Newer Features on Copy Speed Kai Stroh - {UBS Hainer GmbH}{z/OS}{Vendor}	B14(SESS-26) - Db2 12.1: Ready for the Deployments and Workloads of the Future Les King - {Les King Learning, Seneca College}{LUW}{User/Consultant}	C14(SESS-74) - Supercharging DB2 with Generative AI: From Natural Language Queries to Autonomous Performance Optimization Brett Morris, Chris Crone, Chris Crone - {Broadcom}{z/OS}{Broadcom}	D14(SESS-82) - Agentic Data Operations: Autonomy Over Automation Marcus Davage - {BMC}{AI / ML}{BMC }	E14(SESS-72) - Real-Time Mainframe Data Streaming with Kafka and Debezium Cüneyt Göksu, Mateo Tošić - {IBM}{z/OS}{IBM}	F14(SESS-201) - [TXC] No-Outage Db2 Version Upgrade kedar shetye - {Norfolk Southern}{LUW}{User/Consultant}
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Session 15	10:20	-	11:20	60	A15(SESS-43) - Db2 for z/OS Config-as-Code: Automated Subsystem Configuration Discovery and Provisioning Shirley Xiao, Sueli Almeida - {IBM}{z/OS}{IBM Silicon Valley Lab}	B15(SESS-259) - Db2 - The Developer in focus! Vijaya Katikireddy - {IBM}{LUW}{IBM}	C15(SESS-83) - Db2 TLS Encryption: Client Certificates in Focus Christoph Theisen - {Rocket Software}{z/OS}{Rocket Software}	D15(SESS-63) - Db2 Z and the CIA Brian Laube - {Manulife Financial}{z/OS}{User/Consultant}	E15(SESS-153) - Db2 13 for z/OS Recently Delivered SQL and Application Management Enhancements Lethika Panicker, Tammie Dang - {IBM}{z/OS}{IBM}	F15(SESS-7) - Screening in a Virtualized Production Environment Ulf Heinrich - {SEGUS Inc}{z/OS}{Vendor}
Break	11:20	-	11:30	10	Break					
Session 16	11:30	-	12:30	60	A16(SESS-270) - Wowe Zowe...APIs not Ais Chris Muncan - {Sun Life}{z/OS}{User/Consultant}	B16(SESS-42) - Db2 for z/OS Applications now Empowered by OpenTelemetry Derek Tempongko, Sueli Almeida - {IBM}{z/OS}{IBM Silicon Valley Lab}	C16(SESS-155) - Mainframe Ransomware Resilience: Not only about Recovery Chad Reiber - {BMC}{z/OS}{BMC }	D16(SESS-182) - Agentic AI on the Mainframe: Autonomous Db2 Workflows Without Custom Infrastructure Sridhar Pratik Shanmugam - {Broadcom}{AI / ML}{Broadcom}	E16(SESS-266) - A Modern Approach to Db2 Backup & Recovery: Snapshot Technology with Cloud Integration Thomas Rech - {IBM}{LUW}{IBM}	F16(SESS-135) - Accelerating DB2 Development with AI: A Live Demo of Bob's Comprehensive Workflow Automation Harmeet Singh - {IBM}{AI / ML}{IBM}
Break	12:30	-	12:40	10	Break					
Keynote & Closing	12:40	-	13:10	30						
Lunch for Preregistered Workshop	13:10	-	14:00	50	Break					
Workshops	14:00	-	15:30	90	a201(SESS-257) - Amazon RDS for Db2 Workshop Hafsa Ali - {IBM}{LUW}{IBM}	B201(SESS-260) - From Db2 First Responder to Emergency Technician - The problem determination master workshop Thomas Rech - {IBM}{LUW}{IBM}	C201(SESS-143) - Db2 for z/OS modernized: Visual Studio Code deep dive Jim Endler - {Broadcom}{z/OS}{Broadcom}	D201(SESS-245) - Hands-On Lab: Building AI Systems with Db2 Shaikh Quader - {IBM}{LUW}{IBM}	E201(SESS-271) - Performing AI-powered Queries on Db2 for z/OS Jae Lee - {IBM}{}	F201(SESS-163) - Optim High Performance Unload for Db2 for LUW: Accelerating Data Access and Modern Workloads Cintia Ogura - {IBM}{LUW}{IBM Corporation}
Break	15:30	-	15:45	15	Break					
Workshops	15:45	-	17:15	90	A202(SESS-145) - BYOD Hands-on Lab: Modernizing Database Administration with AI on IBM Z Artem Minin - {IBM}{z/OS}{IBM}	B202(SESS-261) - Understanding ADMIN_MOVE_TABLE: A Comprehensive Workshop on Best Practices and Pitfalls Thomas Rech - {IBM}{LUW}{IBM}	c202(SESS-176) - The Hidden Mistakes That Hurt Db2 for z/OS Query Performance Carlos Davis - {Rocket Software}{z/OS}{Rocket Software}	D202(SESS-50) - Db2 z/OS Housekeeping Best Practices Michal Bialecki - {Broadcom}{z/OS}{Broadcom}	E202(SESS-48) - Unlock the Power of Managed Data: The Amazon RDS for Db2 Immersion Day Hands-on Experience Javeed Mohammed - {Amazon Web Services}{LUW}{User/Consultant}	f202(SESS-177) - Bridging Structured and Unstructured Data: Hybrid AI Queries with Db2 Andreas Weininger - {IBM}{LUW}{IBM}