

NA 2026 Grid

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Mon, 26th Oct									
Opening & Keynote	08:45	-	10:00	AI Mythbusters and Db2, Presented by Broadcom John Campbell, Tracy Hutcheson, Namik Hrle, Broadcom					
Coffee Break	10:00	-	10:20	Coffee Break					
Session 1	10:20	-	11:20	A1(SESS-52) - Spotlight: Db2 for z/OS Trends and Directions Haakon Roberts - {IBM}{IBM}{}{z/OS}	B1(SESS-235) - Db2 LUW Spotlight Session Satya Krishnaswamy - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	C1(SESS-29) - Growing the Next Generation of Db2 Professionals: Frameworks for the Future Shelly Meierarend - {}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}			
Break	11:20	-	11:30	Break					
Session 2	11:30	-	12:30	A2(SESS-139) - What’s New in Db2 for z/OS Performance Akiko Hoshikawa - {IBM}{IBM}{}{z/OS}	B2(SESS-197) - Db2 LUW - Latest from the Lab David Kalmuk - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	C2(SESS-11) - A 50 Cent tour of DB2 Mark McNary - {umb bank n.a.uu}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}	D2(SESS-51) - Db2 Practically Speaking: 40 Years in the Trenches Craig Mullins - {Mullins Consulting, Inc.}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}		F2(SESS-24) - Introduction to SQL-PL Les King - {Les King Learning, Seneca College}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}
Lunch	12:30	-	14:00	Lunch					
Session 3	14:00	-	15:00	A3(SESS-127) - Db2 for z/OS Utilities - What's New? Haakon Roberts - {IBM}{IBM}{}{z/OS}	B3(SESS-241) - Db2 LUW V12: New Security Features and Changes Aniruddha Joshi - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	C3(SESS-136) - Challenges for the Successful Db2 13 Lock Structure Async Duplex Implementation at Itaú Unibanco Paulo Rogério Petrachini - {Banco Itaú Unibanco S.A.}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}	D3(SESS-236) - SQL for the 21st Century David Simpson - {Huntington Bank}{User/Consultant}{}{Cross Platform}	E3(SESS-204) - [TXC] Amazon RDS for Db2 Service Deep Dive: Architecture, Operations, and Best Practices Ashish Prasad - {}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}	F3(SESS-121) - Debugging SQL PL - Without a Debugger Chris Crone - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}{z/OS}
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Session 4	15:20	-	16:20	A4(SESS-59) - JC Greatest Hits, War Stories and Best Practice 2026 John Campbell - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}{z/OS}	B4(SESS-240) - Accelerating AI Workloads in Db2 v12.1.5.0: Introducing High Performance Vector Indexes David Kalmuk - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	C4(SESS-56) - Enabling Mainframe Data for Next-Gen Innovation Jim Wankowski - {Rocket Software}{Rocket Software}{}{z/OS}	D4(SESS-266) - A Modern Approach to Db2 Backup & Recovery: Snapshot Technology with Cloud Integration Thomas Rech - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	E4(SESS-129) - Accelerating AI Adoption on Db2 with Industry Starter Kits Akiko Hoshikawa - {IBM}{IBM}{}{z/OS}	F4(SESS-184) - SQL Oldies but Goodies and the Power of the SQL Rewrite Tony Andrews - {P&T Solutions, Inc.}{User/Consultant}{}{Cross Platform}
Break	16:20	-	16:30	Break					
Session 5	16:30	-	17:30	A5(SESS-9) - Ready Player One? Db2 vNext Migration (Made Easy) Roy Boxwell - {Software Engineering GmbH}{Vendor}{}{z/OS}	B5(SESS-249) - Introducing Db2 Serverless - the database service for the AI Era Andrew Hilden - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	C5(SESS-178) - Common made performance mistakes, when coding SQL Kurt Struyf - {lone-star}{User/Consultant}{}{AppDev}	D5(SESS-133) - DBA 2.0 - Making Change the DBA's Advantage Marcus Davage - {BMC Software Ltd}{BMC}{}{z/OS}	E5(SESS-244) - Db2 is Your AI Platform: Five Proven AI Use Cases to Build Right Now Shaikh Quader - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	F5(SESS-44) - You should concentrate (your literals) - Dynamic SQL performance tips Shay Miller - {FIBI}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}
Expo	17:30	-	19:00	Expo					
Tue, 27th Oct									
Keynote	09:00	-	10:00	Hosted by IBM at TechXchange					
Coffee Break	10:00	-	10:20	Coffee Break					
Session 6	10:20	-	11:20	A6(SESS-15) - Z Data Integration Update Cuneyt Goksu - {IBM}{IBM}{}{Cross Platform}	B6(SESS-242) - Db2 12.1: Advances in Operational Resiliency for Mission-Critical Workloads Dale McInnis - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	C6(SESS-174) - Mining db2mon Ken Shaffer - {Aerodata, Inc.}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}	D6(SESS-80) - Db2 z/OS Index Strategy: Architecture, Usage, and Recovery Ahmed Hamed - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}{z/OS}	E6(SESS-156) - Is It the End of DBAs for Db2 for z/OS? Chad Reiber - {BMC Software}{BMC}{}{z/OS}	F6(SESS-3) - Modern React Backend Testing: Replacing Fragile Mocks with SQLite for Db2 Backed APIs David Morris - {Leidos}{User/Consultant}{}{AppDev}
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Session 7	11:30	-	12:30	A7(SESS-181) - Real-word value: Db2 for z/OS Customer Experiences Anthony Ciabattoni - {IBM}{IBM}{}{z/OS}	B7(SESS-246) - Db2 Always On Architecture Dale McInnis - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	C7(SESS-134) - The Breach You Didn't See Coming: Why DAM is Your Early Warning System Tim Tait - {Pellera Technologies}{User/Consultant}{}{Cross Platform}	D7(SESS-125) - Why UTS Conversion Can't Wait Anymore Rahul Bajaj - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}{z/OS}	E7(SESS-32) - Modernizing Db2 HADR Automation: Migrating from TSA to Pacemaker with Ansible DevOps Mohan Saraswatipura - {DBA Automation}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}	F7(SESS-18) - Bob meets Db2 for z/OS Paul Bartak - {Rocket Software}{Rocket Software}{}{z/OS}
Expo Lunch	12:30	-	14:00	Expo Lunch					
Session 8	14:00	-	15:00	A8(SESS-41) - Db2 for z/OS Modernization Update & Strategy Sueli Almeida - {IBM Silicon Valley Lab}{IBM}{}{z/OS}	B8(SESS-128) - From Software Engineer to AI Architect: The Blueprint I Wish I Had Shaikh Quader - {IBM}{IBM}{}{Cross Platform}	C8(SESS-226) - All you need to know about Pacemaker and Db2 HADR for any Cloud Deployment Thomas Rech - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	D8(SESS-291) - Bringing Agentic AI to Db2: Introducing Genius CLI and Model Context Protocol (MCP) Krishna Guntuka - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	E8(SESS-37) - Real-World Db2 Performance Insights: Native ISPF Panels and SQL on z/OS Steven Loesch - {Navy Federal Credit Union}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}	F8(SESS-88) - The Db2 Fantastic Four: How Optimization, Performance, Cost, and AI Come Together in the Modern Database Experience Jyotsna Chatradhi - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}{Cross Platform}
Coffee Break	15:00	-	15:20	Coffee Break					
PSP	15:20	-	16:20	PSP1 I Know Why I’m Seeing Red: Db2 Performance Dashboards. Michal Bialecki, Kyle Weeks, Chris Muncan	PSP2 Z Data and Application integration for Analytics and AI. Catherine Wu, Cuneyt Goksu	PSP3 Your AI Is Only as Good as the Intelligence Behind It. Marcus Davage			
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Session 9	16:30	-	17:30	A9(SESS-152) - DB2 z/OS ZPARMs: Overview, Best Practices, and Recommendations Michal Bialecki - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}{z/OS}	B9(SESS-199) - [TXC] Db2: Explain EXPLAIN Roland Schock - {tasdevil Consulting}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}	C9(SESS-254) - Db2 as Containerized Deployment Aniruddha Joshi - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	D9(SESS-289) - Fun with SQL 2026 Brian Laube - {Manulife Financial}{User/Consultant}{}{Cross Platform}	E9(SESS-28) - Basic Automation, Or, How To Make The Database Do Your Job For You Mark McNary - {umb bank n.a.uu}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}	F9(SESS-166) - Data curation as strategic advantage Anne Hoelscher - {BMC}{BMC}{}{z/OS}
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Wed, 28th Oct									
Keynote	09:00	-	10:00	Women in Technology, Sponsored by Broadcom					
Coffee Break	10:00	-	10:20	Coffee Break					
Session 10	10:20	-	11:20	A10(SESS-22) - Revisiting Parallelism: Targeted Use of zIIP Processors for Db2 Queries Thomas Baumann - {Swiss Mobiliar}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}	B10(SESS-58) - Hard Lessons Learned with High Performance DBATs for Db2 for z/OS John Campbell - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}{z/OS}	C10(SESS-33) - “Stabilize your Dynamic SQL and don’t let it remain Unpredictable” Colin Oakhill - {Insoft Infotel Software GmbH}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}	D10(SESS-255) - Optimizing Db2 BLU Performance: Defragmentation, Data Clustering, and Reduced Logging at Scale Daniel Hancock - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	E10(SESS-243) - Permitting, masking and trusting, a deep dive into 3 new Db2 12.1 security features Aniruddha Joshi - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	F10(SESS-62) - Db2 DDF and DBATs and Connections re-explained from a user perspective Brian Laube - {Manulife Financial}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}
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Session 11	11:30	-	12:30	A11(SESS-165) - RTS-/Utility History and preparations for Vnext Ute Kleyensteuber - {Commerzbank AG}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}	Expert Panel LUW	C11(SESS-159) - Let Me Make This as Clear as Robert: Explaining Often-Misunderstood Db2 for z/OS Buffer Pool & Group Buffer Pool Concepts Mark Rader - {IBM}{IBM}{}{z/OS}	D11(SESS-21) - BMC Db2 High Speed Utilities - What's new !! Michael Cotignola - {BMC Software}{BMC}{}{z/OS}	E11(SESS-73) - Navigating Digital Certificates: Unlocking a Seamless Experience Jan Prihoda - {Broadcom Mainframe Software}{Broadcom}{}{z/OS}	F11(SESS-86) - A day in the life of an MFA-enabled Db2 for z/OS DBA Jørn Thyssen - {Rocket Software}{Rocket Software}{}{z/OS}
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Session 12	14:00	-	15:00	A12(SESS-141) - From complexity to operational intelligence : modernizing database administration with AI on IBMZ Akiko Hoshikawa - {IBM}{IBM}{}{AI / ML}	B12(SESS-49) - Supercharge Your Db2 Databases: Moving to Amazon RDS and Integrating AWS AI/ML Ashish Prasad - {}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}	C12(SESS-206) - Efficiently Finding and Fixing High Resource Consuming SQL Sheryl Larsen - {Sheryl M Larsen LLC}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}	D12(SESS-151) - Db2 13 GA to 507 - My 5 favourite things Tom Crocker - {Rocket Software}{Rocket Software}{}{z/OS}	E12(SESS-71) - Autonomous Auditing of Native Db2 Security Features Steen Rasmussen - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}{z/OS}	F12(SESS-142) - Cost Optimization Strategies for Db2 in Public Cloud Mohan Saraswatipura - {DBA Automation}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}
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PSP	15:20	-	16:20	PSP7 Your GenAI Journey Takes CenterStage. Tracy Hucheson, Denis Tronin, Kyle Weeks	PSP8 Smart Db2 Administration. Akiko Hoshikawa, David Kalmuk	PSP9 Infusing Db2 with Agentic AI, Cloud Scale, and Quantum Resilience. Aniruddha Joshi			
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Session 13	16:30	-	17:30	Expert Panel z/OS	B13(SESS-23) - Wrapping up Db2 11.5 Les King - {Les King Learning, Seneca College}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}	C13(SESS-214) - Your AI Toolbox in Db2: Picking the Right Model When Everyone's Telling You to Use an LLM Shaikh Quader - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	D13(SESS-66) - Beyond the Comfort Zone: Managing, Tuning & Cross-Platform Migration of Highly Active, Mission-Critical Db2 Environments Nemi Agrawal - {Anvaya Minds Inc}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}	E13(SESS-247) - Db2 HADR Performance Tuning Dale McInnis - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	F13(SESS-183) - Under the Hood: A DB2 Survivor’s Logbook (2026) Kevin Hong - {Global Payments}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}
Thu, 29th Oct									
Session 14	09:00	-	10:00	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}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}	B14(SESS-26) - Db2 12.1: Ready for the Deployments and Workloads of the Future Les King - {Les King Learning, Seneca College}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}	C14(SESS-74) - Supercharging Db2 with Generative AI: From Natural Language Queries to Autonomous Performance Optimization Chris Crone - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}{z/OS}	D14(SESS-82) - Agentic Data Operations: Autonomy Over Automation Marcus Davage - {BMC Software Ltd}{BMC}{}{AI / ML}	E14(SESS-72) - Real-Time Mainframe Data Streaming with Kafka and Debezium Cüneyt Göksu - {IBM}{IBM}{}{z/OS}	F14(SESS-201) - [TXC] No-Outage Db2 Version Upgrade Kedar Shetye - {Norfolk Southern}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}
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Session 15	10:20	-	11:20	A15(SESS-43) - Db2 for z/OS Config-as-Code: Automated Subsystem Configuration Discovery and Provisioning Sueli Almeida - {IBM Silicon Valley Lab}{IBM}{}{z/OS}	B15(SESS-195) - Db2 LUW Back to Basics - Backup and recovery Dale McInnis - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	C15(SESS-83) - Db2 TLS Encryption: Client Certificates in Focus Christoph Theisen - {Rocket Software}{Rocket Software}{}{z/OS}	D15(SESS-63) - Db2 Z and the CIA Brian Laube - {Manulife Financial}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}	E15(SESS-290) - AI-Powered Database Operations: Monitoring, Troubleshooting, and Optimization with Db2 Genius Hub Krishna Guntuka - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	F15(SESS-7) - Screening in a Virtualized Production Environment Ulf Heinrich - {SEGUS Inc}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}
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Session 16	11:30	-	12:30	A16(SESS-270) - Wowe Zowe...APIs not AIs Chris Muncan - {Sun Life}{User/Consultant}{}{z/OS}	B16(SESS-42) - Db2 for z/OS Applications now Empowered by OpenTelemetry Sueli Almeida - {IBM Silicon Valley Lab}{IBM}{}{z/OS}	C16(SESS-155) - Mainframe Ransomware Resilience: Not only about Recovery Chad Reiber - {BMC Software}{BMC}{}{z/OS}	D16(SESS-182) - Agentic AI on the Mainframe: Autonomous Db2 Workflows Without Custom Infrastructure Sridhar Pratik Shanmugam - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}{AI / ML}	E16(SESS-237) - Advanced Performance Diagnostics for SQL Krishna Guntuka - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	F16(SESS-239) - Db2 SQL Extensions: AI Models, Vectors, Lakehouse and more Daniel Hancock - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}
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Keynote & Closing	12:40	-	13:10	IDUG Closing Comments					
Lunch for Preregistered Workshop Attende 13:10 - 14:00									
Workshops	14:00	-	15:30	A201(SESS-257) - Amazon RDS for Db2 Workshop Rajib Sarkar - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	B201(SESS-260) - From Db2 First Responder to Emergency Technician - The problem determination master workshop Thomas Rech - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	C201(SESS-143) - Db2 for z/OS modernized: Visual Studio Code deep dive Toine Michiels - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}{z/OS}	D201(SESS-245) - Hands-On Lab: Building AI Systems with Db2 Shaikh Quader - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	E201(SESS-271) - Performing AI-powered SQL Queries on Db2 for z/OS Akiko Hoshikawa - {IBM}{IBM}{}{z/OS}	F201(SESS-163) - Optim High Performance Unload for Db2 for LUW: Accelerating Data Access and Modern Workloads Vincent Arrat - {Infotel}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}
Break	15:30	-	15:45	Break					
Workshops	15:45	-	17:15	A202(SESS-145) - BYOD Hands-on Lab: Modernizing Database Administration with AI on IBM Z Artem Minin - {IBM}{IBM}{}{z/OS}	B202(SESS-261) - Understanding ADMIN_MOVE_TABLE: A Comprehensive Workshop on Best Practices and Pitfalls Thomas Rech - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}	C202(SESS-176) - The Hidden Mistakes That Hurt Db2 for z/OS Query Performance Carlos Davis - {Rocket Software}{Rocket Software}{}{z/OS}	D202(SESS-50) - Db2 z/OS Housekeeping Best Practices Denis Tronin - {Broadcom}{Broadcom}{}{z/OS}	E202(SESS-48) - Unlock the Power of Managed Data: The Amazon RDS for Db2 Immersion Day Hands-on Experience Ashish Prasad - {}{User/Consultant}{}{LUW}	F202(SESS-177) - Bridging Structured and Unstructured Data: Hybrid AI Queries with Db2 Andreas Weininger - {IBM}{IBM}{}{LUW}