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A Letter from the President

Dear IDUG Membership

Have you heard the news about this year's [DB2 Technical Conference technical program](#) in Anaheim, California? The Keynote Speaker will be Jeff Jonas, IBM Distinguished Engineer!

The International DB2 User Group volunteers planning this spring's Technical Conference are working hard to provide you the ultimate DB2 event. From macro topics to technical tips, the IDUG DB2 Tech Conference Schedule features some of the biggest names in the industry!

Join us, May 2-6, 2011 in Anaheim, California to hear directly from IBM Distinguished Engineer Jeff Jonas, Roger Miller, Sheryl Larsen, Chris Eaton, Susan Lawson, Craig Mullins, Bonnie Baker, John Campbell, and many other DB2 experts and users.

Are you investigating, planning or working on a data warehousing project?

Here are a few of the data warehousing sessions on this year's [DB2 Technical conference schedule](#):

- Best Practices in Action –The IBM Smart Analytics System
- Work load Optimized Systems – Don't Run a Marathon in High Heels
- Capturing Outlaw Queries with WLM

- Managing the Flood – Data Ingest for Your Warehouse
- Current and Future Trends for Data Warehouse and Business Intelligence on IBM System Z

Of course, the technical conference schedule will also include the latest information on DB2 V10.

Don't miss this opportunity to get updated technical information and to meet experts in your field. If you register by March 18, you will receive a \$150 discount on the registration fee. You can find detailed information on this discount and others on [IDUG's Web site](#).

Remember that www.IDUG.org is your connection to in-depth DB2 technical information and the worldwide DB2 community.

With best regards,
Elizabeth Moore, IDUG President

IDUG Solutions Journal Content

On a quarterly basis, the IDUG *e-Bulletin* features installments of great technical content from the IDUG *Solutions Journal*, ensuring that the best content reaches you as soon as possible. Below is a sample of some of the content featured in the 2010 Winter edition:

- [Letter From the Executive Editor \(Philip Nelson\)](#)
- [DB2 for z/OS 10 Questions and Answers \(Roger Miller\)](#)

To access the entire 2010 Winter edition of the IDUG Solutions Journal online, [click here](#).

IDUG Events

IDUG North America 2011, May 2-6, 2011, Anaheim, California

Plan to join us [May 2-6, 2011 in Anaheim, California](#), for in-depth training presented for users, selected by users, Special Interest Group sessions, certification testing, and the opportunity to network with DB2 users and experts from around the globe.

The IDUG Tech Conference Planning Committee has organized sessions around areas of interest that align to the business and professional development needs of IT professionals. For example, below you will find sessions designed around Application Development:

- DB2 Top 25+ Tuning Tip for Developers (Part 1 and 2), *Tony Andrews, Themis Inc.*
- Sneak Peek at the Future of DB2 Application Development, *Leon Katsnelson, IBM Corporation*
- More Lessons Learned from SQL Performance Reviews, *Sheryl Larsen, Sheryl M. Larsen, Inc.*
- DB2 10 Application Topics – A Sneak Preview, *Suresh Sane, DST Systems, Inc.*
- The XMLTABLE Function – A Swiss Army Knife for Application Developers!, *Matthias Nicola, IBM Silicon Valley Lab*
- Things I Wish They Would Have Told Me Continues for Application Programming and Tuning, *Bonnie Baker, Bonnie Baker Corporation*
- pureQuery for Developers, *Valadimir Bacvanski, InferData*

To view all the sessions available at the IDUG DB2 Tech Conference, [visit the Online Conference](#)

[Schedule](#). [Register](#) by March 18 for IDUG and receive \$150 off your conference registration. After you register, make sure to [book your housing at the Anaheim Marriott hotel](#).

IDUG EMEA 2011, 14-18 November, Prague, Czech Republic

IDUG is excited to announce the availability of online registration for the [IDUG DB2 Tech Conference](#), 14-16 November in Prague, Czech Republic. [Visit the registration page](#) and view the cost-saving options like the early bird registration rate that will save you EUR 275. Online registration is easy and convenient, so what are you waiting for? [Register now!](#)

If you're a DB2 professional who would like to share your experience and knowledge with DB2 peers, we invite you to participate in the [Call for Presentations](#). The deadline to submit a presentation proposal is 14 March 2011.

When you present, you'll benefit from:

- FREE registration to the IDUG DB2 Tech Conference in Prague, Czech Republic
- Your presentation included in conference proceedings
- Professional development opportunities
- Building your network with like-minded peers

[Submit a presentation proposal today](#) to present in Prague! Please contact idug@idug.org with any questions.

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DB2 in Your Area

Are you a RUG Leader with an upcoming regional meeting that you would like to have highlighted in the IDUG e-Bulletin? Help make the [IDUG Calendar of Events](#) the resource for finding DB2 educational opportunities and add your upcoming regional meeting(s) and event(s) to our calendar.

- [Israel DB2 RUG On Performance](#): Monday, March 28, 2011 - 8:00 a.m.

DB2 Content on www.IDUG.org

By George Shomsky, American Education Services

It's February and the IDUG Tech Conference is just around the corner. I know everyone is getting ready to attend. This got me thinking about DPF and data partitioning - a topic that is starting to be of concern.

I thought content on IDUG's Web site might be of interest. Below are some of the topics I found in the [NA 2009 CD](#). The descriptions are excerpts from the presentation. [Visit the 2011 Conference Schedule](#) to see what this year's DB2 Tech Conference will offer!

Ins & Outs of DB2 Distributed Processing

William Arledge, *BMC Software*

Today I will be discussing distributed processing from inside DB2, looking primarily at Distributed Data Facility (DDF) processing and its impact on thread activity and DB2 resources, as well as the data provided by DB2 to monitor and analyze it. Although there are many other ways that distributed clients can access DB2, they are entering through other attach types, such as CICS, IMS, MQ and RRS. These are beyond the scope of this presentation, since they are subject to most of the same constraints and monitoring methods as other allied threads. Indoubt situations are also not addressed, since that again is a broad subject. I will begin by covering some of the basic terminology and attempt to clear up some of the confusing and contradictory usage that is still present in various documents – and also in the instrumentation data itself. The focus then turns to distributed thread processing modes, the available options and their impact on what you see in thread accounting and DB2 statistics or display output. Interweaved with this discussion is an overview of WLM and distributed enclaves and SRBs. Then we will look more closely at the instrumentation data available to you to monitor and tune your distributed workloads, focusing on what measures are most important – and why. This covers both DDF and DB2 considerations. At the end, we will wrap up the topic by reviewing what impact distributed workloads can have on critical system and DB2 resources.

Transition into Partitioned Databases & Tables - Cookbook for non-DPF DBA's

Nadir Doctor, *United Healthcare*

1. Smooth transition for non-DPF DBA's to work with partitioned databases and table
2. Emphasis is laid on key areas of design, performance tuning and backup & recovery
3. New features available with DB2 9.5 will be discussed
4. Working smartly with lots of data
5. Speedy analysis of voluminous data

DB2 Range Partitioning Design Considerations and Implementation Best Practices

Christopher Tsounis, *IBM Corporation*

1. Understanding Table (Range) Partitioning
2. Table Partitioning Implementation Considerations
3. Understanding Alter/Attach vs. Alter Add Considerations
4. Understanding Exploitation of DB2 LUW V9.7 Enhancements for Table Partitioning
5. Best Practices for Table Partitioning Attach/Detach

DB2 Resources

Stay in Touch with Your Community – Virtually

Start connecting with the DB2 community virtually by utilizing IDUG's social networking forums. IDUG has a presence on the following social forums:

- **[DB2-L](#)**: Check out DB2-L, the official Listserv and discussion forum of IDUG. Current subscribers can peruse the latest postings for tips and tricks from fellow DB2 users who might be facing the same obstacles as you. Not subscribed? Join today to engage in this real-time DB2 community. Signing up is easy and free! Instructions are available on our Web site.
- **[Facebook](#)**: Post items to our wall, share DB2-related articles and find the latest in IDUG-related

news. Simply log into Facebook and search for "International DB2 Users Group (IDUG)."

- **Twitter:** Follow IDUG with "IDUGDB2" tweets. Stay updated on major conference milestones, get sneak-peeks of upcoming communications and tune in to receive IDUG announcements!
- **LinkedIn:** Join the IDUG group and get connected with more than 1,400 DB2 professionals around the globe. You will also receive updates regarding IDUG's next conference in Anaheim, California and other DB2 educational opportunities. Search "IDUG: The World Wide DB2 User Community" to find us quickly.

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