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A Letter From the IDUG President

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This month IDUG is looking at a topic close to many of your hearts - DB2 for z/OS migration. As the DB2 for z/OS V8 EOS date approaches, it is a key driver to migrating to either DB2 9 or DB 10. It's always interesting to discuss with management which release is the best fit for your organization.

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2012 IDUG DB2 Tech Conferences



Explore IDUG's Upcoming Conferences and Register Today!

Denver, Colorado, May 14-18, 2012: View the [online session schedule](#) and explore the technical program including over 120 sessions, addressing a range of topics! Register for the [Complimentary DB2 10 for z/OS Migration Planning Workshop](#), taking place on Friday, May 18 for a deep-dive into the migration process. Maximize your education dollars with [Full-Day Seminars](#) and [complimentary IBM certification exams!](#) You can even get a sneak preview of [DB2 vNext for LUW](#). [Register](#) by April 6 to to save \$150 during the early bird registration period.

Sydney, Australia, September 12-14, 2012: Save the date for the IDUG DB2 Tech Conference in Sydney, Australia. If you are interested in sharing your knowledge with your peers at this event as a presenter, please contact auspeakers@idug.org.

Berlin, Germany, 4-9 November 2012: [Submit a presentation abstract](#) and share your knowledge with your peers at the IDUG DB2 Tech Conference in Berlin, Germany. Selected presentations will receive a complimentary conference registration! [Online registration](#) is available now, so make sure to take advantage of this opportunity and register today!

The Many Roads to DB2 10

As most of us are aware, the clock is ticking and the countdown to get off DB2 Version 8 is getting closer and closer. Many DB2 professionals are currently going through stressful migrations as they are struggling to meet the deadline of April 30, 2012.

As IDUG introduced their "[DB2 10 for z/OS Upgrade Experiences](#)," there

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Calendar of Events

[Webcast - DB2 Tech Talk - Plan and bind changes in DB2 10:](#)

March 1, 2012

[DB2 Italian User Group - Milan:](#)

March 13, 2012

[DB2 Italian User Group - Rome:](#)

March 14, 2012

[Webcast - DB2 Tech Talk \(repeat\) - Plan and bind changes in DB2 10:](#)

March 15, 2012

[DB2 Belgium User Group - DB2 10 Migrating Experiences:](#)

March 15, 2012

[Webcast - What's new from the](#)

was an interesting discussion about whether to do two migrations via DB2 9 to get to 10 or follow the skip migration path.

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April 30, 2012 is Coming Closer, Now What to Do?

Unless you believe the Mayan calendar to be right and you are still on DB2 8 for z/OS, the time to act is now. DB2 version 8 for z/OS end of support happens on April 30th 2012. So now is a good time to look at the past, present and future.

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Nominate a Volunteer

For a number of years, the IDUG Board of Directors has been acknowledging exemplary work by volunteers that stand out in our eyes. This year, we want to expand to address exemplary work by volunteers that stand out in **your** eyes.

If you have seen someone that has displayed exemplary work in their IDUG volunteer role, gone above and above what is required, represented the organization in a superior way and/or demonstrated a keen insight and action towards promoting IDUG, please take this opportunity to let us know.

You can simply email us at vmc@idug.org and let us know the name, the volunteer team on which your nomination performed their exemplary work and some specifics of why you are nominating them. The IDUG Board of Director's Volunteer Management Committee will take it from there.

Nominations are **due by March 30, 2012** so we can review the nominations in advance of the IDUG DB2 Tech Conference in Denver. Thank you, and as always, thank you for being part of the DB2 Community.

IBM Re-launches DB2 zHotline as DB2 for z/OS Exchange

IBM has re-launched the DB2 for z/OS Hotline due to customer demand!



If you have missed communications from DB2 Hotline, it is back as the DB2 for z/OS Exchange!

DB2 for z/OS Exchange is a DB2 Technical Newsletter for DBAs and Systems Programmers, providing technical content including critical APAR information (more than HIPER, less than Red Alert), "living" undocumented incompatible change list, critical issues seen in the field and ways to navigate, hints, tips, practical advice and much more.

The DB2 EXCHANGE page will be updated monthly and will provide RSS Feed from DeveloperWorks into IDUG. Over 200 people have already joined since the Exchange has been launched.

[Optimizer in IBM DB2 10 for z/OS?](#): March 20, 2012

March DB2 Technical Seminars from IBM:

[March 26: Nordea, Copenhagen](#)
[March 27: Jyske Finans, Silkeborg](#)
[March 28: Handelsbanken Vartavagen 73, 115 82 Stockholm](#)
[March 29: DNB ASA ovre Slottsgate 3, 0157 Oslo](#)
[March 30: IBM Finland Laajalahdentie 23, 00330 Helsinki](#)

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IDUG Tech Library

If you have not visited the [IDUG Tech Library](#) recently, now is a great time to do so! As part of the Tech Library, IDUG is committed to continuously providing content and value to the IDUG community, and since the launch of the new IDUG Web site last year, IDUG volunteers have been working diligently on enhancing the IDUG experience in between conferences.

We have been tagging the archives for 2005-2010 (1626 PDF files in total), and we are now working on finishing the 2011 IDUG DB2 Tech Conference content from 2011 to be released throughout 2012 for consumption as part of your free IDUG membership.

Make sure that you are signed in as member at www.idug.org, in order to enable being able to search the [IDUG DB2 Tech Conference Presentation Archive](#).

For a great example of how the IDUG Tech Library content can be useful, [check out this example](#).

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